

## Intellectual Property Questionnaire 2009

1.	Name the official body for Intellectual Property in your jurisdiction and its official web site.	<p><b>Name:</b> INPI (Instituto Nacional de la Propiedad Industrial)</p> <p><b>Web Site:</b> www.inpi.gov.ar</p> <p><b>*only available in Spanish</b></p>
2.	Give a short description on the types of intellectual property rights which are registrable in your jurisdiction and the validity period.	<p><b>Trade Mark</b> -A trade mark registration is valid for ten years from the date of application and may be renewed every ten years.</p> <p><b>Patent</b> - A patent registration is valid upon payment of annual fees for a maximum of 20 years from filing date.</p> <p><b>Industrial Design</b> -An industrial design registration may be renewed every 5 years for a maximum of 15 years only.</p> <p><b>Geographical Indications</b> -A geographical indication registration is valid for ten years from the date of application and may be renewed every ten years as long as it is still in use.</p>
3.	<p>State the availability of the facilities on the official web site and a short description for the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Online filing</li> <li>b) Online search</li> <li>c) E-gazette</li> <li>d) Forms</li> <li>e) Application status</li> <li>f) Relevant Acts, Rules &amp; Regulations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Online filing -not available</li> <li>b) Online search -not available</li> <li>c) E-gazette -available for gazettes published in the year 2004 to date.</li> <li>d) Forms - all the relevant forms are available for free download in pdf format</li> <li>e) Application Status -available for free and public viewing.</li> <li>f) Relevant Acts, Rules &amp; Regulations - available for download in pdf format</li> </ul>

4.	State the names of authorities in charge of the enforcement of intellectual property rights in your jurisdiction.	<p>1)Federal Courts</p> <p>2) Federal Argentine Police upon request of Federal judges.</p>
5.	State the names of treaties/conventions/agreements related to Intellectual Property which your country is a member of.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-WIPO Convention</li> <li>-Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property</li> <li>-Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works</li> <li>- Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights</li> <li>- Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>- Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks</li> </ul>
6.	State the names of organizations related to Intellectual Property which your firm is a member of.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Argentine Association of Trademark Agents</li> </ul>
7.	State the name(s) of the person(s) in charge of Intellectual Property work in your firm.	<p>Mr. Carlos V. Castrillo  <a href="mailto:c.castrillo@zbv.com.ar">c.castrillo@zbv.com.ar</a></p>