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**MYANMAR**

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Quick Update on the Latest Case Law, Legislative and Regulatory Developments

**Introduction**

Myanmar has continued to build out the implementing framework for the four intellectual property (IP) laws enacted in 2019, namely the Trademark Law, the Industrial Design Law, the Patent Law and the Copyright Law. No new primary IP legislation or amendment to the four IP laws has been published by the relevant authorities as of October 20, 2026, and the list of laws published by the Intellectual Property Department (IPD) continues to show the four 2019 laws only. The principal developments have instead been at the level of rules, notifications and orders, the most significant of which for anti-counterfeiting purposes is the long-awaited introduction of customs recordation for copyright and related rights.

**Border Enforcement: Customs Rules on Copyright and Related Rights**

On **September 11, 2025**, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue issued **Notification No. 107/2025**, introducing the Customs Rules on Copyrights and Related Rights under the Copyright Law of 2019, together with eight official forms (three for applicants and five for the Customs Department). This was followed by **Customs Department Announcement No. 1/2025** dated **September 29, 2025**, which sets out the security required for suspended goods.

As a result, customs recordation and suspension orders are now available for both **registered marks** (under Ministry of Planning and Finance Notification No. 50/2023) and **registered copyright and related rights**. Customs recordation remains unavailable for **patents and industrial designs**, since the Patent Law 2019 and the Industrial Design Law 2019 do not provide a practical framework for border measures.

**Geographical Indications: GI Registration Rules, Forms, and Fees**

On **November 21, 2025**, the Ministry of Commerce issued **Notification No. 103/2025**, promulgating the Geographical Indication Registration Rules under the Trademark Law 2019, together with **Notification No. 104/2025** prescribing the official forms. GI Rules comprise fourteen chapters and govern the full lifecycle of GI protection, including filing, post-filing procedures, registration and other applicable procedures.

Subsequently, on **September 11, 2026**, the Intellectual Property Agency issued Notification **No. 2/2026**, specifying the rates of official fees, in Myanmar Kyat (MMK), for GI-related matters. As of the date of this report, the IPD has yet to announce the commencement date for the acceptance of GI applications.

**Case Law**

No published court decisions concerning counterfeiting under the new IP laws were identified as of the date of this report. Enforcement under the new regime continues to be determined on a case-by-case basis, and the developing jurisprudence of the designated IP courts should be monitored.

**Summary**

The most significant anti-counterfeiting development in Myanmar as of October 20, 2026 is the extension of border measures to registered copyright and related rights through Notification No. 107/2025 and Customs Department Announcement No. 1/2025. Together with the existing regime for registered marks, rights holders now have two customs recordation routes, although border protection remains unavailable for patents and industrial designs. The issuance of the GI Rules, forms and official fees also lays the foundation for GI registration, pending the announcement of the commencement date for the acceptance of GI applications. Myanmar's IP regime remains in a formative stage, and rights holders are advised to secure registrations at the IPD promptly and to record registered marks and copyrights with

the Customs Department. Although copyright registration with the IPD is voluntary, a registration certificate is a prerequisite for customs recordation and for filing an application for a suspension order.

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