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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 wavered 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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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.
**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.

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**AFGHANISTAN | TRADEMARKS**

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**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

**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 after filing date

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**FILING REQUIREMENTS**

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**REGISTRATION**
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, legalized
- All documents must be submitted at the time of filing

**RENEWAL**
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration
- No grace period

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement
- May be recorded for registrations only

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement
- 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**
- Certificate of merger, legalized
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement
- May be recorded for registrations only

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties
- May be recorded for registrations only

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**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

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

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**AFFILIATIONS**

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

**CONVENTIONS**
None
## ALGERIA | PATENTS

### FILING REQUIREMENTS
- Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
- Copy of international publication
- Copy of international search report (ISR)
- Copy of international preliminary examination report (if available)
- Title in French
- 2 sets of drawings
- ISR in Arabic

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

### ANNUIIES
- 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

### OPPOSITION
- No provisions

### PROTECTION TERM
- 20 years from the international filing date

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

### CONVENTIONS

### SEARCH
- Possible for word and device marks

### 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 after filing date

## ALGERIA | TRADEMARKS

### FILING REQUIREMENTS
- Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified, accompanied with sworn French translation
- POA may be submitted within 2 months from filing date
- Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
- Declaration of use, simply signed
- Grace period of 6 months
- Certificate of change of name with sworn French translation, notarized
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for applications and registrations
- License agreement with sworn French translation, legalized and notarized
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

### 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

### SEARCH
- Possible for word and device marks

### PROTECTION TERM
- 20 years from the international filing date

### OPPOSITION
- No provisions

### CONVENTIONS

### CLASSIFICATION
- 11th edition - multiclasses application

### SEARCH
- Possible for word and device marks

### 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 after filing date

### AFFILIATIONS
- World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization (observer status)

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# ARMENIA | TRADEMARKS

**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - multiclass application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures

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**OPPOSITION**
2 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 from registration date

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# ARMENIA | PATENTS

**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - multiclass application

**SEARCH**
No provisions

**EXAMINATION**
On formal and substantive grounds

**OPPOSITION**
No provisions

**PROTECTION TERM**
10 years from the international filing date

**ANNUITIES**
Due annually on the anniversary of the grant

**PUBLICATION**
No provisions

**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

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**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures

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**CONVENTIONS**

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**AZERBAIJAN | TRADEMARKS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - multiclass application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**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**
- Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
- Deed of assignment, simply signed
- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for applications and registrations
- May be recorded for registrations only
- License agreement, notarized
- Statutory declaration and statement of case, notarized
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

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**RENEWAL**
- No additional documents are required
- Grace period of 6 months

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, simply signed
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
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**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, notarized
- May be recorded for registrations only

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, notarized
- May be recorded for registrations only

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

**APPLICATION FEES**
- Application: $100
- Registration: $100
- Renewal: $100
- Assignment: $100
- Change of name/address: $100
- Merger: $100
- License: $100

**OPPOSITION**
- Three months from publication date

**AZERBAIJAN | PATENTS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - multiclass application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

**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**
- Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
- 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
- Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date
- Deed of assignment, notarized
- License agreement, notarized
- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized
- Certificate of merger, notarized
- Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission

**REGISTRATION**
- 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
- Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date
- Deed of assignment, notarized
- License agreement, notarized
- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized
- Certificate of merger, notarized
- Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission

**RENEWAL**
- License agreement, notarized
- Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized
- Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, notarized
- Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, notarized
- Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, notarized
- Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission

**PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from the international filing date

**APPLICATION FEES**
- International filing fee: $400
- National filing fee: $200
- First renewal: $200
- Second renewal: $200
- Assignment: $200
- Change of name/address: $200
- Merger: $200
- License: $200

**OPPOSITION**
- 6 months from publication date

**AZERBAIJAN | AFFILIATIONS**

**BODIES**
- World Intellectual Property Organization
- World Trade Organization (observer status)

**CONVENTIONS**
- Hague Agreement
- Nairobi Treaty
- Madrid Protocol
- WIPO Copyright Treaty
- WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
- Rome Convention
- Strasbourg Agreement
- Locarno Agreement
- Nice Agreement
- Phonograms Convention
- Berne Convention
- Madrid Agreement (Marks)
- Paris Convention
- Patent Cooperation
- WIPO Convention
- Apostille Convention

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### BAHRAIN | TRADEMARKS

#### Classification
- 11th edition - single class application

#### Search
- Possible for word and device marks

#### Examination
- On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

### FILING REQUIREMENTS

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#### 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

#### Protection Term
- 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods

#### Opposition
- 60 days from publication date

### BAHRAIN | 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, industrial applicability, unity and compliance

#### Opposition
- 60 days from grant and publication of patent

#### Publication
- Published in the official gazette after grant

#### Protection Term
- 20 years from the international filing date

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#### Protection Term
- 20 years from the international filing date

#### Opposition
- 60 days from grant and publication of patent

#### ANNUITIES
- Due annually on the anniversary of the grant and payable after grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge

### BODIES
- World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

### CONVENTIONS
**FILING REQUIREMENTS**

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**REGISTRATION**

- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, notarized
- Priority document must be submitted at the time of filing
- Copy of priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date

**RENEWAL**

- No additional documents are required
- Grace period of 2 months

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**

- Certificate of change of name, notarized
- For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA
- May be recorded for registrations only

**ASSIGNMENT**

- Deed of assignment, simply signed
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for registrations only

**MERGER**

- Certificate of merger, notarized
- May be recorded for registrations only

**LICENSE**

- License agreement, notarized
- Statutory declaration and statement of case, notarized
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

**OPPOSITION**

- POA must be submitted at the time of filing
- Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date

**PROTECTION TERM**

- 7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 16 years each

**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**

- Patents may be searched by patent number, EPO/PCT number
- Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
- Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission

**PUBLICATION**

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

**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

**OPPOSITION**

- No provisions

**PROTECTION TERM**

- 20 years from the international filing date

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### DJIBOUTI | TRADEMARKS

**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - multiclass application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On formal grounds only

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

**OPPOSITION**
No provisions

**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

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### DJIBOUTI | PATENTS

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11th edition - multiclass application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

**OPPOSITION**
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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

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- Grace period of 6 months.
- Trade marks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned.
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- Separate POAs are required from the licensee and licensor.

**EGYPT | PATENTS**

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- 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.
- 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 assignee and assignor.
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**GAZA | TRADEMARKS**

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

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks.

**EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds.

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures.
- Trademarks may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned.
- May be recorded for registrations only.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
- POA must be submitted at the time of filing.
- Priority claim is not possible.

**OPPOSITION**
3 months from publication date.

**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.

**EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds.

**OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date.

**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.

**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**
Limited to data verification.

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks.

**PROTECTION TERM**
7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 16 years each.

**SEARCH**
Limited to data verification.

**OPPOSITION**
Limited to data verification.

**PROTECTION TERM**
Duration of the patent of origin.

**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.

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks.

**OPPOSITION**
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.

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### TRADEMARKS

**Classification**
10th edition - multiclass application. Class 33 and alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered.

**Search**
Possible for word and device marks.

**Examination**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds.

**Opposition**
30 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.

### PATENTS

**Equivalents Search**
Granted and published patents may be searched by patent number, title, patentee name and priority/PCT number in the official gazette.

**Examination**
As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and applicability.

**Opposition**
Any time after publication date.

**Publication**
Published upon grant.

**Protection Term**
20 years from filing 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.

**Use**
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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.

**Change of Name or Address**
Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, legalized.

**Assignment**
Deed of assignment, legalized. May be recorded for applications and registered patents.

**Merger**
Certificate of merger, legalized. May be recorded for registered patents only.

**License**
License agreement, legalized. May be recorded for applications and registered patents.

**Annuites**
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### PROTECTION TERM

20 years from filing 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

### OPPOSITION

3 months from publication date

### EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability

### PUBLICATION

Published after 18 months from priority or filing date and after preliminary acceptance.

### 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

### Opposite

3 months from publication date

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

### Filing Requirements

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### Registration

- Copy of the specifications, claims, and abstracts
- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized

### Renewal

- No additional documents are required

### Change of Name or Address

- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized

### Assignment

- Deed of assignment, notarized

### Merger

- Certificate of merger, notarized

### License

- License agreement, notarized
- Statutory declaration and statement of case, notarized

### Examination

- On formal, absolute, and relative grounds
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

### Opposition

- 60 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 5 consecutive years from filing date

### Equivalent Search

- No provisions

### Opposition

- 6 months from publication date

### Protection Term

- 20 years from the international filing date

### 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

### Equivalent Search

- Possible for word and device marks

### Opposition

- 6 months from publication date

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### Search

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### Classification

- 11th edition - single class application

### Examination

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### Opposition

- 6 months from publication date

### Protection Term

- 20 years from the international filing date
**FILING REQUIREMENTS**

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**REGISTRATION**
- Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register
- Certified copy of priority document, if priority claimed, legalized
-POA must be submitted at the time of filing
- Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date

**RENEWAL**
- No additional documents are required
- Grace period of 6 months

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized
- May be recorded for registrations only

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for registrations only

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized
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**LICENSE**
- Certified copy of the license agreement, legalized
- Copy of the signature certificate of the licensee
- Copy of the certificate of incorporation of the licensee
- 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

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**REGISTRATION**
- 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
- 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**
- Extract from the commercial register, showing old and new names/addresses, legalized

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Extract from the commercial register

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized

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**GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS**

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

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**AFFILIATIONS**

## Lebanon | Trademarks

### Classification
- **11th edition - multiclass application**

### Search
- Possible for word and device marks

### Examination
- On formal and absolute grounds

### Protection Term
- 15 years from filing date and renewable for like periods

### Filing Requirements

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- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
- Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date

### Renewal
- No additional documents are required
- Grace period of 3 months

### Change of Name or Address
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized

### Assignment
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement
- 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
- Certificate of merger, legalized
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement
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### License
- License agreement, legalized
- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties

## Lebanon | Patents

### Equivalent Search
- No provisions

### Examination
- As to form only

### Opposition
- No provisions

### Publication
- Applications are published upon issuance

### Protection Term
- 20 years from filing date

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- Arabic translation of the title, claims, and abstract
- Certificate of merger, legalized
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement

### Change of Name or Address
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized

### Assignment
- Deed of assignment, legalized

### Merger
- Certificate of merger, legalized

### License
- License agreement, legalized

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**Affiliations**

**Bodies**
- World Intellectual Property Organization
- World Trade Organization (Observer Status)

**Conventions**
- Berne Convention
- Brussels Convention (Signature)
- Madrid Agreement (Source)
- Paris Convention
- Patent Law Treaty (Signature)
- Rome Convention
- Nice Agreement
### 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

**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

### LIBYA | PATENTS

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**REGISTRATION**
Deed of assignment from inventors, legalized

**ASSIGNMENT**
May be recorded for assignments and registrations

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
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**MERGER**
May be recorded for registrations only

**LICENSE**
May be recorded for applications and registrations

**EXAMINATION**
As to form

**SEARCH**
No provisions

**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

### AFFILIATIONS

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

**CONVENTIONS**
Paris Convention, Berne Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

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## Morocco | Trademarks

### Classification
- 11th edition - multiclass application

### Filing Requirements
- Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures

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### Examination
- On formal and absolute grounds

### Opposition
- 2 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

### Affiliations
- World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

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## Morocco | Patents

### Equivalent Search
- Published and granted patents may be searched by title, patentee name, inventors, and priority/PCT number/date

### Filing Requirements
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### Examination
- As to form, novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability

### Opposition
- 2 months from publication date

### Protection Term
- 20 years from the international filing date

### Publication
- Applications are published upon grant

### Conventions
### OMAN | TRADemarks

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**PAKISTAN | TRADEMARKS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - single class application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**

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**REGISTRATION**
- 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

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name, notarized
- For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, notarized

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, notarized

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, notarized

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

**OPPOSITION**
2 months from publication date

**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

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**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 years from the date of completion of the registration process

**OPPOSITION**
4 months from publication date

**PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from the filing date

**PUBLICATION**
Patents are published in the Official Gazette upon grant

**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

**OPPOSITION**
4 months from publication date

**PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from the filing date

**EXAMINATION**
As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability

**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
### Qatar | Patents

**Filing Requirements**
- Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures

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**Examination**
- As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability

**Opposition**
- 60 days from announcement

**Publication**
- Applications will be published upon grant in the official gazette

**Protection Term**
- 20 years from the international filing date

**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

**Equivalent Search**
- Available

**Bodies**
- World Intellectual Property Organization
- World Trade Organization
- Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

**Conventions**
- Berne Convention
- Nairobi Treaty
- Paris Convention
- WIPO Copyright Treaty
- WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty
- Budapest Treaty
- GCC Patent Law
- Patent Cooperation Treaty
- Beijing Treaty
- Rome Convention

### Qatar | Trademarks

**Classification**
- 11th 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**
- 4 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 preceding the date of filing for cancellation

**Filing Requirements**
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- No additional documents are required

**Renewal**
- Grace period of 6 months

**Renewal**
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**Change of Name or Address**
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**Assignment**
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned

**Merger**
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

**License**
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**License**
- May be recorded for registrations only

**Bodies**
- World Intellectual Property Organization
- World Trade Organization
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**Conventions**
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### 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

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**

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**REGISTRATION**
- Copy of international publication, ISR, specifications and drawings must be submitted at the time of filing. The original copies may be submitted within 3 lunar months from filing date.

**RENEWAL**
- No additional documents are required

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized

**ASSIGNMENT**
- May be recorded for registrations only

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized

**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

**OPPOSITION**
- 60 days from publication date

**PROTECTION TERM**
- 10 Hijri years (approximately 9 years and 8 months) from filing date

**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

**PROTECTION TERM**
- 20 Hijri years from the international filing date

**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

**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

**ANDERSON**
- Copy of international publication, ISR, specifications and drawings must be submitted at the time of filing. The original copies may be submitted within 3 lunar months from filing date.
### Sudan | Trademarks

**Classification**
- 9th edition - single class application.
- Class 33 and alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered.

**Search**
- Possible for word and device marks.

**Examination**
- On formal, absolute, and relative grounds.

**Opposition**
- 8 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 after registration date.

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**Renewal**
- No additional documents are required.

**Change of Name or Address**
- May be recorded for applications and registrations.

**Assignment**
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned.

**Merger**
- Certificate of merger, legalized.

**License**
- License agreement, legalized.

### Sudan | Patents

**Equivalent Search**
- No provisions.

**Examination**
- As to form.

**Publication**
- Not available.

**Protection Term**
- 20 years from the filing date.

**Use**
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**Registration**
- 1 set of the specifications in English with Arabic translation of the abstract.

**Change of Name or Address**
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized.

**Assignment**
- Deed of assignment, legalized.

**Merger**
- Certificate of merger, legalized.

**License**
- License agreement, legalized.

**Conventions**

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**SYRIA | TRADEMARKS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - single class application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- 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)
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Certificate of merger, legalized
- License agreement, legalized

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
- 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
- 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
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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 consecutive years preceding the date of filing for cancellation

**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

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized
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**MERGER**
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**SYRIA | PATENTS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - single class application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
As to form and novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability

**OPPOSITION**
6 months from publication date

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

**APPLICATION**
Published in the Official Gazette after substantive examination and pre-grant

**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**USE**
May be searched by title, applicant, priority/PCT number

**PUBLICATION**
Published in the Official Gazette after substantive examination and pre-grant

**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

**OPPOSITION**
6 months from publication date

**PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from the filing date (15 years if a patent was granted prior to 2012)

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures
- 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
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**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized
- Separate POAs are required from licensor and licensee

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## TANZANIA | TRADEMARKS

### CLASSIFICATION
10th edition - single class application

### SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

### EXAMINATION
On format and absolute grounds

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

### 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

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### REGISTRATION
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, simply signed

### RENEWAL
- No additional documents are required

### CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
- Certificate of change of name or address, simply signed
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement

### ASSIGNMENT
- Deed of assignment, simply signed
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration

### MERGER
- Deed of assignment, simply signed
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement

### LICENSE
- License agreement, simply signed
- Statutory declaration and statement of case, simply signed

## TANZANIA | PATENTS

### EQUIVALENT SEARCH
Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, patentee name and PCT number at the patent office

### EXAMINATION
As to form, absolute novelty is required

### OPPOSITION
90 days from publication in the IP Bulletin issued by the Patent Office

### PROTECTION TERM
10 years from the filing date

### PUBLICATION
Applications are published after grant within three months from date of notification

### ANNUITIES
Maintenance fees are payable annually

### SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

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### REGISTRATION
- 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
- Certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register

### ASSIGNMENT
- Deed of assignment, simply signed

### MERGER
- Certificate of merger, simply signed

### LICENSE
- License agreement, simply signed
### TUNISIA | TRADEMARKS

**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - multiclass application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On formal and absolute grounds

**OPPOSITION**
60 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 5 consecutive years from registration date

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### TUNISIA | PATENTS

**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**
May be searched by title and patentee name

**OPPOSITION**
2 months from publication date

**EXAMINATION**
As to form

**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

**PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from the international filing date

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On formal and absolute grounds

**OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date

**PUBLICATION**
Patents are published in the Industrial Property Bulletin upon allowance

**PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from the international filing date

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### AFFILIATIONS
Bodies
World Intellectual Property Organization,
World Trade Organization

Conventions
Berne Convention, Madrid Agreement (Source),
### TURKEY | PATENTS

#### EQUIVALENT SEARCH
May be searched by subject matter, patentee name, title, international classification and priority/PCT number

#### EXAMINATION
As to form and novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability

#### OPPOSITION
6 months from publication of search report

#### 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

#### PROTECTION TERM
20 years from the international filing date

### TURKEY | TRADEMARKS

#### CLASSIFICATION
11th edition - multiclass application

#### SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

#### EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

### FILING REQUIREMENTS

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#### OPPOSITION
2 months from publication date

### OFFICE HOURS
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### 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**
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- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified

**RENEWAL**
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**CHANGE OF NAME/ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized with English translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, legalized with English translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized, with English translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized with English translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**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

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | PATENTS

**CLASSIFICATION**

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

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**REGISTRATION**
- 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

**RENEWAL**
- Grace period of 3 months

**CHANGE OF NAME/ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Extract from the commercial register of assignee, legalized
- Deed of assignment, legalized

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized
- Extract from the commercial register of licensee, legalized

**OPPOSITION**

- 60 days from publication date

**PROTECTION TERM**
- 20 years from filing date 10 years from filing date for utility model

**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

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**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

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | PUBLICATION

- Applications are published after grant

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | AFFILIATIONS

- World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization, Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

- Paris Convention, Berne Convention, Rome Convention, WIPO Copyright Treaty, WIPO Performances & Phonograms Treaty, Patent Cooperation Treaty
**WEST BANK | TRADEMARKS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
- 10th edition - single class application

**SEARCH**
- Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
- On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures
- No additional documents are required

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
- POA may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
- Priority claim is not possible
- Grace period of 1 month

**REGISTRATION**
- Deed of assignment, legalized

**RENEWAL**
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Trademarks may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized

**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

**OPPOSITION**
- 3 months from publication date

**PROTECTION TERM**
- 7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 16 years each

**WEST BANK | PATENTS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
- 10th edition - single class application

**SEARCH**
- Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
- As to form and patentability

**OPPOSITION**
- 2 months from publication date

**ANNUITIES**
- Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable prior to the expiration of the 4th, 8th, and 12th years as from filing date. Grace period of 2 months for late payment with a surcharge

**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

**OPPOSITION**
- 2 months from publication date

**PROTECTION TERM**
- Duration of patent of origin

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- 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
- Assignment from inventors, notarized
- Certified copy of Letters Patents from country of origin

**RENEWAL**
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**ASSIGNMENT**
- The assignment price should be indicated in the agreement

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized

**LICENSE**
- POA may be submitted by licensee or licensor

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**YEMEN | TRADemarks**

**CLASSIFICATION**  
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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

**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

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**REGISTRATION**

- Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register, with English translation, legalized  
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified

**RENEWAL**

- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**

- Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register attesting the change of name/address of the applicant, legalized

**ASSIGNMENT**

- Deed of assignment, legalized  
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without 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

**OPPOSITION**

90 days from publication date

**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

**APPLICATION**

- 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

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**

- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized  
- Extract from the commercial register, legalized

**ASSIGNMENT**

- Deed of assignment, legalized  
- Extract from the commercial register of assignor, legalized

**MERGER**

- Certificate of merger, legalized  
- Extract from the commercial register, if new legal entity formed, legalized

**LICENSE**

- License agreement, legalized  
- Extract from the commercial register of licensee, legalized

**SEARCH**

Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

**OPPOSITION**

90 days from publication date

**PUBLICATION**

Published in the Official Gazette upon allowance

**PROTECTION TERM**

20 years from the filing date

**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

**SEARCH**

Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**

As to form

**OPPOSITION**

Pending and granted patents are searched by title, patentee name and/or priority date

**PUBLICATION**

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**AFFILIATIONS**

- World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization (observer status)
- Berne Convention, Paris Convention
### ZANZIBAR | TRADEMARKS

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### ZANZIBAR | PATENTS

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**REGISTRATION**
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, simply signed
- Grace period of 6 months

**RENEWAL**
- No additional documents are required

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- 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**
- Deed of assignment, simply signed

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, simply signed

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, simply signed
- Statutory declaration and statement of case, simply signed

**EXAMINATION**
- On formal and absolute grounds

**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

**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.

**PUBLICATION**
- Applications are published after grant within three months from date of notification

**ANNUITIES**
- Maintenance fees are payable annually.
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**RENEWAL**
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized with verified English or French translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, notarized
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized with verified English or French translation

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, notarized with French translation
- 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

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### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Specification and abstract in English or French in triplicate; 3 sets of formal drawings
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
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- Certificate of change of name/address with verified English translation

**ASSIGNMENT**

- Deed of assignment with verified English translation

**MERGER**

- Certificate of merger with verified English translation

**LICENSE**

- License agreement with verified English translation

**RENDDLES**

- Certificate of change of name/address, simply signed

- Deed of assignment, simply signed

- Certificate of merger, simply signed

- License agreement, certified

(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:**


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**AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) | PATENTS**

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**REGISTRATION**

- 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

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**ASSIGNMENT**

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**LICENSE**

- License agreement, certified

**OPPOSITION**

- No provisions

**EXAMINATION**

- As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and applicability

**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

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**AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) | TRADEMARKS**

**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

**SEARCH**

- Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**

- Depends on member states

**USE**

- Use depends on the national law of each member state

**SEARCH**

- Possible by applicant name, title, priority/ PCT number

**OPPOSITION**

- 3 months from the publication date

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**AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO)**

**BODIES**

- World Intellectual Property Organization

**CONVENTIONS**

- Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

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**AFFILIATIONS**

- World Intellectual Property Organization

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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.

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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
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| Algeria       | .POA, legalized up to the Algerian Consulate  
. 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        | .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        | 1. Recordal with General Customs Department  
. POA, legal 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  
. Application form  
. Photos or images showing how the genuine trademark is being used                                                                                           | Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods                      |
| Morocco       | .POA, legal 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  | .POA, legal 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         | .POA, legal 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 counterfeit and differentiating them from the genuine products | Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods                      |
| Tunisia       | .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        | .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 counterfeit 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) | .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 counterfeit 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

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| Egypt   | .misr            | .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 registr | Required |
| Jordan  | .al-ordun        | .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  | .Copy of the corresponding home registration certificate of the mark, certified | To be announced | To be announced |
| Qatar   | .qatar           | .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 | .POA, simply signed  
. A letter addressed to Saudi Network Information Center, completed on applicants 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           | .POA, simply signed  
. A Tunisian application or a Tunisian registration but in Arabic language  
. Copy of the corresponding certificate of registration | 1 year, then renewable every year | Not required |
| UAE     | .emarat          | .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, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bosnia, Brazil, Brunei, Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, China, European Union, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela, Vietnam.