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## Intellectual Property Updates

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### Domain disputes set to rise with new registration rules

Finland

The government has drafted a Domain Names Act that is expected to come into force by March 2003. The new law will significantly broaden the types of name that may be registered and, as a result, increase the number of domain name disputes that will have to be settled. [Full text](#)

### Offshore server cannot escape UK patent law

United Kingdom

William Hill has lost an argument in a case which alleges that the bookmaker's gaming system infringed another company's patent. The English Patents Court ruled that UK patent law applies even though William Hill's computer system was hosted by a foreign-based server. [Full text](#)



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