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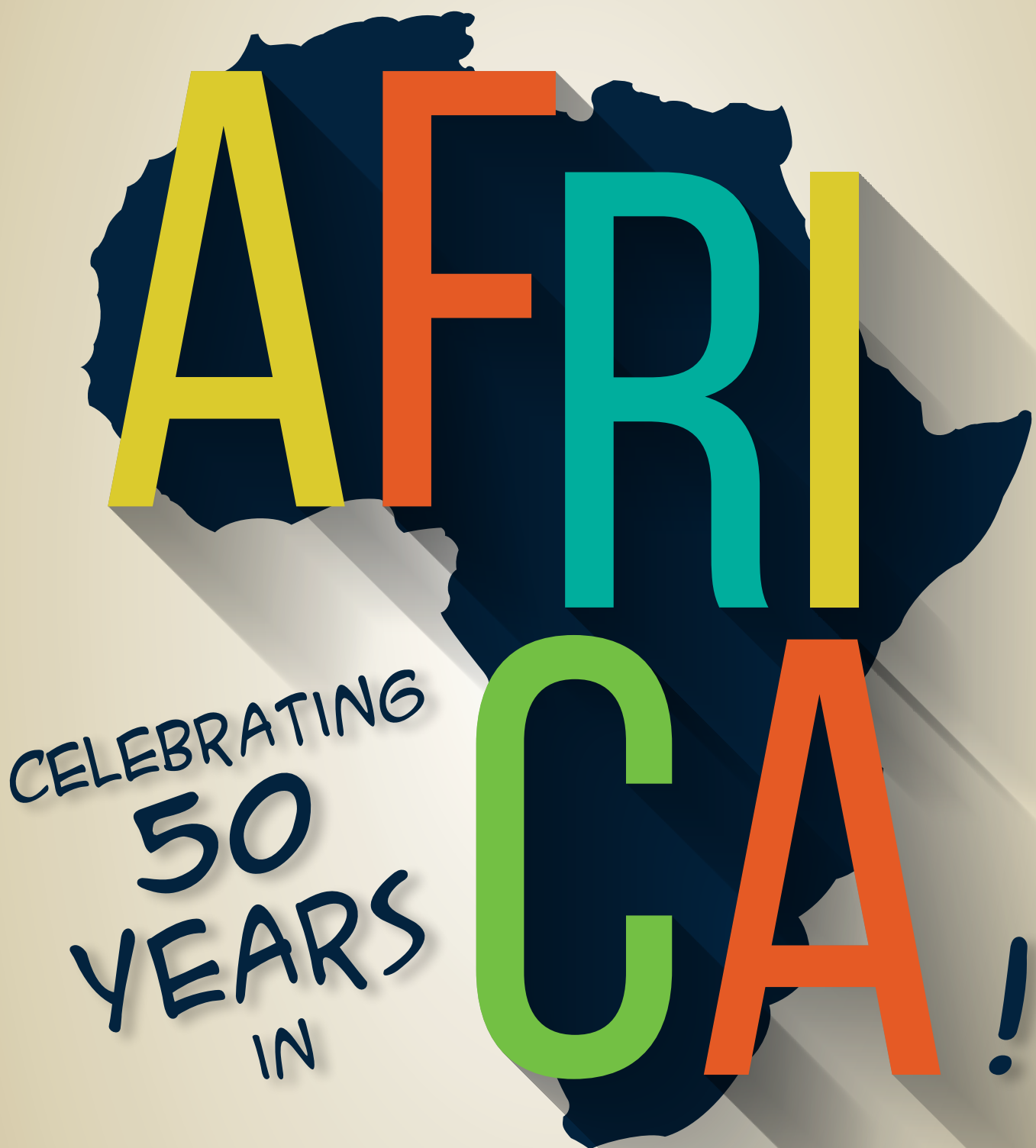
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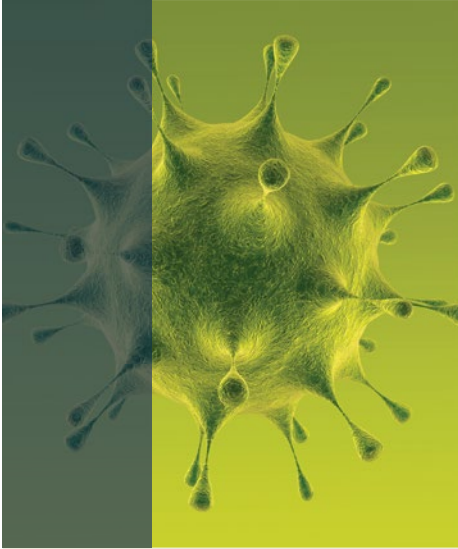
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WITH THE WIDESPREAD OF
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19), **WE WANT**
TO SEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR
EVERYONE'S SAFETY.



MENA | OPERATIONAL CONTINUITY IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC



As the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread in our region and across the globe, we want to assure you that our number one priority is the safety and well-being of our people, families, clients, and the communities in which we live and work.

Accordingly, we have put measures in place that help ensure both safety for our people and business continuity for our valued clients. We are consistently monitoring the situation and following all recommendations from the World Health Organization and local authorities. In the likely event of an office closure or any other disruption, our professionals have the technological and operational infrastructure to work remotely, and can access our firm's servers through secure and encrypted connections that ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of all emails and documents.

In order to ensure an uninterrupted service, you may send all your instructions, queries, and documents directly to your account managers and the people you are corresponding with at the offices concerned. We will docket all the instructions we receive from you, prepare all the required forms, and diarize all approaching deadlines in order to ensure proper follow-up and organization. Please click **here** for more information on how to reach a particular office in the Saba IP Network.

Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please contact us at **support@sabaip.com** or visit our **website** for the latest updates and developments as they occur.

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UAE | REVISED OFFICIAL FEES



Pursuant to Cabinet Decision no. 20 of 2020, the Ministry of Economy in the United Arab Emirates announced a revision in the official fees for a number of services related to intellectual property matters. The reduced fees are significant and cover a range of services, such as trademark applications, registrations, oppositions, assignment records, and search fees. The new fees entered into force on April 5, 2020.

It is worth noting that the last round of fee reductions for IP services in the UAE was in July 2019. These recent developments are part of the country's efforts to move from service-based revenues to a taxed-based system following the introduction of VAT in January 2018. This will undoubtedly further enhance the business environment, empower entrepreneurs, and encourage the creation of new investment opportunities.

TRADEMARK PROTECTION FRAMEWORK IN UAE***Classification***

10th Edition of the Nice Classification - single class application. Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered

Search

Search is possible for word and device marks

Examination

Examination is performed on formal, absolute, and relative grounds

Opposition

Oppositions may be filed 30 days from publication date

Protection Term

Protection term is 10 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 10 years each

Use

Trademarks are vulnerable to cancellation proceeding if the mark has not been used for 5 years from date of filing

UAE | REVISED OFFICIAL FEES



PATENT PROTECTION FRAMEWORK IN UAE

Equivalent Search

Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, patentee name and PCT number at the Patent Office (unofficial)

Examination

Examination is performed as to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, unity, and compliance

Publication

Applications are published after grant

Opposition

Oppositions may be filed 60 days from publication in the IP Bulletin issued by the Patent Office after allowance

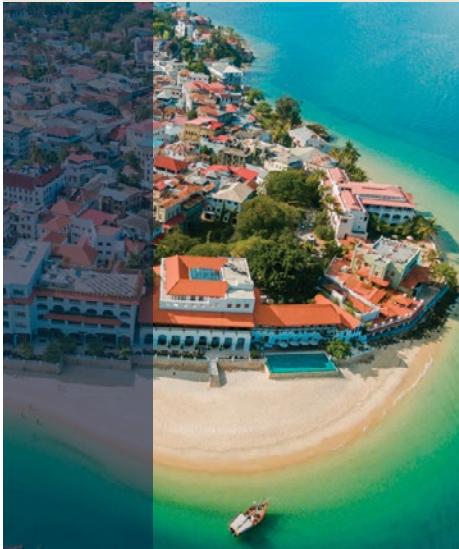
Annuities

Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable on pending applications. 6 months grace period for late payment, where the last 3 months payment will be subjected to a surcharge

Protection Term

Protection term is 20 years from filing date 10 years from filing date for utility model

ZANZIBAR | THE BEGINNING OF AN ONLINE ERA FOR TRADEMARKS



In an effort to ensure a regular publication schedule and to streamline the opposition process, trademarks are published online on a monthly basis by the Trademark Office in Zanzibar as of March 1, 2020.

Previously, before the introduction of the electronic publication platform at the TMO, the publication of trademark applications was sporadic and infrequent in Zanzibar and that caused some delays in filing oppositions and in issuing trademark registrations. We expect this new electronic process to reduce the time required for completing trademark matters at the TMO and to end the publication backlog.

In related news, the TMO is also expected to establish an online platform to begin receiving and processing trademark applications, signifying a deep-rooted commitment to develop and establish a competent IP system.

TRADEMARK PROTECTION FRAMEWORK IN ZANZIBAR

Classification

10th Edition of the Nice Classification - single class application

Search

Search is possible for word and device marks

Examination

Examination is performed on formal, absolute, and relative grounds

Opposition

Oppositions may be filed 60 days from publication date

Protection Term

Protection term is 10 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 7 years each

Use

Trademarks are vulnerable to cancellation proceeding if the mark has not been used for 3 years from date of filing

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QATAR | INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS LAW ISSUED



QATAR

In its ongoing efforts to advance the intellectual property protection scene in the country, Qatar issued Law no. 10 of 2020 on the Protection of Industrial Designs on April 19, 2020.

Prior to the issuance of the Law, protection could be sought out by publishing cautionary notices at regular intervals in local Qatari newspapers. Such notices could have legal value when submitted in court, in the event of infringement, thereby claiming ownership of the design and alerting third parties against further infringement.

It is worth noting that with Qatar's ratification of the unified Gulf Cooperation Council Trademarks Law that only concerns trademarks and geographical indications, the new Law will offer a more comprehensive protection for designs once the Implementing Regulations are issued.

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SAUDI ARABIA | LAUNCHING DATA EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH KIPO



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ARABIA

Despite the global lockdown and worldwide social distancing, the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) signed a program for exchanging intellectual property data with the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) on April 22, 2020. The program will provide IP information to the public through the exchange of published and registered IP data in both Saudi Arabia and South Korea.

It is worth noting that SAIP has regularly been showcasing its efforts as a self-funded agency with consolidated enforcement power and streamlined procedures. SAIP has been very active since its inception in late 2017, and has signed patent prosecution highway agreements with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Japan Patent Office, and the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

Saudi Arabia shows its commitment to develop and establish a competent IP system and demonstrates its awareness of the strategic importance of IP on the country's economic development.

IT'S NOT ABOUT
BEING THERE.
IT'S ABOUT
BEING AWARE.



"THE OTHER
FIELD"
EDWARD HOPPER 1966

90⁺

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

18

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