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ABOUT SABAI IP

Saba & Co. Intellectual Property (Saba IP) was founded in 1926, at a time when the field of Intellectual Property Law, in the Middle East, was still in its infancy. As the region developed, the firm expanded, while never wavering from our commitment to serve you and safeguard your IP rights in the region.

Operating through an extensive network of branches and representative offices across the Middle East, Africa and their neighboring regions, we enjoy the reputation of a leading service provider.

We are active in all areas of prosecution, registration, and enforcement of intellectual property rights, and provide a full range of related legal and paralegal services.

While protecting your intellectual property is our primary concern, we also aim to maximize the value of your brands and inventions.



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GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRADEMARK LITIGATION & ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRADEMARK ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

Protection and enforcement of Intellectual property rights are becoming essential aspects in driving growth, innovation and investment in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). IP enforcement procedures and the possible measures vary significantly from one country to the other and trademark owners are able to benefit from a wide range of enforcement options.

Generally speaking, careful consideration should be given to the nature of the dispute before adopting a particular enforcement strategy whereby it is not always necessary to embark on litigation when tackling an infringement of trademark rights.

In counterfeiting cases, for instance, trademark owners have the option to pursue alternative enforcement measures by resorting to administrative bodies, some which are listed below. It is also possible to record trademarks at Customs authorities in various countries in the MENA and even file complaints directly with the Customs to have imported shipments of fake goods seized and destroyed without the need to obtain a court judgement. Optimum results are achieved by awaiting the best measures that each country has to offer.

ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

United Arab Emirates - Departments of Economic Development

UAE is formed of seven Emirates each of which has its own autonomous Department of Economic Development. Although the specific procedures followed by the said departments in the different Emirates may vary, all departments allow right holders to file complaints against counterfeiters and infringers which usually leads to raiding their premises and seizing the illicit goods.

Some departments, such as the Dubai Department of Economic Development, allow brand owners to record their trademarks using an online portal. Pursuant to such a recordal, the department proactively monitors the market, reports traders offering suspect counterfeit products and carries out raids and seizures. It is also possible to provide the department with leads on specific targets.

This system has proved extremely effective and is definitely something that rights holders should consider as part of their anti-counterfeiting strategy for the UAE. The complaint with the Department of Economic Development is unlikely to succeed though without the support of a trademark registration certificate.

Saudi Arabia - Anti Commercial Fraud Department

The most effective enforcement agency in Saudi Arabia is the Anti-Commercial Fraud Department at the Ministry of Economy and Industry. A successful action by the Department usually results in the seizure and destruction of the infringing products, a fine levied on the infringer and a signed undertakings from the infringer not to repeat the offence.

Filing a complaint with the Department achieves fast results, is simpler to put together and is considerably less expensive than seeking civil or criminal enforcement. The complaint with the Anti-Commercial Fraud Department is unlikely to succeed without

the support of a trademark registration certificate. The certificates should clearly depict an appropriate representation of the mark and a relevant description of the goods. The Department may decline to act if these are not tied closely to the infringing conduct.

Customs Recordal and Complaints

Border measures are always a key tool in the fight against counterfeiting and piracy and are critical for successful intellectual property enforcement.

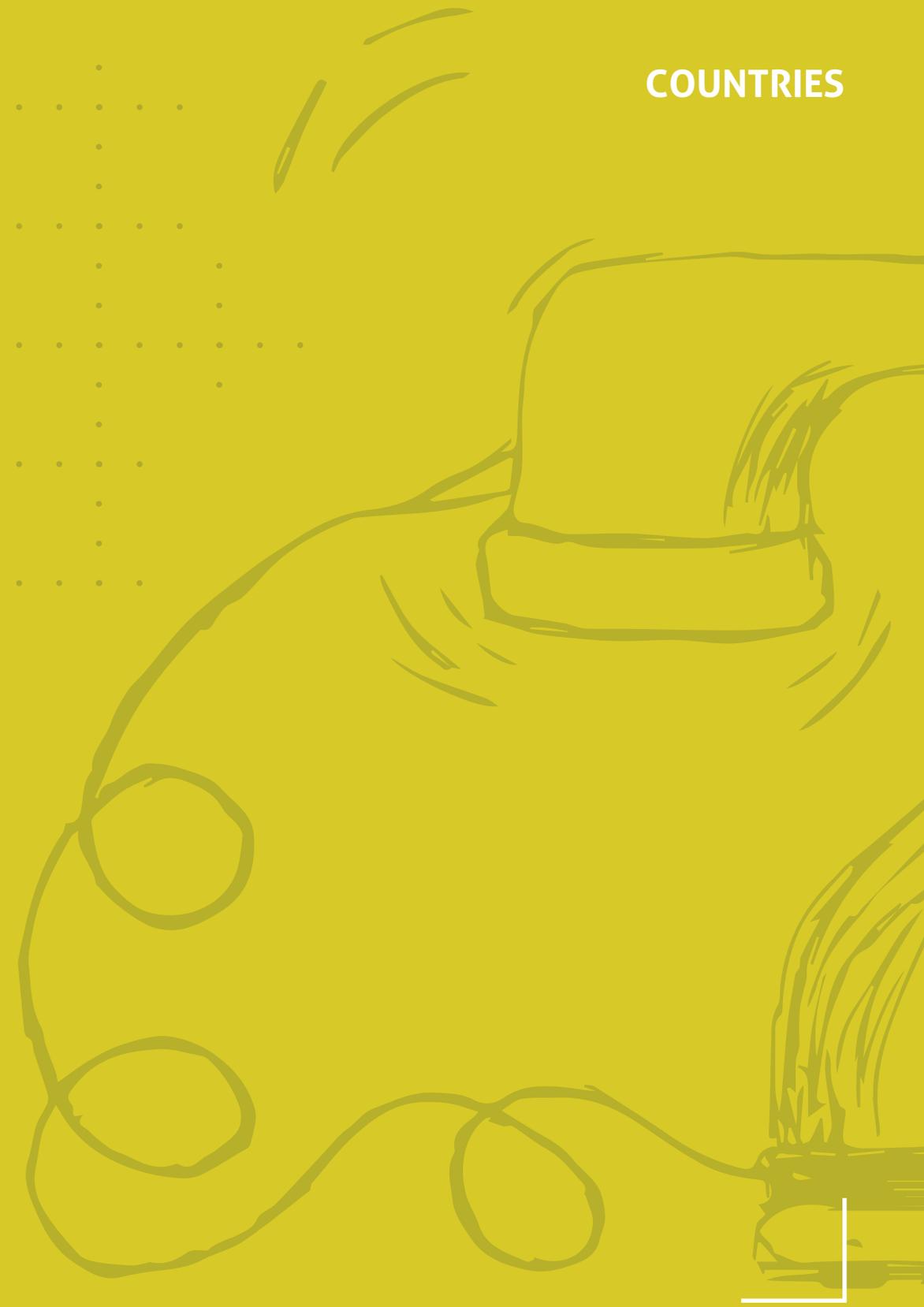
In the scope of the continuous efforts to create competent border enforcement measures and to provide effective protection, the Customs in Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, UAE, Tunisia, Turkey and Cyprus have established trademark recordation systems for registered trademarks.

Pursuant to these recordation systems, the owner of a trademark registration can apply to the Customs of the above-mentioned countries requesting recordation. The application should include certain information as required by the applicable policies, accompanied by the certificate of registration of the mark and a power of attorney. The Customs will then issue a recordation notice which in turn activates a watch program whereby the trademark owner (or its representative) would be notified of suspected shipments of fake goods.

Customs authorities in other countries in the region (such as Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Qatar), and despite not having a formal trademark recordation system in place, can still be approached with information about brand owners and they are very active in sending notifications of suspected shipments.

In certain jurisdictions, such as the UAE, brand owners can file direct complaints with Customs authorities where the said authorities would issue administrative decisions to have fake goods seized and either destroyed or re-export without the need to have judicial intervention.

COUNTRIES



AFGHANISTAN | TRADEMARKS



CLASSIFICATION

10th edition - single class application



OPPOSITION

30 days from publication date



SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



USE

Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years after filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grace period
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

AFGHANISTAN | PATENTS

No statutory laws on patents are in force. However, a measure of protection may be sought by publishing cautionary notices at regular intervals in local newspapers, thereby claiming ownership of the patent and warning third parties against infringement. Such notices could have legal value when submitted to the Courts in the event of infringement.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Patent title
- Patentee's name
- Address and nationality
- Inventors' names
- Claims
- Priority claim
- Abstract
- Specifications

BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,
 World Trade Organization (observer status)

CONVENTIONS

None

ALGERIA | TRADEMARKS

CLASSIFICATION
11th edition - multiclass application

OPPOSITION
No provisions

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

PROTECTION TERM
10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods

EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

USE
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years after filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified, accompanied with sworn French translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted within 2 months from filing date Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declaration of use, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name with sworn French translation, notarized For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment with sworn French translation, legalized and notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger with sworn French translation, legalized and notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement with sworn French translation, legalized and notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for applications and registrations

ALGERIA | PATENTS

EQUIVALENT SEARCH
Patent applications and patents may be searched by title and patentee name

OPPOSITION
No provisions

EXAMINATION
As to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, unity and compliance

ANNUITIES
Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable on pending applications. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge

PUBLICATION
Applications are published after grant in the official gazette

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication Copy of international search report (ISR) Copy of international preliminary examination report (if available) Title in French 2 copies of the specifications in Arabic 2 sets of drawings ISR in Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication, copy of ISR, copy of international preliminary examination report (if available), and title must be submitted at the time of filing POA and remaining documents may be submitted within 2 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized and notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English, French, or Arabic translation
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized and notarized 	

BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,
World Trade Organization (observer status)

CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Madrid Agreement (Source), Nairobi Treaty, Paris Convention, Patent Law Treaty (signature), Rome Convention, Lisbon Agreement, Madrid Agreement (Marks), Patent Cooperation Treaty, Locarno Agreement (signature), Nice Agreement

ARMENIA | TRADEMARKS

 <p>CLASSIFICATION 11th edition - multiclass application</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date</p>
 <p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds</p>	 <p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from registration date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA must be submitted at the time of filing Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

ARMENIA | PATENTS

 <p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH No provisions</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION No provisions</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal and substantive grounds</p>	 <p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the grant</p>
 <p>PUBLICATION No provisions</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of the specifications, claims, and abstracts with Armenian translation 1 set of drawings and the abstract Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with an English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Armenian upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with an English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Armenian upon submission Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with an English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Armenian upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with an English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Armenian upon submission

AZERBAIJAN | TRADEMARKS

 <p>CLASSIFICATION 11th edition - multiclass application</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 3 months from publication date</p>
 <p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds</p>	 <p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Notarized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted within 2 months from filing date Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date.
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized Statutory declaration and statement of case, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

AZERBAIJAN | PATENTS

 <p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH No provisions</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 6 months from publication date</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability</p>	 <p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the grant</p>
 <p>PUBLICATION Patent applications are published in the Official Gazette</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of the specifications, claims, and abstracts with Azerbaijani translation 1 set of drawings and the abstract Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission

BAHRAIN | TRADEMARKS

 <p>CLASSIFICATION 11th edition - single class application</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date</p>
 <p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds</p>	 <p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark within the 5 years preceding the date of filing for cancellation</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation, with Apostille certification/legalized; or certificate from the chamber of commerce indicating the nature of business, with Apostille certification/legalized • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties • May be recorded for registrations only • Separate POAs are required from the licensee and licensor

BAHRAIN | PATENTS

 <p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH Published and granted patents may be searched by title, abstract, inventor(s), priority information, subject matter and patentee(s) name</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 60 days from grant and publication of patent</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION As to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, unity and compliance</p>	 <p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the grant and payable after grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge</p>
 <p>PUBLICATION Published in the official gazette after grant</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, with Apostille certification/legalized, along with drawings • Assignment from inventors with Apostille certification • Complete specifications in English • Copy of international application and publication • Copy of the international search report • Complete specifications in Arabic 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission

CYPRUS | TRADEMARKS

CLASSIFICATION
11th edition - single class application

OPPOSITION
2 months from publication date

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

PROTECTION TERM
7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 14 years each

EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

USE
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA must be submitted at the time of filing Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 2 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, notarized For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized Statutory declaration and statement of case, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

CYPRUS | PATENTS

EQUIVALENT SEARCH
Patents may be searched by patent number, EP/PCT number

OPPOSITION
No provisions

EXAMINATION
As to form only, for EP validations

ANNUITIES
Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable upon validation. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge

PUBLICATION
Granted national patents and European patents validated in Cyprus are published in the Official Gazette

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of the specifications in English with Greek translation 1 set of drawings and the abstract 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be submitted at the time of EP validation POA may be submitted within 3 months from validation
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission

DJIBOUTI | TRADEMARKS

 <p>CLASSIFICATION 11th edition - multiclass application</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION No provisions</p>
 <p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal grounds only</p>	 <p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years preceding the date of filing for cancellation</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address with French translation, notarized Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment with sworn French translation, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger with sworn French translation, legalized Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement with sworn French translation, legalized Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

DJIBOUTI | PATENTS

 <p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH Not possible</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability</p>	 <p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable on pending applications for consecutive periods of 5 years. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge</p>
 <p>PUBLICATION Published in the official gazette upon allowance</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 2 copies of abstract, claims and specifications in French 2 sets of drawings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language



EGYPT | TRADEMARKS

CLASSIFICATION
10th edition - single class application

OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

PROTECTION TERM
10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods

EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

USE
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation, legalized • Copy of priority documents, if priority is claimed, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Certificate of the incorporation of the assignee, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized • Certificate of incorporation, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties • May be recorded for registrations only • Separate POAs are required from the licensee and licensor

EGYPT | PATENTS

EQUIVALENT SEARCH
Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, patentee name, priority/PCT number, application number, subject matter

OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

EXAMINATION
As to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, unity, and compliance

ANNUITIES
Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date (minus one day) and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 12 months for late payment with a surcharge

PUBLICATION
Patents are published in the Official Gazette after allowance

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from the international filing date (minus one day)

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of international publication • Title and abstract in Arabic • 1 copy of specifications in English (or original language) • 3 copies of specifications in Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POA may be submitted within 4 months from filing date • Copy of international publication and title and abstract in arabic must be submitted at the time of filing • Remaining documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Certificate of Incorporation in the name of the assignee, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate POAs are required from assignee and assignor • Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized • Certificate of incorporation, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized • Certificate of incorporation of the licensee, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission • Separate POAs are required from the licensee and licensor

ETHIOPIA | TRADEMARKS

 <p>CLASSIFICATION 10th edition - multiclass application</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date</p>
 <p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 7 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds</p>	 <p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years preceding date of filing for cancellation</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certified copy of home or any foreign registration certificate of the mark with English translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All documents must be submitted at the time of filing ▪ Priority claim is not possible
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grace period of 9 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of change of name/address with English translation, notarized, or certified copy of corresponding home or foreign registration reflecting the change of name/address with English translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deed of assignment with English translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of merger with English translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ License agreement with English translation, notarized ▪ Simple copy of the registration certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May be recorded for registrations only ▪ Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor

ETHIOPIA | PATENTS

 <p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, subject matter and priority data</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION As to form, novelty, industrial applicability</p>	 <p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge</p>
 <p>PUBLICATION Published in the official gazette upon allowance</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 15 years from the filing date, extendable for another 5 years</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Specifications and abstract in English ▪ 3 sets of formal drawing ▪ Copy of priority, if priority is claimed, certified ▪ Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of simply signed POA and deed of assignment must be submitted at the time of filing
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Separate POAs are required from assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor



GAZA | TRADEMARKS

CLASSIFICATION
10th edition - single class application.
Class 33 and alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered

OPPOSITION
3 months from publication date

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

PROTECTION TERM
7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 14 years each

EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

USE
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 2 years preceding date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	• No additional documents are required	• POA must be submitted at the time of filing • Priority claim is not possible
RENEWAL	• No additional documents are required	• Grace period of 1 month
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	• Certificate of change of name/address, notarized	• May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of assignment, legalized	• Trademarks may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	• Certificate of merger, legalized	• May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	• License agreement, legalized	• License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties • May be recorded for registrations only

GAZA | PATENTS

EQUIVALENT SEARCH
Limited to data verification

OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

EXAMINATION
As to form and patentability

ANNUITIES
Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable before the expiration of the 4th, 8th, and 12th years, as from filing date. Grace period of 3 months for late payment with a surcharge

PUBLICATION
Patents are published in the IP Bulletin issued by the Patent Office after grant

PROTECTION TERM
Duration of the patent of origin

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	• 3 copies of the specifications in English, with Arabic translation • 3 sets of formal drawings • Certified copy of Letters Patents from country of origin	• All documents should be submitted at the time of filing
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	• Certificate of change of name/address, legalized	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of assignment, legalized	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
MERGER	• Certificate of merger, legalized	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
LICENSE	• License agreement, legalized	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language • Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor

IRAN | TRADEMARKS

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CLASSIFICATION
 10th edition - multiclass application. Class 33 and alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered
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SEARCH
 Possible for word and device marks
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EXAMINATION
 On formal, absolute, and relative grounds
- 
OPPOSITION
 30 days from publication date
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PROTECTION TERM
 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
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USE
 Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 years from registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extract from the commercial register, notarized ▪ Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All documents may be submitted within 60 days from notification date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extract from the commercial register, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extract from the commercial register, notarized and legalized ▪ Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deed of assignment, legalized ▪ Extract from the commercial register, notarized and legalized ▪ Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned ▪ May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of merger, legalized ▪ Extract from the commercial register, notarized and legalized ▪ Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ License agreement, legalized ▪ Extract from the commercial register, notarized and legalized ▪ Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties ▪ May be recorded for registrations only

IRAN | PATENTS

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EQUIVALENT SEARCH
 Granted and published patents may be searched by patent number, title, patentee name and priority/PCT number in the official gazette
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EXAMINATION
 As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and applicability
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PUBLICATION
 Published upon grant
- 
OPPOSITION
 Any time after publication date
- 
ANNUITIES
 Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable before the granting of patent. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge
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PROTECTION TERM
 20 years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of international publication ▪ Persian translation of bibliography page of publication ▪ Notarized copy of extract from commercial register, with Persian translation ▪ 3 copies of English specifications ▪ 3 copies of Persian specifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy of international publication and the persian translation of the bibliography must be submitted at the time of filing ▪ POA and remaining documents may be submitted within 4 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May be recorded for applications and registered patents
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May be recorded for registered patents only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ May be recorded for applications and registered patents

IRAQ | TRADEMARKS

- CLASSIFICATION**
7th edition - multiclass application with local sub-classification system
- SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks
- EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds
- OPPOSITION**
90 days from publication date
- PROTECTION TERM**
10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
- USE**
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 years from registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date The date of notarization of POA must precede the date of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of the latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing the change, legalized Simple copy of latest certificate of registration For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with the goodwill of the business concerned unless otherwise agreed upon May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

IRAQ | PATENTS

- EQUIVALENT SEARCH**
No provisions
- EXAMINATION**
As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability
- PUBLICATION**
Applications published after grant
- OPPOSITION**
Any time after grant
- ANNUITIES**
Back annuities are due upon grant; then due annually and calculated based on the submission date of the last supporting document
- PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 copies of the specifications in English and Arabic 8 sets of drawings Deed of assignment from the inventors, legalized Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	

JORDAN | TRADEMARKS

- CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - single class application
- SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks
- EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds
- OPPOSITION**
3 months from publication date
- PROTECTION TERM**
10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
- USE**
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years preceding date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date Copy of the notarized POA may be submitted at the time of filing. The legalized copy must be submitted within 3 months from the filing date Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 1 year Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, legalized For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only POA must not be older than 1 year Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only POA must not be older than 1 year Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission

JORDAN | PATENTS

- EQUIVALENT SEARCH**
Published and granted patents may be searched by title, abstract, inventor(s), priority information, subject matter and patentee(s) name
- EXAMINATION**
As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability
- PUBLICATION**
Published after 18 months from priority or filing date and after preliminary acceptance.
- OPPOSITION**
3 months from publication date
- ANNUITIES**
Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 12 months for late payment with a surcharge
- PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of certificate of incorporation of the applicant company, certified 1 copy of the specifications 1 set of formal drawings Abstract containing a summary of the main points of the patent specifications and claims Patent application form No. 4 sworn and signed by the inventor(s) as applicant(s) or jointly with applicant(s), legalized Certified copy of the claimed priority in language of origin (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register showing old and new name, certified For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized Copy of certificate of incorporation of the applicant company, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language Extract from the commercial register of assignee must be submitted for pending patents Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission

KENYA | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - single class application	 OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, notarized For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized Statutory declaration and statement of case, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

KENYA | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH No provisions	 OPPOSITION 6 months from publication date
 EXAMINATION As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability	 ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date
 PUBLICATION Patent applications are published in the Official Gazette	 PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of the specifications, claims, and abstracts 1 set of drawings and the abstract Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified Copy of published international application Copy of international search report Copy of international preliminary report on patentability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language

KUWAIT | TRADEMARKS

CLASSIFICATION
10th edition - single class application.
Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered

OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

PROTECTION TERM
10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods

EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

USE
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years preceding date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register • Certified copy of priority document, if priority claimed, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POA must be submitted at the time of filing • Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of the license agreement, legalized • Copy of the signature certificate of the licensee • Copy of the certificate of incorporation of the licensee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties • May be recorded for registrations only • Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor

KUWAIT | PATENTS

EQUIVALENT SEARCH
No provisions

OPPOSITION
No provisions

EXAMINATION
No provisions

ANNUITIES
No provisions

PUBLICATION
No provisions

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scanned colored copy of the priority document along with its English translation • Copy of international publication • Copy of international search report • Copy of international preliminary report on patentability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All documents may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extract from the commercial register, showing old and new names/addresses, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Extract from the commercial register 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized 	

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AFFILIATIONS

BODIES
World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Patent Cooperation Treaty

CONVENTIONS
GCC Patent Law, Berne Convention, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

LEBANON | TRADEMARKS

CLASSIFICATION
11th edition - multiclass application

OPPOSITION
No provisions

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

PROTECTION TERM
15 years from filing date and renewable for like periods

EXAMINATION
On formal and absolute grounds

USE
No provisions

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 3 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned Must be made within 3 months after the transfer or else a surcharge is levied for each delay of 2 months
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be made within 3 months after the transfer or else a surcharge is levied for each delay of 2 months
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties

LEBANON | PATENTS

EQUIVALENT SEARCH
No provisions

OPPOSITION
No provisions

EXAMINATION
As to form only

ANNUITIES
Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable before the granting of the patent. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge

PUBLICATION
Applications are published upon issuance

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified copy of priority document Deed of assignment, legalized 2 copies of the specifications with 2 sets of drawings in English Arabic translation of the title, claims, and abstract 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	

LIBYA | TRADEMARKS

- CLASSIFICATION**
8th edition - single class application. Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, pork meat in class 29, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered
- SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks
- EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds
- OPPOSITION**
3 months from publication date
- PROTECTION TERM**
10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
- USE**
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address from home registry, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register of the assignee, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register of the surviving company, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation Certificate of merger, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for applications and registrations

LIBYA | PATENTS

- EQUIVALENT SEARCH**
No provisions
- EXAMINATION**
As to form
- PUBLICATION**
Applications are not published prior to 18 months from the filing date or the earliest priority
- OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date
- ANNUITIES**
Due annually on the anniversary of the Libyan filing date and payable after grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment
- PROTECTION TERM**
15 years from the Libyan filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment from inventors, legalized Extract from the commercial register or, certificate of good standing, legalized Simple copy of the priority document Copy of international publication (with ISR if published) Copy of the specifications in both English and Arabic 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register of assignee, legalized Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate POAs are required from assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized Extract from licensee commercial register, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language, and a sworn Arabic translation Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records

MALTA | TRADEMARKS

CLASSIFICATION
11th edition - single class application

OPPOSITION
2 months from publication date

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

PROTECTION TERM
10 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 10 years each

EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

USE
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of Assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

MALTA | PATENTS

EQUIVALENT SEARCH
Patents may be searched by patent number, EP/PCT number

OPPOSITION
No provisions

EXAMINATION
As to form only

ANNUITIES
Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable upon validation. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge

PUBLICATION
Granted national patents and European patents validated in Cyprus are published in the Official Gazette

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of the specifications in English 1 set of drawings and the abstract 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifications and drawings must be submitted at the time of EP validation POA may be submitted within three months from validation
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be translated into English upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of Assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be translated into English upon submission Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be translated into English upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be translated into English upon submission

MOROCCO | TRADEMARKS

<p>CLASSIFICATION 11th edition - multiclass application</p>	<p>OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date</p>
<p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	<p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
<p>EXAMINATION On formal and absolute grounds</p>	<p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 4 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register evidencing the change with French translation, legalized For change of address, no additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement with verified French translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

MOROCCO | PATENTS

<p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH Published and granted patents may be searched by title, patentee name, inventors, and priority/PCT number/date</p>	<p>OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date</p>
<p>EXAMINATION As to form, novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability</p>	<p>ANNUITIES Due after grant and payable on the anniversary of the international filing date (for PCT and EP Validation). Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge</p>
<p>PUBLICATION Applications are published upon grant</p>	<p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication (with ISR if published) 2 copies of the specifications in Arabic or French 2 sets of drawings in Arabic or French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification and drawings can be submitted within 3 months from filing
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register evidencing the change with, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be submitted in French
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be submitted in French
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be submitted in French
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be submitted in French

OMAN | TRADEMARKS

CLASSIFICATION
11th edition - single class application

OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

PROTECTION TERM
10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods

EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

USE
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years after registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 60 days from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification Copy of certificate of incorporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification Copy of certificate of incorporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, with Apostille certification Copy of certificate of incorporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

OMAN | PATENTS

EQUIVALENT SEARCH
Published and granted patents may be searched by title, patentee name, inventors, and priority/PCT number/date

OPPOSITION
120 days from first publication. The patent is re-published after grant but no opposition period is provisioned then

EXAMINATION
As to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, unity, and compliance

ANNUITIES
Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge

PUBLICATION
Patents are published in the Official Gazette after substantive examination and after grant

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication (with ISR if published) 2 copies of the specifications in both English and Arabic 2 sets of drawings in both English and Arabic Assignment from inventors, with Apostille certification Extract from the commercial register or certificate of good standing 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register of assignee Deed of assignment, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, with Apostille certification Extract from licensee commercial register, with Apostille certification 	

PAKISTAN | TRADEMARKS

 <p>CLASSIFICATION 11th edition - single class application</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date</p>
 <p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds</p>	 <p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 years from the date of completion of the registration process</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Notarized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified Date of first use of the mark in Pakistan, if available Transliteration and translation of non-English words appearing on the mark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 3 months from filing date except for the POA, which may be submitted within 2 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, notarized For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned. Trademark applications may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned and only if the trademarks are used. If the trademarks are only proposed to be used.
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become enforceable against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

PAKISTAN | PATENTS

 <p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH Patent applications and patents may be searched by title and patentee name</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 4 months from publication date</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability</p>	 <p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of priority date and is payable after grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge</p>
 <p>PUBLICATION Patents are published in the Official Gazette upon grant</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	Must use Form 28 and Form 2A and 2A Reverse
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 copies of the specifications in English 3 sets of drawings Certified copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified Deed of assignment from inventors 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, certified 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, certified 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, certified 	

QATAR | TRADEMARKS

<p>CLASSIFICATION 11th edition - single class application. Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered</p>	<p>OPPOSITION 4 months from publication date</p>
<p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	<p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
<p>EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds</p>	<p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years preceding the date of filing for cancellation</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of the certificate of incorporation Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA and certificate of incorporation must be submitted at the time of filing Priority document may be submitted within 6 months from date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing this change, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized Copy of certificate of incorporation of assignee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized Copy of certificate of incorporation of licensee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

QATAR | PATENTS

<p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH Available</p>	<p>OPPOSITION 60 days from announcement</p>
<p>EXAMINATION As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability</p>	<p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge</p>
<p>PUBLICATION Applications will be published upon grant in the official gazette</p>	<p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication (with ISR if published) 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing this change, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	



SAUDI ARABIA | TRADEMARKS

- CLASSIFICATION**
10th edition - single class application. Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, pork meat in class 29, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered
- SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks
- EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds
- OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date
- PROTECTION TERM**
10 Hijri years (approximately 9 years and 8 months) from filing date and renewable for like periods
- USE**
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive Hijri years preceding date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A scanned colored copy of both the POA and priority document must be submitted at the time of filing. The original copies may be submitted within 3 lunar months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 lunar months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, legalized Original certificate of registration for endorsement For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA and the original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

SAUDI ARABIA | PATENTS

- EQUIVALENT SEARCH**
Official search among published applications/ patents is possible by patentee name, title, abstract, priority/PCT number, inventor name
- EXAMINATION**
As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- PUBLICATION**
Patents are published in the Official Gazette after substantive examination and before grant
- OPPOSITION**
No provisions
- ANNUITIES**
Due annually and is payable the first 3 months of each calendar year following the year the patent application was filed. Grace period of 3 months for late payment with a surcharge
- PROTECTION TERM**
20 Hijri years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication Copy of international search report (ISR) Copy of assignment (from WIPO) Copy of priority document (from WIPO) Specifications in English and Arabic Drawings in English and Arabic Sworn English translation of priority document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication, ISR, specifications and drawings must be submitted at the time of filing POA and remaining documents may be submitted within 3 lunar months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted by assignee or assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted by licensee or licensor

AFFILIATIONS

BODIES
 World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization, Gulf Cooperation Council

CONVENTIONS
 Paris Convention, Berne Convention, GCC Patent Law, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Patent Law Treaty

SUDAN | TRADEMARKS

 <p>CLASSIFICATION 9th edition - single class application. Class 33 and alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 8 months from publication date</p>
 <p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds</p>	 <p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years after registration date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Notarized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation with English translation, legalized • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified • Declaration of nationality, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All documents may be submitted within 1 month from filing date, except for declaration of nationality, which may be submitted within 2 months from end of opposition period
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Forms Nos. T. M. 11 and T. M. 12, legalized • Certificate of incorporation of the assignee with certified English translation, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only • Separate POAs must be submitted by assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized • Certificate of incorporation of licensee, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties • May be recorded for registrations only • Separate POAs must be submitted by licensor and licensee

SUDAN | PATENTS

 <p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH No provisions</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION No provisions</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION As to form</p>	 <p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge</p>
 <p>PUBLICATION Not available</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 set of the specifications in English with Arabic translation of the abstract • 1 set of formal drawings • Certificate of incorporation, legalized, with English translation • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized • Certificate of incorporation, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Certificate of incorporation of assignee, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized • Certificate of incorporation if new entity formed, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized • Certificate of incorporation of licensee, legalized 	

SYRIA | TRADEMARKS

 <p>CLASSIFICATION 11th edition - single class application</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 90 days from publication date</p>
 <p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds</p>	 <p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years preceding the date of filing for cancellation</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of home or foreign registration with Arabic translation Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified Certificate of origin, legalized (for classes 3 and 5), and list of ingredients typed on company's letterhead (for class 5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 3 months from filing date The applicant is required to declare on the application form the date of actual use of the mark in Syria or the intention of use of the mark in the country within 3 years from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied

SYRIA | PATENTS

 <p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH May be searched by title, applicant, priority/ PCT number</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 6 months from publication date</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION As to form and novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability</p>	 <p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge</p>
 <p>PUBLICATION Published in the Official Gazette after substantive examination and pre-grant</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the filing date (15 years if patent was granted prior to 2012)</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of PCT request with Arabic translation Copy of international publication with Arabic translation Copy of International Search Report with Arabic translation Copy of written opinion of the international searching authority (if available) with Arabic translation Specifications and claims in French or English and Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate POAs are required from assignor and assignee
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate POAs are required from licensor and licensee

TANZANIA | TRADEMARKS

<p>CLASSIFICATION 10th edition - single class application</p>	<p>OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date</p>
<p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	<p>PROTECTION TERM 7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 10 years each</p>
<p>EXAMINATION On formal and absolute grounds</p>	<p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years from filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, simply signed 	
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grace period
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name or address, simply signed Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, simply signed Statutory declaration and statement of case, simply signed 	

TANZANIA | PATENTS

<p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, patentee name and PCT number at the patent office</p>	<p>OPPOSITION 90 days from publication in the IP Bulletin issued by the Patent Office</p>
<p>EXAMINATION As to form, absolute novelty is required</p>	<p>ANNUITIES Maintenance fees are payable annually</p>
<p>PUBLICATION Applications are published after grant within three months from date of notification</p>	<p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from the filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification, claims and abstract in English Formal drawings, if applicable International patent classification Deed of assignment Priority document with verified English translation 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, simply signed 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, simply signed 	

TUNISIA | TRADEMARKS

 <p>CLASSIFICATION 11th edition - multiclass application</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date</p>
 <p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal and absolute grounds</p>	 <p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from registration date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA must be submitted within 30 days from filing date Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grace period
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of the change of name or an extract from the commercial register, with simple French translation For change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, with simple French translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, with simple French translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, with simple French translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for applications and registrations Separate POAs required from licensee and licensor

TUNISIA | PATENTS

 <p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH May be searched by title and patentee name</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION As to form</p>	 <p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge</p>
 <p>PUBLICATION Patents are published in the Industrial Property Bulletin upon allowance</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of PCT request Copy of international publication Copy of international search report Copy of international preliminary examination report (if available) 3 copies of the specifications in English, French or Arabic 4 sets of formal drawings 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, simply signed 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted by assignee or assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, simply signed 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, simply signed 	

TURKEY | TRADEMARKS

 <p>CLASSIFICATION 11th edition - multiclass application</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date</p>
 <p>SEARCH Possible for word and device marks</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds</p>	 <p>USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from registration date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA must be submitted at the time of filing Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, certified For change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized and Apostilled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized and Apostilled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized and Apostilled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for applications and registrations

TURKEY | PATENTS

 <p>EQUIVALENT SEARCH May be searched by subject matter, patentee name, title, international classification and priority/PCT number</p>	 <p>OPPOSITION 6 months from publication of search report</p>
 <p>EXAMINATION As to form and novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability</p>	 <p>ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge</p>
 <p>PUBLICATION Published in the Official Patent Bulletin</p>	 <p>PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date</p>

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifications in English, with Turkish translation Formal drawing Copy of PCT application and publication Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, legalized For change of address, no additional documents are required 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The assignment price must be indicated in the agreement
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | TRADEMARKS

- CLASSIFICATION**
10th edition - single class application. Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered
- SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks
- EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds
- OPPOSITION**
30 days from last publication date
- PROTECTION TERM**
10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
- USE**
Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date POA must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of latest certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 3 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized with English translation Simple copy of latest certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized with English translation Simple copy of latest certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized, with English translation Simple copy of latest certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized with English translation Simple copy of latest certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only Separate POAs must be submitted by the licensee and licensor

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | PATENTS

- EQUIVALENT SEARCH**
Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, patentee name and PCT number at the patent office (unofficial)
- EXAMINATION**
As to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, unity, and compliance
- PUBLICATION**
Applications are published after grant
- OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date
- ANNUITIES**
Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable on pending applications. Grace period of 3 months for late payment with a surcharge
- PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from filing date 10 years from filing date for utility model

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication Specifications in English and Arabic Drawings in English and Arabic Deed of assignment, legalized Extract from the commercial register or certificate of good standing, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication, copies of the specifications, and drawings must be submitted at the time of filing POA and remaining documents must be submitted within 90 days from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register of assignee, legalized Deed of assignment, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized Extract from the commercial register of licensee, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate POAs must be submitted by licensor and licensee

WEST BANK | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 10 th edition - single class application	 OPPOSITION 3 months from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 14 years each
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 2 years preceding date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted within 3 months from filing date Priority claim is not possible
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 1 month
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties Maybe recorded for registrations only Separate POAs must be submitted by licensee and licensor

WEST BANK | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH May be searched by subject matter, patentee name, title, and priority data	 OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date
 EXAMINATION As to form and patentability	 ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable prior to the expiration of the 4 th , 8 th , and 12 th years as from filing date. Grace period of 2 months for late payment with a surcharge
 PUBLICATION Published in the Industrial Property Gazette	 PROTECTION TERM Duration of patent of origin

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 copies of the specifications in English, with Arabic translation 3 sets of formal drawings Assignment from inventors, notarized Certified copy of Letters Patents from country of origin 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The assignment price should be indicated in the agreement
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted by licensee or licensor

YEMEN | TRADEMARKS

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CLASSIFICATION
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SEARCH
 Possible for word and device marks
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EXAMINATION
 On formal, absolute, and relative grounds
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OPPOSITION
 90 days from publication date
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PROTECTION TERM
 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
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USE
 Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years preceding the date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register, with English translation, legalized • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POA and certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register may be submitted within 1 month from the time of filing • Priority document may be submitted within 1 month from the date of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 1 year
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register attesting the change of name/address of the applicant, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties • May be recorded for registrations only • Separate POAs must be submitted by licensor and licensee

YEMEN | PATENTS

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EQUIVALENT SEARCH
 Pending and granted patents are searched by title, patentee name and/or priority date
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EXAMINATION
 As to form
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PUBLICATION
 Published in the Official Gazette upon allowance
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OPPOSITION
 90 days from publication date
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ANNUITIES
 Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date, and for the time being, no surcharge for late payment of maintenance fees. The patent grace period will be implemented as soon as the new implementing regulation comes into force
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PROTECTION TERM
 20 years from the filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extract from the commercial register, legalized • Deed of assignment, legalized • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified • Abstract of the invention • Technical specifications of the invention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All documents may be submitted within 60 days from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized • Extract from the commercial register, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Extract from the commercial register of assignor, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized • Extract from the commercial register, if new legal entity formed, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized • Extract from the commercial register of licensee, legalized 	

ZANZIBAR | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 10 th edition - single class application	 OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 7 years each
 EXAMINATION On formal and absolute grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, simply signed 	
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, simply signed Original certificate of registration for endorsement For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, simply signed 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, simply signed Statutory declaration and statement of case, simply signed 	

ZANZIBAR | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, patentee name and PCT number at the patent office	 OPPOSITION 90 days from publication in the IP Bulletin issued by the Patent Office
 EXAMINATION As to form, absolute novelty is required	 ANNUITIES Maintenance fees are payable annually.
 PUBLICATION Applications are published after grant within three months from date of notification	 PROTECTION TERM The term of a patent is 20 years from the local filing date.

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification, claims and abstract in English Formal drawings, if applicable International patent classification Deed of assignment Priority document with verified English translation 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, simply signed 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, simply signed 	



**REGIONAL
REGISTRATION
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AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - multiclass application	 OPPOSITION 6 months from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years preceding the date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA must be submitted at the time of filing Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized with verified English or French translation Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized with verified English or French translation 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized with French translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties
Member states: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Guinea Bissau, Senegal, Togo		

AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH Granted and published inventions in the Official Gazette to be searched by title, subject matter, applicant and priority/PCT number	 OPPOSITION No provisions
 EXAMINATION As to form and utility of invention	 ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge
 PUBLICATION Applications are not published prior to 18 months from the filing date or the earliest priority	 PROTECTION TERM 20 years from international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification and abstract in English or French in triplicate; 3 sets of formal drawings Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified Original or certified copy of deed of assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of POA must be submitted at the time of filing; original POA may be submitted within 3 months from filing date Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, certified 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, certified 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, certified 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, certified 	

AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) | TRADEMARKS

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CLASSIFICATION
 9th edition (some member states use the 7th or 8th edition) - multiclass application; however, the same application may not include both goods and services
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SEARCH
 Possible for word and device marks
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EXAMINATION
 Depends on member states
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OPPOSITION
 3 months from the publication date
- 
PROTECTION TERM
 10 years from the filing date and renewable for like periods
- 
USE
 Use depends on the national law of each member state

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified with English translation 	
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional documents are required 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address with verified English translation 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment with verified English translation 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger with verified English translation 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement with verified English translation 	

(ARIPO applications require the applicant to designate the countries of interest in the application. A single application does not automatically include all member states.)

Member states: Botswana, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Sierra Leon, Liberia, Rwanda, São Tomé & Príncipe, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) | PATENTS

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EQUIVALENT SEARCH
 Possible by applicant name, title, priority/ PCT number
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EXAMINATION
 As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and applicability
- 
PUBLICATION
 Applications are not published prior to 18 months from the filing date or the earliest priority
- 
OPPOSITION
 No provisions
- 
ANNUITIES
 Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge
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PROTECTION TERM
 20 years from international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of international publication (with ISR if published) • Copy of the specifications in English • Deed of assignment from inventors, legalized • Simple copy of the priority document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of POA must be submitted at the time of filing; original POA may be submitted within 2 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language • Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language • Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language • Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language • Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records

GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) | TRADEMARKS

The issuance of the Implementing Regulations of the GCC Trademark Law in May 2015 by the GCC Trade Cooperation Committee beckoned a new era for a regional trademark law in the Middle East.

The GCC states, namely, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, have been involved in the coordination of intellectual property since the late 80's. The GCC Patent Regulations and the Statute of the GCC Patent Office were approved in 1992 and the GCC Patent Office commenced operations in 1998, and granted its first patent in 2002.

The GCC Trademark Law, unlike the GCC Patent Law, is a unifying, not a unitary law. The Law was issued in 2006 and revised in 2014. It stipulates a set of provisions that will be applied uniformly across all the GCC, in regards to the prosecution and enforcement of trademark rights. It does not offer a unitary registration system, however.

The Trademark Offices of each GCC country will remain as the receiving office and register trademarks on a national basis. Registering a trademark across the 6 GCC countries will still require filing 6 separate national trademark applications. Furthermore, the official fees are not expected to be unified and will vary depending on the individual overhead costs of

the different TMOs involved. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and UAE have considerably increased their official fees over the past few months with Bahrain and Qatar expected to follow suit.

The definition of a trademark has significantly expanded, given the adoption of the GCC Trademark Law by the member states. Article 2 of the Law includes color marks, sound marks, and smell marks as trademarks, suggesting that it will be possible to secure registrations of such marks across the GCC.

Furthermore, multiclass applications are allowed under the GCC Trademark Law, which constitutes a major shift in trademark practices in the once single class application countries in the GCC. The registration requirements have also been updated and now include a provision for foreign words, which entails providing certified translations of the word or phrase and an indication on how to pronounce it in Arabic, as per Article 4 of the Implementing Regulations.

The examination process is harmonized now, with applications being examined within 90 days from the date of submission. The TMO will then notify the applicant of the decision. There is a 90 days period to respond to office actions from the date of notification before the application is considered abandoned.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE TRADEMARK LAW ARE:

- Claim of priority, based on an earlier-filed foreign application, is possible
- Trademark applications accepted by the Registrar will be published for opposition purposes. Oppositions must be filed within 60 days from publication date
- Trademark registrations are valid for 10 years from filing date and are renewable for like periods. There is a grace period of 6 months for late renewals
- A trademark is vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years after registration
- The Law recognizes famous trademarks that are well-known in the GCC member states and shall ensure protection thereof even if the marks are not registered
- The Law gives the right to trademark owners to initiate civil and criminal actions against any infringing party. Penalties include a maximum of 5 years imprisonment and payment of fines of up to US 270,000\$

GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) | PATENTS

EQUIVALENT SEARCH
Published patents may to be searched by title and abstract

OPPOSITION
90 days from publication date

EXAMINATION
As to form, novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability

ANNUITIES
A maintenance fee is due annually and is payable the first 3 months of each calendar year following the year the patent application was filed. Grace period of 3 months for late payment with a surcharge

PUBLICATION
Applications are published in the Official Gazette

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from the filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant name/address/nationality, inventor's name/address/nationality, priority data Specifications in English and Arabic Drawings in English and Arabic Deed of assignment, legalized Certificate of incorporation or extract form the commercial register or certificate of good standing, legalized Certified copy of priority document, if priority is claimed Sworn English translation of the priority application (if in a different language) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant name/address/nationality, inventors name/address/nationality, priority data, specifications, and drawings must be submitted at the time of filing POA and all remaining documents may be submitted within 3 months from filing date All documents may be provided as scanned electronic color copies
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized Certificate of incorporation, extract form the commercial register or certificate of good standing, legalized 	
Member states: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates		



GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRADEMARKS

Country	Nice Edition	Multiple /Single Class Application	POA	Priority	Opposition Period	Protection Term	Renewal Grace Period
Afghanistan	10 th	Single	Legalized	Yes	30 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	-
Algeria	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Armenia	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Azerbaijan	11 th	Single	Notarized	Yes	3 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Bahrain	11 th	Single	Legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Cyprus	11 th	Single	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	7 years from filing date, renewable for periods of 14 years each	2 months
Djibouti	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Egypt	10 th	Single	Legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Ethiopia	10 th	Multiple	Legalized	No	30 days from publication date	7 years from registration date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Gaza	10 th ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered	Single	Simply signed	No	3 months from publication date	7 years from filing date, renewable for periods of 14 years each	1 month
Iran	10 th ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered	Multiple	Legalized	Yes	30 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Iraq	7 th with local subclassification	Multiple	Legalized	Yes	90 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months

GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRADEMARKS

Country	Nice Edition	Multiple /Single Class Application	POA	Priority	Opposition Period	Protection Term	Renewal Grace Period
Jordan	11 th	Single	Legalized	Yes	3 months from publication date	10 years from filing date or from priority date if priority is claimed, renewable for like periods	1 year
Kenya	11 th	Single	Simply signed	Yes	3 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Kuwait	10 th ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, & pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	60 days from the publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Lebanon	11 th	Multiple	Legalized	Yes	Oppositions can only be filed before Court	15 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	3 months
Libya	8 th ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	3 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	3 months
Morocco	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Oman	11 th	Single	Apostile Certification or up to the Omani Consulate	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Pakistan	11 th	Single	Notarized	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Qatar	11 th ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	4 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Saudi Arabia	10 th ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, pork meat in class 29, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 Hijri years (approximately 9 years and 8 months) from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 lunar months
Sudan	9 th ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	8 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months

GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRADEMARKS

Country	Nice Edition	Multiple /Single Class Application	POA	Priority	Opposition Period	Protection Term	Renewal Grace Period
Syria	11 th	Single	Legalized	Yes	90 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Tunisia	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	-
Turkey	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
United Arab Emirates	10 th ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	30 days from last publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	3 months
West Bank	10 th	Single	Legalized	No	3 months from publication date	7 years from filing date, renewable for periods of 14 years each	1 month
Yemen	8 th ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 & pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered	Single	Notorized and Legalized	Yes	90 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	12 months

GENERAL INFORMATION ON PATENTS

Country	Priority	Novelty	Opposition Period	Examination	Protection Term	Compulsory License
Algeria	Yes	Absolute	No provisions	As to form only	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Armenia	Yes	Absolute	No provisions	As to form and patentability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Azerbaijan	Yes	Relative	6 months from publication date	As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Bahrain	Yes	Relative	Within 60 days from publication date	As to form, novelty and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Cyprus	Yes	Absolute	No provisions	As to form only	20 years from filing date with an extension of 5 years for patents related to medicinal and pharmaceutical products	Within 4 years from the date of grant
Egypt	Yes	Absolute	Within 60 days from publication date	As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Ethiopia	No	Relative	Within 60 days from publication date	As to form, novelty, and industrial applicability	15 years from filing date and can be extended for a further period of 5 years if proof is furnished that the invention is properly worked in Ethiopia	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Gaza	No	Absolute	Within 2 months from publication date	As to form and patentability	16 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Iran	Yes	Absolute	At any time after grant of the patent	No examination	20 years from filing date	Within 5 years from the date of grant
Iraq	Yes	Absolute	At any time after grant of the patent	As to form, novelty and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date; Patents granted for inventions relating to drugs, & pharmaceutical compounds shall be valid for a period of 10 years, renewable for two periods of 5 years each	Within 3 years from the date of grant

GENERAL INFORMATION ON PATENTS

Country	Priority	Novelty	Opposition Period	Examination	Protection Term	Compulsory License
Jordan	Yes	Relative	Within 3 months from publication date	As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date, whichever period lapses later
Kenya	Yes	Absolute	6 months from publication date	As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Kuwait	Yes	Local	No provisions	No Examination	20 years from filing date	Not granted
Lebanon	Yes	Absolute	Oppositions to any granted patent may be filed before the Court	As to form only	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Libya	Yes	Local	Within 2 months from publication date	As to form only	15 years from filing date renewable for a further period of 5 years; Patents connected with food-stuffs or drugs or pharmaceutical compositions shall be valid for a period of 10 years	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Morocco	Yes	Absolute	No provisions	As to form and to patentability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Oman	Yes	Absolute	Within 120 days from publication date	As to form and novelty	20 years from date of grant	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Pakistan	Yes	Relative	Within 4 months from publication date	As to form and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Qatar	Yes	Absolute	Within 2 months from grant date	As to form	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from date of grant
Saudi Arabia	Yes	Relative	Within 90 days from publication date	As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	20 calendar years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Sudan	Yes	Absolute	No provisions	As to form only	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date

GENERAL INFORMATION ON PATENTS

Country	Priority	Novelty	Opposition Period	Examination	Protection Term	Compulsory License
Syria	Yes	Absolute	Within 6 months from the publication date	As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	15 years from filing date for patent granted according to the old law	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date, whichever period lapses later
Tunisia	Yes	Relative	Within 2 months from publication date	As to form, novelty and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Turkey	Yes	Relative	Within 6 months from publication date of the search report	As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability	20 years for independent patents and 10 years for utility patents	Within 3 years following the publication date of the patent
United Arab Emirates	Yes	Absolute	Within 60 days from publication date	As to form, novelty, inventiveness and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years after grant
West Bank	No	Absolute	Within 2 months from publication date	As to form and patentability	16 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Yemen	Yes	Relative	Within 90 days from publication date	As to form and novelty	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant

GENERAL INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Country	Duration	Examination	Applications with Multiple Figures	Renewal
Algeria	1 year from filing date	As to form only	Possible	For one term of 9 years
Armenia	5 years from filing date	As to form, novelty, and industrial applicability	Possible	For five terms of 5 years each
Azerbaijan	10 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Possible	For one term of 5 years
Bahrain	10 years from filing date	As to form, novelty and industrial applicability	Possible	For one term of 5 years
Cyprus	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible up to 50 figures	For four terms of 5 years each
Djibouti	5 years from filing date	As to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	Possible	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Egypt	10 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Possible up to 50 figures	For one term of 5 years with a 3 months grace period
Ethiopia	5 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Not possible	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Gaza	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Not possible	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Iran	5 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	-	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Iraq	10 years from filing date	As to form, novelty and industrial applicability	Possible	Not possible
Jordan	15 years from filing date, and if priority is claimed, 15 years from priority date	As to form and novelty	Possible	Not possible
Kenya	5 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Possible	For two terms of 5 years each
Kuwait	10 years from filing date	As to form, local novelty, and industrial applicability	Possible up to 50 figures	For one term of 5 years
Lebanon	25 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible up to 99 figures	For one additional term of 25 years
Libya	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible up to 50 figures	For two consecutive terms of 5 years
Morocco	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible up to 100 designs/models of the same nature	For four consecutive terms of 5 years
Oman	5 years from filing date	As to novelty	Possible	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Pakistan	10 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Not possible	For two consecutive terms of 10 years

GENERAL INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Country	Duration	Examination	Applications with Multiple Figures	Renewal
Saudi Arabia	10 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Not possible	Not possible
Sudan	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible up to 50 figures	For two consecutive terms of 5 years
Syria	5 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Possible up to 5 figures	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Tunisia	5, 10, or 15 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible	For two consecutive periods of 5 years, where the initial duration was 5 years and for a further period of 5 years where the initial duration was 10 years
Turkey	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible	For four consecutive terms of 5 years each
United Arab Emirates	10 years from filing date (A maintenance fee is due annually on the anniversary of the filing date. There is a -6month grace period for late payment, the last 3 of which are subject to a surcharge)	As to form, novelty, inventiveness and industrial applicability	Not possible	Not possible
West Bank	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Not possible	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Yemen	10 years from filing date	As to form and content	Not possible	Not possible

GENERAL INFORMATION ON CUSTOMS RECORDAL

Country	Filing Requirements	Recordal Period
Algeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the Algerian Consulate Copy of registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Letter of commitment in French signed under the company's seal or letterhead and duly legalized before the Algerian Consulate Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products 	Recordal is valid for 12 months, renewable for like periods
Cyprus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, simply signed Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Application form Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Jordan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recordal with General Customs Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the Jordanian Consulate Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded A petition duly executed on behalf of the rights holder Brochures or images showing how the genuine trademark is being used Recordal with Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power of attorney, legalized up to the Jordanian Consulate Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Application form Brochures or images showing how the genuine trademark is being used 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Morocco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the Moroccan Consulate Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded A petition duly executed on behalf of the rights holder An undertaking, legalized, together with a notarized copy of the company's General Assembly showing the name and position of the signatory Actual samples of goods bearing the trademark involved or a leaflet / brochure allowing easy identification of the genuine products in comparison with the counterfeit products (optional) Any relevant information on the origin of the counterfeit goods if available (optional) A specification of the exact goods for which the mark is actually used, in order for Customs to assign the adequate harmonized system coding 	Recordal is valid for 12 months, renewable for like periods
Saudi Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the Saudi Consulate Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Sudan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the Sudanese Consulate Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Certificate of Incorporation, legalized up to the Sudanese Consulate Copy of the Import Certificate. Same is usually issued to the local agent/ distributor by the Ministry of Economy and Trade Application form An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, simply signed Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Application Form Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, notarized with an Apostille certification Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Application form An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
UAE (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Ras Al Khaimah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the UAE Consulate Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Application form An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products 	Recordal is valid for the trademark's protection term, renewable for like periods

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ARABIC DOMAIN NAMES

Country	Top-Level Domain	Registration Requirement	Protection Term	Local Presence
Egypt	.misr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name and particulars of the applicant Name and title of the authorized signatory POA, notarized in case the applicant is of Egyptian Nationality; while for the others, the POA should be legalized up the Egyptian Consulate Copy of corresponding certificate of registration 	1-5 years depending on the registrar	Required
Jordan	.al-ordun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized A copy of the certificate of registration of trademark Copy of certificate of incorporation of the domain name owner The primary name server and secondary name server and their IP addresses 	2 years, then renewable every year	Not required
Palestine	.falasteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of the corresponding home registration certificate of the mark, certified 	To be announced	To be announced
Qatar	.qatar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The registrant contacts, admin contacts, tech contacts and the DNS/IP details Copy of the corresponding certificate of registration inside/outside Qatar 	Renewed annually	Not required
Saudi Arabia	.alsauodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, simply signed A letter addressed to Saudi Network Information Center, completed on applicant's letterhead, simply signed, with company seal Copy of the corresponding certificate of registration or copy of the corresponding certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register 	Unlimited	Required
Tunisia	.tunis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, simply signed A Tunisian application or a Tunisian registration but in Arabic language 	1 year, then renewable every year	Not required
UAE	.emarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of Authorization or POA Copy of the corresponding certificate of registration 	1-5 years	Not required

OTHER COUNTRIES SERVED BY THE HEAD OFFICE

Albania	Malaysia
Angola	Mauritius
Argentina	Mexico
Australia	Nepal
Bangladesh	New Zealand
Belarus	Nigeria
Bosnia	Philippines
Brazil	Poland
Brunei	Portugal
Myanmar (Burma)	Russia
Cambodia	Sierra Leone
Canada	Singapore
Cayman Islands	South Africa
Chile	South Korea
China	Spain
European Union	Sri Lanka
France	Switzerland
Germany	Taiwan
Ghana	Tajikistan
Greece	Thailand
Hong Kong	Turkmenistan
Hungary	Uganda
India	Ukraine
Indonesia	United Kingdom
Italy	United States of America
Japan	Venezuela
Kazakhstan	Vietnam
Liberia	
Madagascar	
Malawi	