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# ABOUT SABA 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.

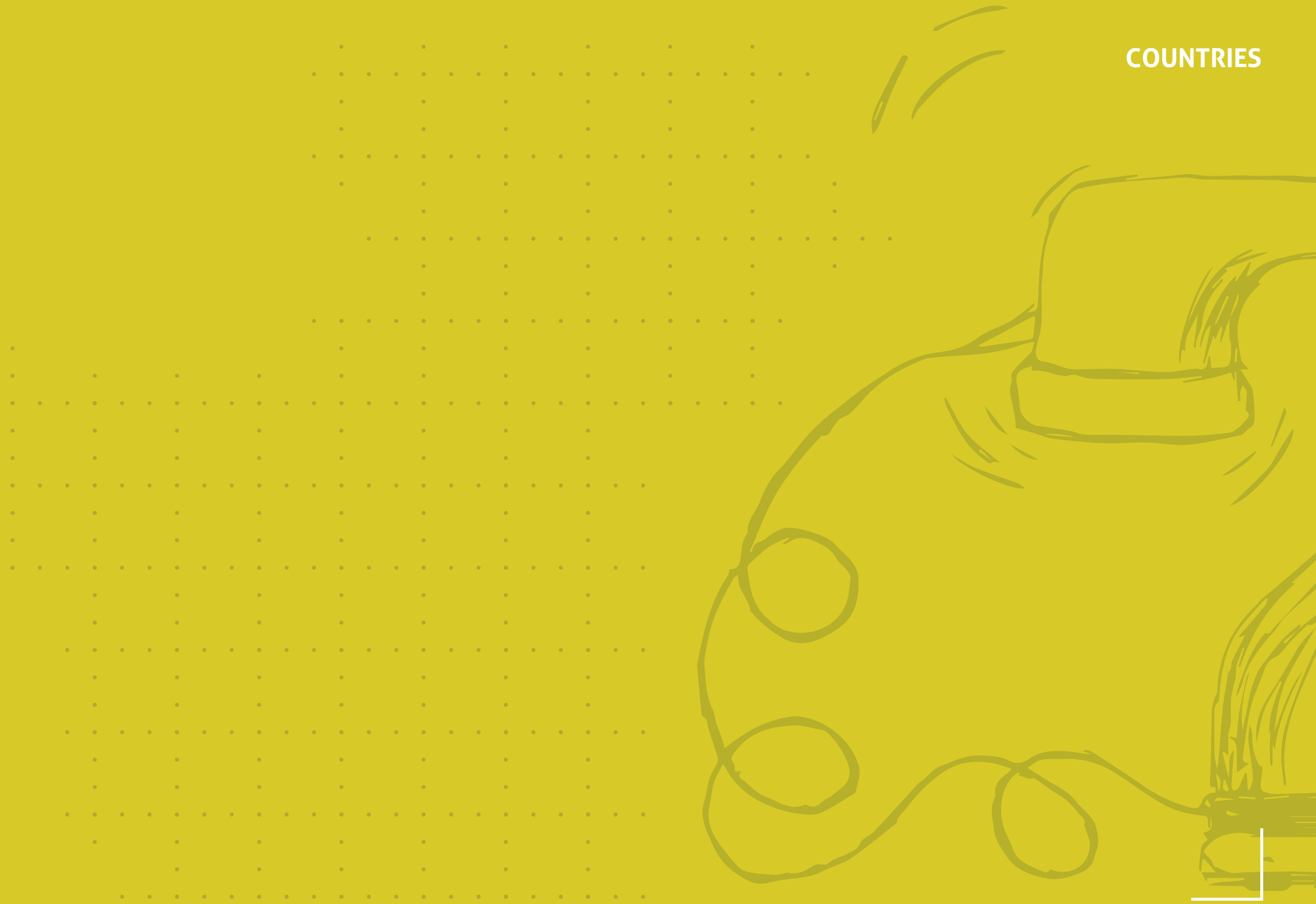
In the scope of the continuous efforts to create competent border enforcement measures and to provide effective protection, the Customs in Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, UAE, Tunisia, Turkey and Cyprus have established trademark recordation systems for registered trademarks.

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

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

# 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

 <b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass application	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> No provisions
 <b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 <b>USE</b> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified, accompanied with sworn French translation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA may be submitted within 2 months from filing date</li> <li>Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declaration of use, simply signed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name with sworn French translation, notarized</li> <li>For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment with sworn French translation, legalized and notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger with sworn French translation, legalized and notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement with sworn French translation, legalized and notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>

# ALGERIA | PATENTS

 <b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Patent applications and patents may be searched by title and patentee name	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> No provisions
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, unity and compliance	 <b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
 <b>PUBLICATION</b> Applications are published after grant in the official gazette	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>Copy of international publication</li> <li>Copy of international search report (ISR)</li> <li>Copy of international preliminary examination report (if available)</li> <li>Title in French</li> <li>2 copies of the specifications in Arabic</li> <li>2 sets of drawings</li> <li>ISR in Arabic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>POA and remaining documents may be submitted within 2 months from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized and notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English, French, or Arabic translation</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized and notarized</li> </ul>	



# ARMENIA | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

11<sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass application



## OPPOSITION

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

# ARMENIA | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

No provisions



## OPPOSITION

No provisions



## EXAMINATION

On formal and substantive grounds



## ANNUITIES

Due annually on the anniversary of the grant



## PUBLICATION

No provisions



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

## BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization, Eurasian Patent Organization

## CONVENTIONS

Hague Agreement, Locarno Agreement, Strasbourg Agreement, Budapest Treaty, Nice Agreement, Vienna Agreement, WIPO Copyright Treaty, WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty, Phonograms Convention, Rome Convention, Berne Convention, Madrid Protocol, Brussels Convention, WIPO Convention, Madrid Agreement (Marks), Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Apostille Convention, Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks

## AZERBAIJAN | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

11<sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass application



### OPPOSITION

3 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 from filing date

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

## AZERBAIJAN | 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 grant



### 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"> <li>Copy of the specifications, claims, and abstracts with Azerbaijani translation</li> <li>1 set of drawings and the abstract</li> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission</li> </ul>

### 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, Budapest Treaty, Locarno Agreement, Nice Agreement, Phonograms Convention, Berne Convention, Madrid Agreement (Marks), Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation, WIPO Convention, Apostille Convention

## BAHRAIN | TRADEMARKS

 <b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - single class application	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 60 days from publication date
 <b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 <b>USE</b> 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

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

## BAHRAIN | PATENTS

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






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

## CYPRUS | TRADEMARKS

 <b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - single class application	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 2 months from publication date
 <b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 14 years each
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 <b>USE</b> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA must be submitted at the time of filing</li> <li>Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 2 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name, notarized</li> <li>For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> <li>Statutory declaration and statement of case, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties</li> </ul>

## CYPRUS | PATENTS

 <b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Patents may be searched by patent number, EP/PCT number	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> No provisions
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form only, for EP validations	 <b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
 <b>PUBLICATION</b> Granted national patents and European patents validated in Cyprus are published in the Official Gazette	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>Copy of the specifications in English with Greek translation</li> <li>1 set of drawings and the abstract</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be submitted at the time of EP validation</li> <li>POA may be submitted within 3 months from validation</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission</li> <li>Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission</li> </ul>

## DJIBOUTI | TRADEMARKS

 <b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass application	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> No provisions
 <b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal grounds only	 <b>USE</b> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents must be submitted at the time of filing</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate of registration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address with French translation, notarized</li> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate of registration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment with sworn French translation, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger with sworn French translation, legalized</li> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate of registration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement with sworn French translation, legalized</li> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate of registration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>

## DJIBOUTI | PATENTS

 <b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Not possible	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 60 days from publication date
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability	 <b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
 <b>PUBLICATION</b> Published in the official gazette upon allowance	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 20 years from the 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"> <li>Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> <li>2 copies of abstract, claims and specifications in French</li> <li>2 sets of drawings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents must be submitted at the time of filing</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>

## EGYPT | TRADEMARKS

 <b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> edition - single class application	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 60 days from publication date
 <b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 <b>USE</b> 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"> <li>• Certificate of incorporation, legalized</li> <li>• Copy of priority documents, if priority is claimed, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of the incorporation of the assignee, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of incorporation, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of incorporation, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>• May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>• Separate POAs are required from the licensee and licensor</li> </ul>

## EGYPT | PATENTS

 <b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, patentee name, priority/PCT number, application number, subject matter	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 60 days from publication date
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, unity, and compliance	 <b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
 <b>PUBLICATION</b> Patents are published in the Official Gazette after allowance	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>• Copy of international publication</li> <li>• Title and abstract in Arabic</li> <li>• 1 copy of specifications in English (or original language)</li> <li>• 3 copies of specifications in Arabic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• POA may be submitted within 4 months from filing date</li> <li>• Copy of international publication and title and abstract in arabic must be submitted at the time of filing</li> <li>• Remaining documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>• Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of Incorporation in the name of the assignee, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate POAs are required from assignee and assignor</li> <li>• Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>• Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of merger, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of incorporation, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>• Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of incorporation of the licensee, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>• Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> <li>• Separate POAs are required from the licensee and licensor</li> </ul>

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### AFFILIATIONS

**BODIES**  
World Intellectual Property Organization,  
World Trade Organization

**CONVENTIONS**  
Berne Convention, Madrid Agreement (Source),  
Nairobi Treaty, Paris Convention, Phonograms  
Convention, Trademark Law Treaty, Hague  
Agreement, Madrid Agreement and Protocol,  
Patent Cooperation Treaty, Nice Agreement,  
Strasbourg Agreement

## ETHIOPIA | TRADEMARKS

 <b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass application	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 60 days from publication date
 <b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 7 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 <b>USE</b> 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"> <li>• Certified copy of home or any foreign registration certificate of the mark with English translation, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All documents must be submitted at the time of filing</li> <li>• Priority claim is not possible</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace period of 9 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of assignment with English translation, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of merger with English translation, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement with English translation, notarized</li> <li>• Simple copy of the registration certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>• Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor</li> </ul>

## ETHIOPIA | PATENTS

 <b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, subject matter and priority data	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 60 days from publication date
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form, novelty, industrial applicability	 <b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
 <b>PUBLICATION</b> Published in the official gazette upon allowance	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 15 years from the filing date, extendable for another 5 years

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



## GAZA | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> 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

3 months from publication date



### PROTECTION TERM

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



### 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> 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



## CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> 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

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

# IRAN | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT 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



## 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



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

## BODIES

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

## CONVENTIONS

Paris Convention, Madrid Agreement and  
Protocol, Patent Cooperation Treaty

## IRAQ | TRADEMARKS

	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass application with local sub-classification system		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 90 days from publication date
	<b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds		<b>USE</b> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date</li> <li>The date of notarization of POA must precede the date of filing</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simple copy of the latest certificate of registration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing the change, legalized</li> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate of registration</li> <li>For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with the goodwill of the business concerned unless otherwise agreed upon</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>

## IRAQ | PATENTS

	<b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> No provisions		<b>OPPOSITION</b> Any time after grant
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability		<b>ANNUITIES</b> Back annuities are due upon grant; then due annually and calculated based on the submission date of the last supporting document
	<b>PUBLICATION</b> Applications published after grant		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>8 copies of the specifications in English and Arabic</li> <li>8 sets of drawings</li> <li>Deed of assignment from the inventors, legalized</li> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	

# JORDAN | TRADEMARKS

 <b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - single class application	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 3 months from publication date
 <b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 <b>USE</b> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> <li>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</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 1 year</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name, legalized</li> <li>For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>POA must not be older than 1 year</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>POA must not be older than 1 year</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>

# JORDAN | PATENTS

 <b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Published and granted patents may be searched by title, abstract, inventor(s), priority information, subject matter and patentee(s) name	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 3 months from publication date
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability	 <b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
 <b>PUBLICATION</b> Published after 18 months from priority or filing date and after preliminary acceptance.	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation of the applicant company, certified</li> <li>1 copy of the specifications</li> <li>1 set of formal drawings</li> <li>Abstract containing a summary of the main points of the patent specifications and claims</li> <li>Patent application form No. 4 sworn and signed by the inventor(s) as applicant(s) or jointly with applicant(s), legalized</li> <li>Certified copy of the claimed priority in language of origin (if applicable)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extract from the commercial register showing old and new name, certified</li> <li>For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation of the applicant company, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Extract from the commercial register of assignee must be submitted for pending patents</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>

## KENYA | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

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

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

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Paris Union, Madrid Union (Agreement and Protocol), TRIPS, PCT

## KUWAIT | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

### 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

11<sup>th</sup> 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	• 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	• Must be made within 3 months after the transfer or else a surcharge is levied for each delay of 2 months
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



### 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	• 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	• Certificate of change of name/address, legalized	
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of assignment, legalized	
MERGER	• Certificate of merger, legalized	
LICENSE	• License agreement, legalized	

### 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

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

## LIBYA | PATENTS



### EQUIVALENT SEARCH

No provisions



### OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



### EXAMINATION

As to form



### ANNUITIES

Due annually on the anniversary of the Libyan filing date and payable after grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment



### PUBLICATION

Applications are not published prior to 18 months from the filing date or the earliest priority



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

### BODIES

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

### CONVENTIONS

Paris Convention, Berne Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty









## MALTA | TRADEMARKS

	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - single class application		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 2 months from publication date
	<b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 10 years each
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds		<b>USE</b> 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	• Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified	• Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	• No additional documents are required	• Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	• No additional documents are required	• May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of Assignment, notarized	• 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	• May be recorded for registrations only • License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

## MALTA | PATENTS

	<b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Patents may be searched by patent number, EP/PCT number		<b>OPPOSITION</b> No provisions
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form only		<b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
	<b>PUBLICATION</b> Granted national patents and European patents validated in Cyprus are published in the Official Gazette		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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	• Copy of the specifications in English • 1 set of drawings and the abstract	• 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	• Certificate of change of name/address, notarized	• Documents must be translated into English upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of Assignment, notarized	• Documents must be translated into English upon submission • Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor
MERGER	• Certificate of merger, notarized	• Documents must be translated into English upon submission
LICENSE	• License agreement, notarized	• Documents must be translated into English upon submission



## MOROCCO | TRADEMARKS

	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass application		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 2 months from publication date
	<b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal and absolute grounds		<b>USE</b> 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
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents may be submitted within 4 months from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extract from the commercial register evidencing the change with French translation, legalized</li> <li>For change of address, no additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement with verified French translation, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>

## MOROCCO | PATENTS

	<b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Published and granted patents may be searched by title, patentee name, inventors, and priority/PCT number/date		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 2 months from publication date
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form, novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability		<b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
	<b>PUBLICATION</b> Applications are published upon grant		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>Copy of international publication (with ISR if published)</li> <li>2 copies of the specifications in Arabic or French</li> <li>2 sets of drawings in Arabic or French</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specification and drawings can be submitted within 3 months from filing</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extract from the commercial register evidencing the change with, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be submitted in French</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be submitted in French</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be submitted in French</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be submitted in French</li> </ul>

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### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Brussels Convention, Madrid Agreement (Source), Nairobi Treaty, Paris Convention, Trademark Law Treaty (Signature), Hague Agreement, Hague Treaty, Madrid Agreement (Marks), Madrid Protocol, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Nice Agreement, The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

### AFFILIATIONS

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## OMAN | TRADEMARKS

	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - single class application		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 60 days from publication date
	<b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds		<b>USE</b> 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"> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register</li> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents may be submitted within 60 days from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification</li> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification</li> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, with Apostille certification</li> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>

## OMAN | PATENTS

	<b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Published and granted patents may be searched by title, patentee name, inventors, and priority/PCT number/date		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 120 days from first publication. The patent is re-published after grant but no opposition period is provisioned then
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, unity, and compliance		<b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
	<b>PUBLICATION</b> Patents are published in the Official Gazette after substantive examination and after grant		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>Copy of international publication (with ISR if published)</li> <li>2 copies of the specifications in both English and Arabic</li> <li>2 sets of drawings in both English and Arabic</li> <li>Assignment from inventors, with Apostille certification</li> <li>Extract from the commercial register or certificate of good standing</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extract from the commercial register of assignee</li> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, with Apostille certification</li> <li>Extract from licensee commercial register, with Apostille certification</li> </ul>	

## PAKISTAN | TRADEMARKS

 <b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - single class application	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 2 months from publication date
 <b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 <b>USE</b> 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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Notarized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> <li>Date of first use of the mark in Pakistan, if available</li> <li>Transliteration and translation of non-English words appearing on the mark</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name, notarized</li> <li>For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become enforceable against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>

## PAKISTAN | PATENTS

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

	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"> <li>3 copies of the specifications in English</li> <li>3 sets of drawings</li> <li>Certified copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> <li>Deed of assignment from inventors</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, certified</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, certified</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, certified</li> </ul>	

## QATAR | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

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

## QATAR | PATENTS



### EQUIVALENT SEARCH

Available



### OPPOSITION

60 days from announcement



### EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and  
industrial applicability



### 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

Applications will be published upon grant in  
the official gazette



### PROTECTION TERM

20 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"> <li>Copy of international publication (with ISR if published)</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing this change, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	

### 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 on  
Audiovisual Performances, Rome Convention

## SAUDI ARABIA | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 lunar months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name, legalized</li> <li>Original certificate of registration for endorsement</li> <li>For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA and the original certificate of registration for endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>Original certificate of registration for endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> <li>Original certificate of registration for endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> <li>Original certificate of registration for endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>

## SAUDI ARABIA | PATENTS



### EQUIVALENT SEARCH

Official search among published applications/ patents is possible by patentee name, title, abstract, priority/PCT number, inventor name



### OPPOSITION

No provisions



### EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability



### 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



### PUBLICATION

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



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

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### 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



### CLASSIFICATION

9<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## SUDAN | PATENTS



### EQUIVALENT SEARCH

No provisions



### OPPOSITION

No provisions



### EXAMINATION

As to form



### 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



### PUBLICATION

Not available



### 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"> <li>• 1 set of the specifications in English with Arabic translation of the abstract</li> <li>• 1 set of formal drawings</li> <li>• Certificate of incorporation, legalized, with English translation</li> <li>• Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of incorporation, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of incorporation of assignee, legalized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of merger, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of incorporation if new entity formed, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of incorporation of licensee, legalized</li> </ul>	

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization (observer status), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Paris Convention, Patent Law Treaty (Signature), Madrid Agreement (Marks), Patent Cooperation Treaty

# SYRIA | TRADEMARKS

	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - single class application		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 90 days from publication date
	<b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds		<b>USE</b> 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

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

# SYRIA | PATENTS

	<b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> May be searched by title, applicant, priority/ PCT number		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 6 months from publication date
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form and novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability		<b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
	<b>PUBLICATION</b> Published in the Official Gazette after substantive examination and pre-grant		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 20 years from the filing date (15 years if patent was granted prior to 2012)

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



## TANZANIA | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> edition - single class application



### OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



### SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



### PROTECTION TERM

7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 10 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, simply signed</li> </ul>	
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No grace period</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name or address, simply signed</li> <li>Original certificate of registration for endorsement</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate of registration</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> <li>Original certificate of registration for endorsement</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, simply signed</li> <li>Statutory declaration and statement of case, simply signed</li> </ul>	

## TANZANIA | 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

10 years from the 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"> <li>Specification, claims and abstract in English</li> <li>Formal drawings, if applicable</li> <li>International patent classification</li> <li>Deed of assignment</li> <li>Priority document with verified English translation</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, simply signed</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, simply signed</li> </ul>	

### BODIES

ARIPO, World Intellectual Property Organization,  
 World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Paris Convention, WIPO Convention, Banjul Protocol



## TUNISIA | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

11<sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass 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 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 5 consecutive years from registration 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA must be submitted within 30 days from filing date</li> <li>Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No grace period</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of the change of name or an extract from the commercial register, with simple French translation</li> <li>For change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, with simple French translation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, with simple French translation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, with simple French translation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> <li>Separate POAs required from licensee and licensor</li> </ul>

## 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



### PUBLICATION

Patents are published in the Industrial Property Bulletin upon allowance



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

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,  
World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS







Berne Convention, Madrid Agreement (Source),  
Nairobi Treaty, Paris Convention, Budapest  
Treaty, Hague Agreement, Lisbon Agreement,  
Patent Cooperation Treaty, Nice Agreement,  
Vienna Agreement, The International Union for  
the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

## TURKEY | TRADEMARKS

	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass application		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 2 months from publication date
	<b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds		<b>USE</b> 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
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA must be submitted at the time of filing</li> <li>Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name, certified</li> <li>For change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized and Apostilled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized and Apostilled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized and Apostilled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>

## TURKEY | PATENTS

	<b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> May be searched by subject matter, patentee name, title, international classification and priority/PCT number		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 6 months from publication of search report
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form and novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability		<b>ANNUITIES</b> 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
	<b>PUBLICATION</b> Published in the Official Patent Bulletin		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>Specifications in English, with Turkish translation</li> <li>Formal drawing</li> <li>Copy of PCT application and publication</li> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name, legalized</li> <li>For change of address, no additional documents are required</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The assignment price must be indicated in the agreement</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

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

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

### BODIES

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

### CONVENTIONS

Paris Convention, Berne Convention, Rome Convention, WIPO Copyright Treaty, WIPO Performances & Phonograms Treaty, Patent Cooperation Treaty

## WEST BANK | TRADEMARKS

 <b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> edition - single class application	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 3 months from publication date
 <b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 14 years each
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 <b>USE</b> 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"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> <li>Priority claim is not possible</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 1 month</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>Maybe recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Separate POAs must be submitted by licensee and licensor</li> </ul>

## WEST BANK | PATENTS

 <b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> May be searched by subject matter, patentee name, title, and priority data	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 2 months from publication date
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form and patentability	 <b>ANNUITIES</b> Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable prior to the expiration of the 4 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup> years as from filing date. Grace period of 2 months for late payment with a surcharge
 <b>PUBLICATION</b> Published in the Industrial Property Gazette	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>3 copies of the specifications in English, with Arabic translation</li> <li>3 sets of formal drawings</li> <li>Assignment from inventors, notarized</li> <li>Certified copy of Letters Patents from country of origin</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change/address, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The assignment price should be indicated in the agreement</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA may be submitted by licensee or licensor</li> </ul>

## YEMEN | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

8<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## YEMEN | PATENTS



### EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



### OPPOSITION

90 days from publication date



### EXAMINATION

As to form



### 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



### PUBLICATION

Published in the Official Gazette upon allowance



### 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"> <li>• Extract from the commercial register, legalized</li> <li>• Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>• Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> <li>• Abstract of the invention</li> <li>• Technical specifications of the invention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All documents may be submitted within 60 days from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> <li>• Extract from the commercial register, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>• Extract from the commercial register of assignor, legalized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of merger, legalized</li> <li>• Extract from the commercial register, if new legal entity formed, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement, legalized</li> <li>• Extract from the commercial register of licensee, legalized</li> </ul>	

### BODIES

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

### CONVENTIONS







Berne Convention, Paris Convention

## ZANZIBAR | TRADEMARKS

	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> edition - single class application		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 60 days from publication date
	<b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 7 years each
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal and absolute grounds		<b>USE</b> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, simply signed</li> </ul>	
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name, simply signed</li> <li>Original certificate of registration for endorsement</li> <li>For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, simply signed</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, simply signed</li> <li>Statutory declaration and statement of case, simply signed</li> </ul>	

## ZANZIBAR | PATENTS

	<b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, patentee name and PCT number at the patent office		<b>OPPOSITION</b> 90 days from publication in the IP Bulletin issued by the Patent Office
	<b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form, absolute novelty is required		<b>ANNUITIES</b> Maintenance fees are payable annually.
	<b>PUBLICATION</b> Applications are published after grant within three months from date of notification		<b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>Specification, claims and abstract in English</li> <li>Formal drawings, if applicable</li> <li>International patent classification</li> <li>Deed of assignment</li> <li>Priority document with verified English translation</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, simply signed</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, simply signed</li> </ul>	

# REGIONAL REGISTRATION SYSTEMS









## AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) | TRADEMARKS

 <b>CLASSIFICATION</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass application	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> 6 months from publication date
 <b>SEARCH</b> Possible for word and device marks	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 <b>USE</b> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA must be submitted at the time of filing</li> <li>Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate of registration</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, notarized with verified English or French translation</li> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate of registration</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized with verified English or French translation</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized with French translation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> </ul>
<b>Member states:</b> 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

 <b>EQUIVALENT SEARCH</b> Granted and published inventions in the Official Gazette to be searched by title, subject matter, applicant and priority/PCT number	 <b>OPPOSITION</b> No provisions
 <b>EXAMINATION</b> As to form and utility of invention	 <b>ANNUITIES</b> Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge
 <b>PUBLICATION</b> Applications are not published prior to 18 months from the filing date or the earliest priority	 <b>PROTECTION TERM</b> 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"> <li>Specification and abstract in English or French in triplicate; 3 sets of formal drawings</li> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> <li>Original or certified copy of deed of assignment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of POA must be submitted at the time of filing; original POA may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> <li>Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, certified</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, certified</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, certified</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, certified</li> </ul>	



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

**CLASSIFICATION**

9<sup>th</sup> edition (some member states use the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**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	• Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified with English translation	
RENEWAL	• No additional documents are required	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	• 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	

(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

**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**

Possible by applicant name, title, priority/ PCT number

**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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
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	• 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	• Certificate of change of name/address, simply signed	• 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	• Deed of assignment, simply signed	• 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	• Certificate of merger, simply signed	• 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	• License agreement, certified	• 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

## AFFILIATIONS

**BODIES**

World Intellectual Property Organization

**CONVENTIONS**

Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

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

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### AFFILIATIONS

**BODIES**  
None

**CONVENTIONS**  
None



## GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRADEMARKS

Country	Nice Edition	Multiple /Single Class Application	POA	Priority	Opposition Period	Protection Term	Renewal Grace Period
Afghanistan	10 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Legalized	Yes	30 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	-
Algeria	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Armenia	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Azerbaijan	11 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Notarized	Yes	3 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Bahrain	11 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Cyprus	11 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Egypt	10 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Ethiopia	10 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Legalized	No	30 days from publication date	7 years from registration date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Gaza	10 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Simply signed	Yes	3 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Kuwait	10 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Legalized	Yes	Oppositions can only be filed before Court	15 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	3 months
Libya	8 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Oman	11 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Notorized	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Qatar	11 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Legalized	Yes	90 days from filing date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Tunisia	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	-
Turkey	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
United Arab Emirates	10 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Legalized	No	3 months from publication date	7 years from filing date, renewable for periods of 14 years each	1 month
Yemen	8 <sup>th</sup> ; 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"> <li>POA, legalized up to the Algerian Consulate</li> <li>Copy of registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>Letter of commitment in French signed under the company's seal or letterhead and duly legalized before the Algerian Consulate</li> <li>Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for 12 months, renewable for like periods
Cyprus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA, simply signed</li> <li>Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>Application form</li> <li>Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Jordan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recordal with General Customs Department               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA, legalized up to the Jordanian Consulate</li> <li>Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>A petition duly executed on behalf of the rights holder</li> <li>Brochures or images showing how the genuine trademark is being used</li> </ul> </li> <li>Recordal with Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Power of attorney, legalized up to the Jordanian Consulate</li> <li>Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>Application form</li> <li>Brochures or images showing how the genuine trademark is being used</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Morocco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA, legalized up to the Moroccan Consulate</li> <li>Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>A petition duly executed on behalf of the rights holder</li> <li>An undertaking, legalized, together with a notarized copy of the company's General Assembly showing the name and position of the signatory</li> <li>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)</li> <li>Any relevant information on the origin of the counterfeit goods if available (optional)</li> <li>A specification of the exact goods for which the mark is actually used, in order for Customs to assign the adequate harmonized system coding</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for 12 months, renewable for like periods
Saudi Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA, legalized up to the Saudi Consulate</li> <li>Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Sudan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA, legalized up to the Sudanese Consulate</li> <li>Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>Certificate of Incorporation, legalized up to the Sudanese Consulate</li> <li>Copy of the Import Certificate. Same is usually issued to the local agent/ distributor by the Ministry of Economy and Trade</li> <li>Application form</li> <li>An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA, simply signed</li> <li>Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>Application Form</li> <li>Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA, notarized with an Apostille certification</li> <li>Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>Application form</li> <li>An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products</li> </ul>	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"> <li>POA, legalized up to the UAE Consulate</li> <li>Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>Application form</li> <li>An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products</li> </ul>	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"> <li>Name and particulars of the applicant</li> <li>Name and title of the authorized signatory</li> <li>POA, notarized in case the applicant is of Egyptian Nationality; while for the others, the POA should be legalized up the Egyptian Consulate</li> <li>Copy of corresponding certificate of registration</li> </ul>	1-5 years depending on the registrar	Required
Jordan	.al-ordun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA, legalized</li> <li>A copy of the certificate of registration of trademark</li> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation of the domain name owner</li> <li>The primary name server and secondary name server and their IP addresses</li> </ul>	2 years, then renewable every year	Not required
Palestine	.falasteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of the corresponding home registration certificate of the mark, certified</li> </ul>	To be announced	To be announced
Qatar	.qatar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The registrant contacts, admin contacts, tech contacts and the DNS/IP details</li> <li>Copy of the corresponding certificate of registration inside/outside Qatar</li> </ul>	Renewed annually	Not required
Saudi Arabia	.alsauodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA, simply signed</li> <li>A letter addressed to Saudi Network Information Center, completed on applicant's letterhead, simply signed, with company seal</li> <li>Copy of the corresponding certificate of registration or copy of the corresponding certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register</li> </ul>	Unlimited	Required
Tunisia	.tunis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA, simply signed</li> <li>A Tunisian application or a Tunisian registration but in Arabic language</li> </ul>	1 year, then renewable every year	Not required
UAE	.emarat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter of Authorization or POA</li> <li>Copy of the corresponding certificate of registration</li> </ul>	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	