New Zealand:

GROUP SUMMARY REPORT

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<tr><td>Developments</td><td>1. The India–New Zealand FTA was signed 27 April 2026 and came into force 20 October 2026. Its IP chapter is TRIPS-compliant, non-TRIPS-plus, with no new obligations on core trade mark law. NZ has committed to amend its GI legislation within 18 months of entry into force to extend GI protection beyond wines and spirits to "other goods" from India (previously EU-only), with a side letter addressing specific GIs including "BASMATI".

2. No changes in the Trade Marks Act or regulations since previous update/report in 2025.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Statistics</td><td>
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<tr><th>Year</th><th>Number of New Applications</th><th>Average timeframe from filing up to registration (months)</th></tr>
<tr><td>2024</td><td>17,580 (national applications), 8,647 (international applications designating NZ)</td><td>8.9 months</td></tr>
<tr><td>2025</td><td>19,619 (national applications), 8,780 (international applications designating NZ)</td><td>9.4 months</td></tr>
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*) Specific reason for increase/decrease, if any: None noted. Change is due to annual variance.
**) Other comments, if any: Nil.
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<tr><td>Cases</td><td>ZURU New Zealand Ltd v Lego Holding A/S [2025] NZCA 650 (10 Dec 2025) – appealed to the Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeal overturned the High Court, holding (by majority) that Zuru's "LEGO® BRICK COMPATIBLE" statement was purely descriptive and not "use as a trade mark", and (unanimously, in the alternative) that the statement was in any event protected by the comparative advertising defence.

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority v The Commissioner of Trade Marks [2025] NZHC 3264 (30 October 2025)

The High Court dismissed APEDA's appeal to register BASMATI as a certification trade mark for rice, holding the mark remained insufficiently distinctive under s 18(1)(b) and, separately, merely designated a kind of goods under s 18(1)(c) of the Trade Marks Act 2002.

Blue River Dairy LP v Spring Sheep Dairy NZ Limited Partnership [2026] NZHC 126 (5 February 2026)

The High Court dismissed Blue River's appeal against the non-use revocation of the registered trade mark SPRING SHEEP. The Court also allowed Spring Sheep's cross-appeal, finding the Commissioner's insertion</td></tr>
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	of "sheep" before milk-product descriptions unduly narrowed the specification, and restored the broader wording Spring Sheep proposed for classes 5 and 29.