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

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT MEASURES**

**United Arab Emirates - Departments of Economic Development**

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

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

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

**Saudi Arabia - Anti Commercial Fraud Department**

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

Filing a complaint with the Department achieves fast results, is simpler to put together and is considerably less expensive than seeking civil or criminal enforcement. The complaint with the Anti-Commercial Fraud Department is unlikely to succeed without the support of a trademark registration certificate. The certificates should clearly depict an appropriate representation of the mark and a relevant description of the goods. The Department may decline to act if these are not tied closely to the infringing conduct.

**Customs Recordal and Complaints**

Border measures are always a key tool in the fight against counterfeiting and piracy and are critical for successful intellectual property enforcement. In the scope of the continuous efforts to create competent border enforcement measures and to provide effective protection, the Customs in Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, UAE, Tunisia, Turkey and Cyprus have established trademark recordation systems for registered trademarks.

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

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

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

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

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

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**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

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

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

**CONVENTIONS**
None

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### ALGERIA | TRADEMARKS

**CLASSIFICATION**
- 11th edition - multiclass application

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

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**REGISTRATION**
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified, accompanied with sworn French translation
- POA may be submitted within 2 months from filing date
- Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date

**RENEWAL**
- Declaration of use, simply signed
- Grace period of 6 months

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name with sworn French translation, notarized
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment with sworn French translation, legalized and notarized
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger with sworn French translation, legalized and notarized
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**LICENSE**
- License agreement with sworn French translation, legalized and notarized
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

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### ALGERIA | PATENTS

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**REGISTRATION**
- Copy of international publication
- Copy of international search report (ISR)
- Copy of international preliminary examination report (if available)
- Title in French
- 2 copies of the specifications in Arabic
- ISR in Arabic
- Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
- POA may be submitted within 2 months from filing date
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified, accompanied with sworn French translation

**RENEWAL**
- Declaration of use, simply signed
- Grace period of 6 months

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, notarized

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, legalized and notarized
- License agreement, legalized and notarized

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized and notarized

**OPPOSITION**
- No provisions

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

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

**PUBLICATION**
- Applications are published after grant in the official gazette

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

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

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

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# ARMENIA | TRADEMARKS

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## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks

## EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

## USE

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

## REGISTRATION

- Copy of the specifications, claims, and abstracts with Armenian translation
- 1 set of drawings and the abstract
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified

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Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date.
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## RENEWAL

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

## CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

## ASSIGNMENT

- Deed of assignment, simply signed
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- May be recorded for applications and registrations

## MERGER

- Certificate of merger, notarized
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

## LICENSE

- License agreement, notarized
- May be recorded for registrations only
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

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# ARMENIA | PATENTS

## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

No provisions

## EXAMINATION

On formal and substantive grounds

## ANNUITIES

Due annually on the anniversary of the grant

## PROTECTION TERM

20 years from the international filing date

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## CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

## ASSIGNMENT

- Deed of assignment, notarized
- Documents must be accompanied with an English translation if made in a foreign language
- Documents must be translated into Armenian upon submission

## MERGER

- Certificate of merger, notarized
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**BODIES**


**CONVENTIONS**

**AZERBAIJAN | TRADEMARKS**

| CLASSIFICATION | 11th edition - multiclass application |
| SEARCH | Possible for word and device marks |
| EXAMINATION | On formal, absolute, and relative grounds |

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**AZERBAIJAN | PATENTS**

| EQUIVALENT SEARCH | No provisions |
| EXAMINATION | As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability |
| PUBLICATION | Patent applications are published in the Official Gazette |

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### OPPOSITION

- 3 months from publication date
- 6 months from publication date

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## BAHRAIN | TRADEMARKS

### CLASSIFICATION
11th edition - single class application

### SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

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

### FILING REQUIREMENTS
- POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures
- Document must be translated into Arabic upon submission

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
- All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
- Grace period of 6 months
- May be recorded for registrations only
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for registrations only
- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties
- May be recorded for registrations only
- Separate POAs are required from the licensee and licensor

#### REGISTRATION
- Certificate of incorporation, with Apostille certification/legalized; or certificate from the chamber of commerce indicating the nature of business, with Apostille certification/legalized; or certificate from the chamber of commerce indicating the nature of business, with Apostille certification/legalized
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
- Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification/legalized
- Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification/legalized
- License agreement, with Apostille certification/legalized

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

#### ASSIGNMENT
- Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification/legalized

#### MERGER
- Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification/legalized

#### LICENSE
- License agreement, with Apostille certification/legalized

#### CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
- Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification/legalized

## BAHRAIN | PATENTS

### Equivalent Search
- Published and granted patents may be searched by title, abstract, inventor(s), priority information, subject matter and patentee(s) name

### Examination
- As to form, novelty, inventiveiveness, industrial applicability, unity and compliance

### Opposition
- 60 days from publication date

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

### Filing Requirements
- POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures

### What You Need To Know
- Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
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- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties
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#### Registration
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, with Apostille certification/legalized; along with drawings
- Assignment from inventors with Apostille certification
- Complete specifications in English
- Copy of international application and publication
- Copy of the international search report
- Complete specifications in Arabic

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

#### Equivalent Search
- Published and granted patents may be searched by title, abstract, inventor(s), priority information, subject matter and patentee(s) name

#### Examination
- As to form, novelty, inventiveiveness, industrial applicability, unity and compliance

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

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

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

#### Change of Name or Address
- Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, with Apostille certification/legalized

#### Assignment
- Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission

#### License
- License agreement, with Apostille certification/legalized

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

### Conventions

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

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**Registration**
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, notarized
- No additional documents are required

**Renewal**
- No additional documents are required
- May be recorded for registrations only

**Change of Name or Address**
- No additional documents are required
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for registrations only

**Assignment**
- No additional documents are required

**Merger**
- No additional documents are required

**License**
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- May be recorded for registrations only
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

#### Patents

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**Examination**
- As to form only, for EP validations

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

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

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

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

**Opposition**
- No provisions

**Renewal**
- Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures
- Must be submitted at the time of EP validation
- POA may be submitted within 3 months from validation

**Change of Name or Address**
- Certificate of change of name/address, notarized
- Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
- Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission

**Assignment**
- Deed of assignment, notarized
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- Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor

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**Examination**

As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.

**Opposition**

60 days from publication date.

**Protection Term**

20 years from the filing date.

**Conventions**

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## EXAMINATION

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

## 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.

## PROTECTION TERM

20 years from filing date and renewable for like periods.

## ANNUITIES

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

## OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date.

## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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

## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks.

## AFFILIATIONS

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

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### ETHIOPIA | TRADEMARKS

**CLASSIFICATION**
10th edition - multiclass application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- Certified copy of home or any foreign registration certificate of the mark with English translation, notarized
- Deed of assignment with English translation, notarized
- Certificate of merger with English translation, notarized
- License agreement with English translation, notarized

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

**OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date

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

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### ETHIOPIA | PATENTS

**CLASSIFICATION**
10th edition - multiclass application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

**OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date

**PROTECTION TERM**
15 years from the filing date, extendable for another 5 years

**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**
Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, subject matter and priority data

**PUBLICATION**
Published in the official gazette upon allowance

**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

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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**LEGALIZATION**
Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures

**REGISTRATION**
- Certificates and abstracts in English
- Copy of priority, if priority is claimed, certified
- Deed of assignment, legalized

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

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger with English translation, notarized
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized
- Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, legalized
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**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized
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**LICENSE**
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**AFFILIATIONS**
World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization (observer status)

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**GAZA | PATENTS**

**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**
Limited to data verification

**OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date

**EXAMINATION**
As to form and patentability

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

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

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

**OPPOSITION**
Grace period of 3 months from publication date

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures

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**GAZA | TRADEMARKS**

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

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

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

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**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

**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

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**IRAN | TRADEMARKS**

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

**SEARCH**
 Possible for word and device marks

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

**OPPOSITION**
 30 days from publication date

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

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

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**REGISTRATION**
 - Extract from the commercial register, notarized
 - Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
 - All documents may be submitted within 60 days from notification date

**RENEWAL**
 - Extract from the commercial register, notarized
 - Grace period of 6 months

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
 - Extract from the commercial register, notarized and legalized
 - Original certificate of registration for endorsement
 - May be recorded for applications and registrations

**ASSIGNMENT**
 - Deed of assignment, legalized
 - Extract from the commercial register, notarized and legalized
 - Original certificate of registration for endorsement
 - Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
 - May be recorded for applications and registrations

**MERGER**
 - Certificate of merger, legalized
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**LICENSE**
 - License agreement, legalized
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**IRAN | AFFILIATIONS**

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

CONVENTIONS
 Paris Convention, Madrid Agreement and Protocol, Patent Cooperation Treaty

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IRAQ | TRADEMARKS

**CLASSIFICATION**
7th edition - multiclass application with local sub-classification system

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

**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

**OPPOSITION**
90 days from publication date

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

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

**PUBLICATION**
Applications published after grant

**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

**REGISTERED TRADEMARKS**
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**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
- All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date
- The date of notarization of POA must precede the date of filing

**RENEWAL**
- Simple copy of the latest certificate of registration
- Grace period of 6 months

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing the change, legalized
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration
- For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA
- May be recorded for registrations only

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Trademarks may be assigned with the goodwill of the business concerned unless otherwise agreed upon
- 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
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**IRAQ | PATENTS**

**CLASSIFICATION**

**SEARCH**

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

**OPPOSITION**
Any time after grant

**PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from filing date

**ANNUITIES**
Back annuities are due upon grant; then due annually and calculated based on the submission date of the last supporting document

**SEARCH**

**PUBLICATION**
Applications published after grant

**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

**REGISTERED TRADEMARKS**

**FILING REQUIREMENTS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
- Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures

**REGISTRATION**
- 8 copies of the specifications in English and Arabic
- 8 sets of drawings
- Deed of assignment from the inventors, legalized
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified

**RENEWAL**
- Simple copy of the latest certificate of registration

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

**ASSIGNMENT**
- Deed of assignment, legalized

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized

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### JORDAN | TRADEMARKS

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

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

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

**OPPOSITION**
3 months from publication date

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

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#### REGISTRATION
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
- Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
- Copy of the notarized POA may be submitted at the time of filing. The legalized copy must be submitted within 3 months from the filing date
- Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission

#### RENEWAL
- No additional documents are required
- Grace period of 1 year
- Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission

#### CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
- Certificate of change of name, legalized
- For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA
- May be recorded for registrations only
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#### ASSIGNMENT
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
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#### MERGER
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#### LICENSE
- License agreement, legalized
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### JORDAN | PATENTS

**CLASSIFICATION**
Trade Organization

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**PROTECTION TERM**
20 years from filing date

**OPPOSITION**
3 months from publication date

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#### REGISTRATION
- Affidavit (Form no. 4), signed by inventor(s)
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
- Copy of certificate of incorporation
- English specifications and drawings
- Arabic translation of specifications and drawings
- The rest of the documents may be submitted within sixty days from filing date

#### CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
- Extract from the commercial register showing old and new name, certified
- For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA
- Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language
- Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission

#### ASSIGNMENT
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Copy of certificate of incorporation of the applicant company, certified
- Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language
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#### MERGER
- Certificate of merger, legalized
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| 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 |

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| EQUIVALENT SEARCH | No provisions |

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

| PUBLICATION | Patent applications are published in the Official Gazette |

| OPPOSITION | 6 months from publication date |

| ANNUITIES | Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date |

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

| SEARCH | Possible for word and device marks |

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### Registration

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

### Renewal

- Copy of certificate of registration showing the validity and last owner particulars of the trademark
- Grace period of 6 months

### Change of Name or Address

- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized
- Copy of certificate of registration showing the validity and last owner particulars of the trademark
- May be recorded for registrations only

### Assignment

- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Copy of certificate of registration showing the validity and last owner particulars of the trademark
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for registrations only

### Merger

- Certificate of merger, legalized
- Copy of certificate of registration showing the validity and last owner particulars of the trademark
- May be recorded for registrations only

### License

- Certified copy of the license agreement, legalized
- Copy of the signature certificate of the licensee
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### Patents

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### Registration

- Scanned colored copy of the priority document along with its English translation
- Copy of international publication
- Copy of international search report
- Copy of international preliminary report on patentability

### Opposition

- No provisions

### Examination

- No provisions

### Annuities

- No provisions

### Publication

- No provisions

### Protection Term

- 20 years from filing date

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LIBYA | PATENTS

FILING REQUIREMENTS
Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

REGISTRATION
Deed of assignment from inventors, legalized
Extract from the commercial register or certificate of good standing, legalized
Simple copy of the priority document
Copy of international publication (with ISR if published)
Copy of the specifications in both English and Arabic

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

ASSIGNMENT
Deed of assignment, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation
Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register of the assignee, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation

MERGER
Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register of the surviving company, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation
Certificate of merger, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation

LICENSE
License agreement, legalized

EXAMINATION
As to form

OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

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

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

LIBYA | TRADEMARKS

FILING REQUIREMENTS
Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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

RENEWAL
No additional documents are required
Grace period of 6 months

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
Certificate of change of name/address from home registry, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation

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LICENSE
License agreement, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation

EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

OPPOSITION
3 months from publication date

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

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

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

All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
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BODIES
World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization (observer status)

CONVENTIONS
Paris Convention, Berne Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

AFFILIATIONS
### Malta | Trademarks

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

**Search**
Possible for word and device marks

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

**Opposition**
2 months from publication date

**Protection Term**
10 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 10 years each

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

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- Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date.
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned.
- May be recorded for registrations only.
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties.

### Malta | Patents

**Equivalent Search**
Patents may be searched by patent number, EP/PCT number

**Examination**
As to form only

**Opposition**
No provisions

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

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

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- POA may be submitted within three months from validation.
- Documents must be translated into English upon submission.
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### BODIES
World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization, European Union

### Conventions
**MOROCCO | TRADEMARKS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - multiclass application

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On format and absolute grounds

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
- Deed of assignment, notarized
- Certificate of merger, notarized
- License agreement with verified French translation, notarized

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
- All documents may be submitted within 4 months from filing date
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties

**OPPOSITION**
2 months from publication date

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

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On format and absolute grounds

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- Extract from the commercial register evidencing the change with French translation, legalized
- Certificate of merger, notarized
- License agreement with verified French translation, notarized

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
- May be recorded for registrations only
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Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On format and absolute grounds

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- Extract from the commercial register evidencing the change with, legalized
- Certificate of merger, notarized
- License agreement, notarized

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
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**PROTECTION TERM**
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Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
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**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
- Extract from the commercial register evidencing the change with, legalized
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- License agreement, notarized

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**CONVENTIONS**

**AFFILIATIONS**
- World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

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- Copy of certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register.
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified.

**RENEWAL**

- No additional documents are required.

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**

- Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification.

**ASSIGNMENT**

- Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification.
- Copy of certificate of incorporation.

**MERGER**

- Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification.
- Copy of certificate of incorporation.

**LICENSE**

- License agreement, with Apostille certification.
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### Equivalent Search

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**REGISTRATION**

- Copy of international publication (with ISR if published).
- 2 copies of the specifications in both English and Arabic.
- 2 sets of drawings in both English and Arabic.
- Assignment from inventors, with Apostille certification.
- Extract from the commercial register or certificate of good standing.

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**

- Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification.

**ASSIGNMENT**

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

**MERGER**

- Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification.

**LICENSE**

- License agreement, with Apostille certification.
- Extract from licensee commercial register, with Apostille certification.

**OPPOSITION**

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

**EXAMINATION**

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

**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.

**ANNUITIES**

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

**PROTECTION TERM**

- 20 years from the international filing date.

**SEARCH**

- Possible for word and device marks.

**EXAMINATION**

- On formal, absolute, and relative grounds.

**OPPOSITION**

- 60 days from publication date.
- 120 days from publication date.

**PROTECTION TERM**

- 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods.
- 20 years from filing date and renewable for like periods.

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# Pakistan | Trademarks

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## Registration

- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
- Date of first use of the mark in Pakistan, if available
- Transliteration and translation of non-English words appearing on the mark

## Renewal

- No additional documents are required

## Change of Name or Address

- Certificate of change of name, notarized
- For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA

## Assignment

- Deed of assignment, notarized

## Merger

- Certificate of merger, notarized

## License

- License agreement, notarized

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.

Grace period of 6 months

May be recorded for registrations only

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.

May be recorded for registrations only

Grace period of 6 months

May be recorded for registrations only

License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become enforceable against third parties.

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# Pakistan | Patents

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## Registration

- 3 copies of the specifications in English
- 3 sets of drawings
- Certified copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
- Deed of assignment from inventors

## Change of Name or Address

- Certificate of change of name/address, certified

## Assignment

- Deed of assignment, notarized

## Merger

- Certificate of merger, certified

## License

- License agreement, certified

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### Trademarks

**Classifications:**
- 10th edition - single class application. Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, pork meat in class 29, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered.

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

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

**Opposition:**
- 60 days from publication date.

**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 from registration date.

**Registration:**
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified.
- A notarized and legalized scanned colored copy of the priority document must be submitted at the time of filing. The original copies may be submitted within 3 months from filing date.

**Renewal:**
- No additional documents are required.
- Grace period of 6 lunar months.

**Change of Name or Address:**
- Certificate of change of name, legalized.
- For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA and the original certificate of registration for endorsement.

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

**Merger:**
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**License:**
- License agreement, legalized.
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**Examination:**
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**Opposition:**
- No provisions.

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**Search:**
- Official search among published applications/patents is possible by patentee name, title, abstract, priority/PCT number, inventor name.

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**Publication:**
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### Sudan | Trademarks

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

#### Search
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### Sudan | Affiliations

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

### Sudan | Conventions

- Berne Convention
- Paris Convention
- Patent Law Treaty (Signature)
- Madrid Agreement (Marks)
- Patent Cooperation Treaty
**SYRIA | TRADEMARKS**

**CLASSIFICATION**

*11th edition - single class application*

**SEARCH**

*Possible for word and device marks*

**EXAMINATION**

*On formal, absolute, and relative grounds*

**USE**

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**RENEWAL**

- No additional documents are required
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**OPPOSITION**

90 days from publication date

**PUBLICATION**

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**PROTECTION TERM**

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**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
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- Original certificate of registration for endorsement

**ASSIGNMENT**
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  - Simple copy of latest certificate of registration

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

**TANZANIA | TRADEMARKS**

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

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

**EXAMINATION**
On formal and absolute grounds

**OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date

**USE**
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**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

**SEARCH**
Possible for word and device marks

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

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

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

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**REGISTRATION**
- Specification, claims and abstract in English
- Formal drawings, if applicable
- International patent classification
- Deed of assignment
- Priority document with verified English translation

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
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**TANZANIA | AFFILIATIONS**

**BODIES**
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**CONVENTIONS**
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## BODIES

- World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

## CONVENTIONS

FILING REQUIREMENTS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

REGISTRATION
Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures

- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified

POA must be submitted at the time of filing

Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date

RENEWAL
No additional documents are required

Grace period of 6 months

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
Certificate of change of name, certified

For change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA

May be recorded for applications and registrations

ASSIGNMENT
Deed of assignment, notarized and Apostilled

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

May be recorded for applications and registrations

MERGER
Certificate of merger, notarized and Apostilled

May be recorded for applications and registrations

LICENSE
License agreement, notarized and Apostilled

License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties

May be recorded for applications and registrations

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

TURKEY | PATENTS

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

OPPOSITION
6 months from publication of search report

EXAMINATION
As to form and 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
Published in the Official Patent Bulletin

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from the international filing date

FILING REQUIREMENTS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

REGISTRATION
Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures

- Specifications in English, with Turkish translation

- Formal drawing

- Copy of PCT application and publication

- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified

Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
Certificate of change of name, legalised

For change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA

ASSIGNMENT
Deed of assignment, legalised

The assignment price must be indicated in the agreement

MERGER
Certificate of merger, legalised

LICENSE
License agreement, legalised

OPPOSITION
6 months from publication of search report

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

PUBLICATION
Published in the Official Patent Bulletin

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from the international filing date

BODIES
World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

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### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | TRADEMARKS

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

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

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

#### FILING REQUIREMENTS

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

#### RENEWAL
- Simple copy of latest certificate
- Grace period of 3 months

#### CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized with English translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate
- May be recorded for registrations only

#### ASSIGNMENT
- Deed of assignment, legalized with English translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate
- May be recorded for registrations only
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned

#### MERGER
- Certificate of merger, legalized, with English translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate
- May be recorded for registrations only

#### LICENSE
- License agreement, legalized with English translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate
- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties
- May be recorded for registrations only
- Separate POAs must be submitted by the licensee and licensor

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

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | PATENTS

#### EQUIVALENT SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks.

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

#### PROTECTION TERM
20 years from filing 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.

#### OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | PATENTS

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#### REGISTRATION
- Copy of international publication
- Specifications in English and Arabic
- Drawings in English and Arabic
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Extract from the commercial register or certificate of good standing, legalized
- Copy of international publication, copies of the specifications, and drawings must be submitted at the time of filing
- POA and remaining documents must be submitted within 90 days from filing date

#### CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized with English translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate
- May be recorded for registrations only

#### ASSIGNMENT
- Extract from the commercial register of assignee, legalized
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Separate POAs must be submitted by the assignor

#### MERGER
- Certificate of merger, legalized
- Separate POAs must be submitted by the licensor and licensee

#### LICENSE
- License agreement, legalized
- Extract from the commercial register of licensee, legalized
- Separate POAs must be submitted by the licensor and licensee

#### 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.

### 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

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

### SEARCH
- Possible for word and device marks

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

### FILING REQUIREMENTS
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### REGISTRATION
- No additional documents are required
- POA may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
- 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, legalized
- 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
- Maybe recorded for registrations only
- Separate POAs must be submitted by licensee and licensor

## WEST BANK | PATENTS

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

### SEARCH
- Possible for word and device marks

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

### FILING REQUIREMENTS
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### REGISTRATION
- 3 copies of the specifications in English, with Arabic translation
- 3 sets of formal drawings
- Assignment from inventors, notarized
- Certified copy of Letters Patents from country of origin

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

### 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
- Maybe recorded for registrations only
- Separate POAs must be submitted by licensee and licensor

### PROTECTION TERM
- Duration of patent of origin
**YEMEN | TRADEMARKS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
- 8th 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.

**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**
- Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures.

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

**RENEWAL**
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration.
- Grace period of 1 year.

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register attesting the change of name/address of the applicant, legalized.

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

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized.
- May be recorded for registrations only.

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized.
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties.
- May be recorded for registrations only.
- Separate POAs must be submitted by licensor and licensee.

**YEMEN | PATENTS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
- 8th 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**
- As to form.

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

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

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**
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**REGISTRATION**
- Extract from the commercial register, legalized.
- Deed of assignment, legalized.
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified.
- Abstract of the invention.
- Technical specifications of the invention.

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized.
- Extract from the commercial register, legalized.

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

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

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

**SEARCH**
- Pending and granted patents are searched by title, patentee name and/or priority date.

**EXAMINATION**
- Pending and granted patents are searched by title, patentee name and/or priority date.

**OPPOSITION**
- 90 days from publication date.

**ANNUITIES**
- Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date, and for the time being, no surcharge for late payment of maintenance fees. The patent grace period will be implemented as soon as the new implementing regulation comes into force.

**PUBLICATION**
- Published in the Official Gazette upon allowance.

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

**Yemen**

**CLASSIFICATION**
- 8th 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.

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

**USE**
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- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified.

**RENEWAL**
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration.
- Grace period of 1 year.

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register attesting the change of name/address of the applicant, legalized.

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

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized.
- May be recorded for registrations only.

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized.
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties.
- May be recorded for registrations only.
- Separate POAs must be submitted by licensor and licensee.

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

**CONVENTIONS**
- Berne Convention, Paris Convention
## ZANZIBAR | TRADEMARKS

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### CLASSIFICATION

10th edition - single class application

### SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks

### EXAMINATION

On formal and absolute grounds

### PROTECTION TERM

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

### USE

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

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## ZANZIBAR | PATENTS

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### EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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

### EXAMINATION

As to form, absolute novelty is required

### OPPORTUNITY

Maintenance fees are payable annually.

### PROTECTION TERM

The term of a patent is 20 years from the local filing date.

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**Member states:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Guinea Bissau, Senegal, Togo
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### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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

### Member states:


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

- **Classification**: 9th edition (some member states use the 7th or 8th edition) - multiclass application; however, the same application may not include both goods and services
- **Search**: Possible for word and device marks
- **Examination**: Depends on member states
- **Use**: Use depends on the national law of each member state

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

- **Equivalence Search**: Possible by applicant name, title, priority/PCT number
- **Examination**: As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and applicability
- **Protection Term**: 20 years from international filing date
- **Publication**: Applications are not published prior to 18 months from the filing date or the earliest priority
- **Opposition**: 3 months from the publication date

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### What You Need To Know

- Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures
- 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
- Certificate of change of name/address, simply signed
- Deed of assignment, simply signed
- Certificate of merger, simply signed
- License agreement, certified

### What You Need To Know

- Copy of POA must be submitted at the time of filing; original POA may be submitted within 2 months from filing date
- 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
- 3 months from the publication date
- No provisions
- Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge
- 10 years from the filing date and renewable for like periods
- Use depends on the national law of each member state
- 18 months from the filing date or the earliest priority

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### Affiliations

- World Intellectual Property Organization
- Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

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### Equivalent Search

- Possible by applicant name, title, priority/PCT number
- No provisions

### Examination

- As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and applicability
- Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge

### Protection Term

- 20 years from international filing date

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### BODIES

- World Intellectual Property Organization

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### CONVENTIONS

- Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty
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.

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.

On January 6, 2021, following several decisions that were issued by the Gulf Cooperation Council Supreme Council during its 41st meeting on January 5, 2021, an amended GCC Patent Law (Regulation) was approved. In a statement made on its official website, the GCC Patent Office (GCCPO) announced that as of January 6, 2021, it will no longer accept new patent application filings.

Following this unexpected announcement by the GCCPO, any applicants who are interested in filing a new patent application in any of the six member countries, namely Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates, should either: (1) file a patent application via the Paris Convention in each member country within 12 months from the earliest filed priority application; or (2) file a Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) application and then enter the national phase in each of one or more of the six above-mentioned member countries.
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<td>Possible</td>
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<td>As to form only</td>
<td>Possible</td>
<td>For four terms of 5 years each</td>
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<td>As to form and novelty</td>
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<td>For one term of 5 years with a 3 months grace period</td>
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<td>As to form and novelty</td>
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<td>As to form, novelty and industrial applicability</td>
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<td>Not possible</td>
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<td>Jordan</td>
<td>15 years from filing date, and if priority is claimed, 15 years from priority date</td>
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<td>As to form, local novelty, and industrial applicability</td>
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<td>Lebanon</td>
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<td>For one additional term of 25 years</td>
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<td>As to form only</td>
<td>Possible up to 100 designs/models of the same nature</td>
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<td>For two consecutive terms of 5 years each</td>
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## GENERAL INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

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<td>Tunisia</td>
<td>5, 10, or 15 years from filing date</td>
<td>As to form only</td>
<td>Possible</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>10 years from filing date (A maintenance fee is due annually on the anniversary of the filing date. There is a 6-month grace period for late payment, the last 3 of which are subject to a surcharge)</td>
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<td>West Bank</td>
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<td>Recordal is valid for 12 months, renewable for like periods</td>
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<td>• Copy of registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</td>
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<td>• Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products</td>
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<td>1. Recordal with General Customs Department</td>
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<td>• A petition duly executed on behalf of the rights holder</td>
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<td>• An undertaking, legalized, together with a notarized copy of the company’s General Assembly showing the name and position of the signatory</td>
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<td>• 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)</td>
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<td>• A specification of the exact goods for which the mark is actually used, in order for Customs to assign the adequate harmonized system coding</td>
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<td>.al-ordun</td>
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<td>2 years, then renewable every year</td>
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<td>.jalasteen</td>
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<td>• Letter addressed to Saudi Network Information Center, completed on applicants letterhead, simply signed, with company seal</td>
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OTHER COUNTRIES SERVED BY THE HEAD OFFICE

Albania
Angola
Argentina
Australia
Bangladesh
Belarus
Bosnia
Brazil
Brunei
Myanmar (Burma)
Cambodia
Canada
Cayman Islands
Chile
China
European Union
France
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Hong Kong
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Italy
Japan
Kazakhstan
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Mauritius
Mexico
Nepal
New Zealand
Nigeria
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Russia
Sierra Leone
Singapore
South Africa
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