

NIGERIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMISSION (NIPCOM)

The Federal Government recently established a new commission to oversee the administration of intellectual property matters in Nigeria. The commission, known as the Nigerian Intellectual Property Commission will function as a full-fledged regulatory and enforcement agency in charge of intellectual property administration.

With this development, the government has directed the integration of the Trademark and Patent Registry of the department of Commercial Law of the Federal Ministry of Commerce and Industry with the Nigerian Copyright Commission to form NIPCOM and the agency will now be under the supervision of the Ministry of Justice.

It is hoped that the policy shift will bring sanity into the administration of intellectual property administration in Nigeria.