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Cyprus Legal System

The **Cyprus legal system** applies within the Republic of Cyprus, which although extensively codified, it is still heavily based on English common law applying the fundamental principle of precedents.

The legal system of Cyprus has an established hierarchy of legal rules and norms whereby certain legal rules are hierarchically superior to others.

Until the accession of Cyprus to the European Union in 2004 the Cyprus Constitution was the hierarchically highest norm of the legal system.

Today, according to Article 1(a) of the Constitution EU law is supreme to any national law and even to the Constitution of Cyprus.



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