

Football dominated cybersquatting complaints in 2009: WIPO

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"Football featured strongly in the WIPO Centre's 2009 caseload, including the upcoming [World Cup](#)," [World Intellectual Property Organisation](#) said in its annual report on [cybersquatting](#).

Among the cases was a decision in favour of FIFA for the web address www.fifaworldcup2010.com after a complaint was filed by world football's governing body.

The South African football federation also filed a challenge over cybersquatting, WIPO said.

In all, the agency received 2,107 complaints on 4,688 domain names in 2009.

This marked a drop of 9.5 percent in 2008, when a record number of cases was put forward, said WIPO head Francis Gurry.

Gurry noted that this fall reflected reductions in companies' budgets for litigations amid the economic crisis.

About a quarter of the cases in 2009 were resolved by the parties ahead of a panel decision.

Of the remainder, some 87 percent found in favour of the complainant.

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