

## MALI

**Law on the Protection of Industrial Property**

(No. 87-18/AN-RM of March 9, 1987)\*

1. The protection of industrial property shall be subject to the Agreement Relating to the Creation of an African Intellectual Property Organization, known as the Bangui Agreement, Constituting a Revision of the Agreement Relating to the Creation of an African and Malagasy Office of Industrial Property.<sup>1</sup>

2. However, applications filed between November 24, 1958, and September 30, 1984, for patents, certificates of addition, registration of trademarks or of industrial designs shall be subject to this Law.

3. Titles of protection in respect of applications for patents or certificates of addition shall be issued on condition that the request is formulated by the owners.

4. Applications filed for registration of trademarks shall be registered on condition that the request is formulated by the owners.

5. The following fees shall be levied:

(1) for applications for patents and certificates of addition:

- a filing fee covering the first annual payment;
- a filing fee for certificates of addition;
- fees for maintenance in force or annual fees;
- fees for acts concerning patents;
- a fee for obtaining information;
- a publication fee for a patent or certificate of addition;

(2) for applications for registration of a trademark:

- a filing fee for an application for registration;
- a renewal fee;
- a fee for each class of goods;
- a fee for acts concerning trademarks.

6. The amount of the fees referred to in the above Section shall be laid down by regulation.

7. The fees referred to in Section 5, above, may be validly paid by representatives domiciled on the national territory within a period of six months the beginning of which shall be laid down by regulation.

\* *Official French title:* Loi relative à la protection de la propriété industrielle (No 87-18/AN-RM du 9 mars 1987).

*Entry into force:* As regards applications made in Mali before September 30, 1984: July 28, 1988; as from that date, the OAPI Bangui Agreement is applicable.

*Source:* Communication from the authorities of Mali.

*Note:* For the Decree Implementing the Law on the Protection of Industrial Property No. 87-18/AN-RM of March 9, 1987 (No. 130/PG-RM of May 18, 1987), see *Industrial Property Laws and Treaties*, MALI - Text 1-002.

<sup>1</sup> See *Industrial Property Laws and Treaties*, MULTILATERAL TREATIES - Text 1-005.