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Romania has not codified the legal resources in this field; therefore, intellectual property rights are protected in this jurisdiction by various legal enactments applying specifically to each category of IP rights:

- Inventions – governed by Law No. 64/1991 on patents for inventions (the Patent Law);
- Utility models – governed by Law No. 350/2007 on utility models (Law No. 350/2007);
- Trademarks and geographical indications – governed by Law No. 84/1998 on trademarks and geographical indications (the Trademark Law);
- Industrial designs – governed by Law No. 129/1992 on protection of designs and models (the Industrial Design Law);
- Topographies of semiconductor products – governed by Law No. 16/1995 on protection of topography of semiconductor products; and
- Copyright – governed by Law No. 8/1996 on protection of copyright (the Copyright Law).

The Romanian legal framework on IP rights has been gradually harmonised with the corresponding European legislation (relevant EU Directives and EU Regulations) and, generally, with the principles provided in international treaties and conventions. In Romania, in recent years, there has been significantly more awareness about protection of IP rights and this is reflected in the increasing number of applications for protection. The increase of patent and trademarks filings is expected to generate an increased demand for professional services in the field of IP rights.

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