

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
LEGISLATION PROGRAMME 2005/2006
AS AT JULY 21, 2005

NO.	NAME OF LEGISLATION	PURPOSE	CATEGORY	COMMENTS
1.	Consumer Protection Bill	To establish Consumer Affairs Commission, enabling disclosure of consumer information and the promotion of product safety	1	Act came into effect on June 1, 2005. Ministry continues to work with CAC to ensure that there are procedural rules for quasi judicial hearings.
2.	Copyright Act – Internet Treaties	Jamaica’s accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty.	5	CPC submitted draft Bill on April 22, 2005. Bill is presently being reviewed by the Ministry and the Jamaica Intellectual Property Office.
3.	E-Commerce Bill	To provide environment for e-commerce in Jamaica.	5	Final draft was sent to the Ministry on June 21, 2005. Bill presently being reviewed by the Ministry, AG and other relevant stakeholders.
4.	Patents and Industrial Designs Bill	To replace and repeal Patent Act.	5	Still awaiting AG’s comments.
5.	The Petroleum Quality Control (Amendment) Regulations 2000	To provide for safety measures	5	CPC is presently redrafting. Awaiting response from CPC.
6.	An Act to amend the Petroleum and Oil Fuel (Landing and Storage) Act	To provide for regulation of the Petroleum Sector as it pertains to the storage of petroleum. Bureau of Standards to be responsible for testing imported petroleum.	5	Further drafting instructions sent to the CPC, March 11, 2005. Awaiting comments from the CPC.
7.	Petroleum and Oil Fuel (Conveyance) Bill	To provide for safety measures for conveyance of petroleum.	5	Further drafting instructions sent to the CPC, March 11, 2005. Awaiting comments from the CPC.

Categories

1	Passed	2	Tabled	3	Approved by Cabinet for Tabling
4	Being considered/Approved by Legislation Committee	5	Being drafted	6	Drafting Instructions issued
7	Cabinet approval of drafting instructions				

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8.	Postal Services Bill	To repeal Post Office Act. Facilitate modernization and commercialization of post offices by transferring the Postal Corporation into a statutory body, Jamaica Post.	5	CPC submitted Draft Bill in March. However this was later withdrawn. Request made in May, 2005 for Drafting instructions. Same was prepared and sent to Postal Corporation on June 28, 2005 for their comments.
9.	Preparation of New Plant Varieties	For consistency with bilateral Intellectual Property Agreement with USA and WTO TRIPS	7	Drafting instructions to be prepared.
10.	Registration of Business Names (Amendment) Bill Registration of Business Names (Amendment) Rules	To give recognition to developments in e-commerce (relating to registration), provide for increase in penalties, provide for registration of business name by Company, provision for disposal of records, disclosure of information.	5	Further Drafting Instructions submitted to CPC.
11.	Geographical Indications Bill		1	Appointed date to be set.
12.	Companies (Amendment) Bill	To improve transition arrangements for companies registered under the Companies Act 1965 (Repealed)	7	Cabinet approved drafting Instructions