

SOUTH-EAST ASIA IPR SME HELPDESK

INFOGRAPHIC:

IPR

related to the

ICT SECTOR

in

Singapore & Thailand



Fast Facts & Figures

Singapore aims to have over 1.25 million high-skilled jobs by 2030, with ICT as a core sector
(Singapore Infocomm Media 2025)

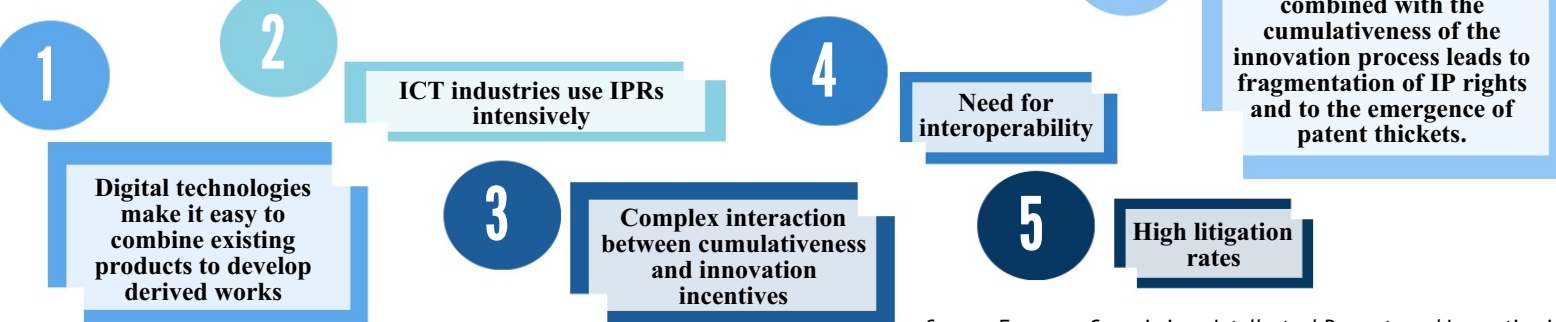
Singapore ranks 1st in the 2016 Networked Readiness Index. Thailand ranks 62/139
(Global Information Technology Report, 2016)

Thailand registered 369,920 pirated movie DVDs & 142,257 pirated music CDs
(Thai Department of Intellectual Property, 2012)

5,140.9 Million SGD in EU FDI in Singapore's ICT Sector
(Singapore Department of Statistics, 2015)

Thailand aims to have the value added by ICT Industries account for 18% of its GDP by 2020
(Thailand ICT Policy Framework 2011-2020)

WHY PROTECT YOUR IP IN THE ICT SECTOR?



Source: European Commission - Intellectual Property and Innovation in Information and Communication Technology (2015). Pp. 2 - 3.

Singapore & Thailand Compared

	Patent Application Requirements	Patent Duration of protection	Patent Filing Fees	Industrial Designs Duration of Protection	Industrial Design Filing Fees	Software Protection	Copyright Duration of protection
	1. Novelty, 2. Inventive Step, 3. Industrial Applicability	Valid for 20 years, subject to payment of annual renewal fees starting from the 4th year	Approx. €100 -€150	Valid for 15 years, subject to payment of renewal fees every 5 years	Approx. €150	Copyright arises automatically upon creation	Generally 70 years
	1. Novelty, 2. Inventive Step, 3. Industrial Applicability Petty Patents do not have to meet the Inventive Step requirement	Invention Patents: Valid for 20 years, no possibility of extension/renewal Petty Patents: Valid for 6 years, extendible twice for 2 years for a maximum term of 10 years	Approx. €10 - €20	Valid for 10 years	Approx. €6	Copyright arises automatically upon creation but formal recordation of copyright at the Thai Copyright Office is possible as evidence of ownership	Generally 50 years

Where to start...?

- Prepare! Register your IP rights, creations, logos and innovations, and secure your confidential information before departure
- Use written contracts wherever possible and tailor your IP contracts to suit the IPR you are protecting
- Have strong license agreements in place when authorising companies to manufacture and/ or distribute your goods
- Utilise the help of local experts for checking pre-registered IPR in the local market, for setting up meetings with potential clients and for translating contracts

To Consider...

Strengths +

Watch-outs -

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the most developed and comprehensive IP legal frameworks in Asia Member of various IP related international conventions and agreements, including the Paris Convention, the Berne Convention, PCT and the Madrid Agreement Copyright automatically arises upon creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First-to-file system: the first person or entity to file IP rights in Singapore is considered the owner once the application is granted Higher costs for IP applications and enforcement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IP laws generally comply with international standards, or are being amended to meet these standards Member of the Paris Convention and Patent Cooperation Treaty among others Criminal prosecution is considered the most cost-effective and a fairly effective form of enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First-to-file system Illegal refilling has been for longtime a common practice in the country, where counterfeiters refill genuine containers with unauthorised products Digital copyright frameworks are either incomplete or lack effective implementation

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Thailand Available at: southeastasia-iprhelpdesk.eu/en/content/thailand-factsheet

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