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2022-23
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 of 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 right 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.
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#### REGISTRATION
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, legalized
- All documents must be submitted at the time of filing

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

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

#### ASSIGNMENT
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for registrations only
- Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor

#### MERGER
- Certificate of merger, legalized
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement
- May be recorded for registrations only

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

## 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

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

### CONVENTIONS
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**ALGERIA | TRADEMARKS**

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11th edition - multiclass application

**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

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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

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### Protection Term

20 years from the filing date.

### Affiliations

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

### CONVENTIONS

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

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**RENEWAL**

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

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**

- May be recorded for registrations only

**ASSIGNMENT**

- 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
- Separate POAs are required from the licensee and licensor

**MERGER**

- May be recorded for registrations only

**LICENSE**

- License agreement, with Apostille certification/legalized

**SEARCH**

- Possible for word and device marks

**PROTECTION TERM**

- As to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, unity and compliance
- 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
- 20 years from the international filing date

**USE**

- Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark within the 5 years preceding the date of filing for cancellation

**PUBLICATION**

- Published in the official gazette after grant

**ANNUITIES**

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

**OPPOSITION**

- 60 days from publication date
- 60 days from grant and publication of patent

**CONVENTIONS**


**AFFILIATIONS**

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

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

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- No additional documents are required
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**ASSIGNMENT**
- No additional documents are required
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**MERGER**
- No additional documents are required
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**LICENSE**
- No additional documents are required
- May be recorded for applications and registrations
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

**OPPOSITION**
- 3 months from publication date

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**CYPRUS | PATENTS**

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

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

**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
- Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
- Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission
- Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, notarized
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**REGISTRATION**

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

**RENEWAL**

- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration
- Grace period of 6 months

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**

- Certificate of change of name/address with French translation, notarized
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**ASSIGNMENT**

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

**MERGER**

- Certificate of merger with sworn French translation, legalized
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration
- May be recorded for registrations only

**LICENSE**

- License agreement with sworn French translation, legalized
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties
- May be recorded for registrations only

**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

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## Egypt | Trademarks

### Classification
10th edition - multiclass 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

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

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|                     | - Copy of priority documents, if priority is claimed, legalized  
| **Renewal**         | - No additional documents are required  
| **Change of Name or Address** | - Certificate of change of name/address, legalized  
| **Assignment**      | - Deed of assignment, legalized  
|                     | - Certificate of the incorporation of the assignee, legalized  
| **Merger**          | - Certificate of merger, legalized  
| **License**         | - License agreement, legalized  
|                     | - Certificate of incorporation, legalized  

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## Egypt | Patents

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

### Opposition
60 days from publication date

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

### Publication
Grace period of 12 months for late payment with a surcharge

### Protection Term
20 years from the international filing date (minus one day)

### Use
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|                     | - Extract from the Commercial Registry or Certificate of Incorporation, legalized  
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| **Assignmet**       | - Certificate of Incorporation in the name of the assignee, legalized  
| **Merger**          | - Certificate of merger, legalized  
| **License**         | - License agreement, legalized  
|                     | - Certificate of incorporation of the licensee, legalized  

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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

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

FILING REQUIREMENTS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

REGISTRATION
Certified copy of home or any foreign registration certificate of the mark with English translation, notarized

All documents must be submitted at the time of filing

Priority claim is not possible

Renewal
No additional documents are required

Grace period of 9 months

Change of Name or Address
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

May be recorded for applications and registrations

Assignment
Deed of assignment 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 with English translation, notarized

May be recorded for applications and registrations

May be recorded for registrations only

Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor

Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures

Separate POAs are required from assignee and assignor

Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor

License agreement, legalized

Separate POAs are required from licensor and licensor

OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

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

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

OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

EXAMINATION
As to form, novelty, 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

EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

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

Search
Possible for word and device marks

Equivalent Search
Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, subject matter and priority data

Opposition
60 days from publication date

Publication
Published in the official gazette upon allowance

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

Terms
7 years from filing date and renewable for like periods

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

Opposition
60 days from publication date

Publication
Published in the official gazette upon allowance

Terms
15 years from the filing date, extendable for another 5 years

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
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OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

EXAMINATION
As to form, novelty, industrial applicability

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CONVENTIONS
None

AFFILIATIONS

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

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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.

**OPPOSITION**
3 months from publication date.

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

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

**OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date.

**EXAMINATION**
As to form and patentability.

**ANNUIES**
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.

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

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

**OPPOSITION**
60 days from publication date.

**EXAMINATION**
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### Trademarks

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

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

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

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

**Opposition**
- 30 days from publication date

**Use**
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**Filing Requirements**

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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**
- Simple copy of latest certificate of registration
- Extract from the commercial register, notarized
- Grace period of 6 months

**Change of Name or Address**
- Extract from the commercial register, notarized
- 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 registrations only

**Merger**
- Certificate of merger, legalized
- Extract from the commercial register, notarized and legalized
- Original certificate of registration for endorsement
- May be recorded for registrations only

**License**
- License agreement, legalized
- Extract from the commercial register, notarized and legalized
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- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties
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### Patents

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

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

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

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

**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**
- Any time after publication date

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**Registration**
- Copy of international publication
- Persian translation of bibliography page of publication
- Notarized copy of extract from commercial register, with Persian translation
- 3 copies of English specifications
- 3 copies of Persian specifications
- Copy of international publication and the Persian translation of the bibliography must be submitted at the time of filing
- POA and remaining documents may be submitted within 4 months from filing date

**Renewal**
- Copy of international publication
- Persian translation of bibliography page of publication
- Notarized copy of extract from commercial register, with Persian translation
- 3 copies of English specifications
- 3 copies of Persian specifications
- Grace period of 6 months

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

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

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

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

**Opposition**
- Any time after publication date

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**Bodies**
- World Intellectual Property Organization and World Trade Organization (observer status)

**Conventions**
- Paris Convention, Madrid Agreement and Protocol, Patent Cooperation Treaty
### IRAQ | PATENTS

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**JORDAN | TRADEMARKS**

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**JORDAN | PATENTS**

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## Filing Requirements

### What You Need to Know
- Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures

### Kenyan Patents
- **Classification:** 11th edition - single class application
- **Opposition:** 60 days from publication date

### Filing Requirements

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

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

### Equivalent Search
- No provisions

### Opposition
- 6 months from publication date

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

### Examinations
- Patents application are published in the Official Gazette.

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- **Office Hours:** Monday to Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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**Bodies**

**Conventions**

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**Affiliations**
### Kuwait | Trademarks

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

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

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

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

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

**Renewal**
- Grace period of 6 months.

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

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

**Merger**
- May be recorded for registrations only.

**License**
- Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor.

### Kuwait | Patents

**Equivalent Search**
- No provisions.

**Examination**
- On formal and substantive grounds.

**Opposition**
- No provisions.

**Publication**
- No provisions.

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

**Renewals**
- The 2nd to 20th annuities can be paid depending on the nature of the filing process (PCT or Paris Convention) with the first quarter (January 1 to March 31) annually.

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LEBANON TRADEMARKS

CLASSIFICATION
11th edition - multiclass application

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

EXAMINATION
On formal and absolute grounds

OPPOSITION
No provisions

LEBANON PATENTS

CLASSIFICATION
BERNE CONVENTION, BRUSSELS CONVENTION (SIGNATURE), MADRID AGREEMENT (SOURCE), PARIS CONVENTION, PATENT LAW TREATY (SIGNATURE), ROME CONVENTION, NICE AGREEMENT

SEARCH
No provisions

EXAMINATION
As to form only

OPPOSITION
No provisions

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

APPLICATIONS ARE PUBLISHED UPON ISSUANCE

LICENSE
. License agreement, legalized

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

APPLICATIONS ARE PUBLISHED UPON ISSUANCE

PROTECTION TERM
20 years from filing date
**FILING REQUIREMENTS**

**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
- All documents must be submitted at the time of filing

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

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
- Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**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
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the good will of the business concerned
- May be recorded for registrations only

**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
- May be recorded for registrations only

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation
- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

**LIBYA | PATENTS**

**FILING REQUIREMENTS**

**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**
- Extract from the commercial register of assignee, legalized
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Separate POAs are required from assignee and assignor

**MERGER**
- Certificate of merger, legalized

**LICENSE**
- License agreement, legalized
- Extract from licensee commercial register, legalized
- Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor
- Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language, and a sworn Arabic translation
- Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records

**LIBYA | TRADEMARKS**

**CLASSIFICATION**
- 8th edition - single class application. Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, pork meat in class 29, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered

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

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

**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

**OPPOSITION**
- 3 months from publication date

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

**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

**PROTECTION TERM**
- 15 years from the Libyan filing date

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

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

**BODIES**
- World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization (observer status)
### MALTA | TRADEMARKS

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

**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

### MALTA | PATENTS

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

**Opposition**
- No provisions

**Examination**
- As to form only

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

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

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

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

**Registration**
- Copy of the specifications in English
- 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
- Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor

**Merger**
- Certificate of merger, notarized
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**License**
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### OPPOSITION

- **MOROCCO**
  - 2 months from publication date

### EXAMINATION

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

- **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**
  - All documents may 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
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### USE

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

### ANNUITIES

- Due after grant and payable on the anniversary of the international filing date (for PCT and EP Validation). Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge.

### OFFICE HOURS

- Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
### OMAN | TRADemarks

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

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

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

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

#### Change of Name or Address
- Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

#### Assignment
- Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification
- Copy of certificate of incorporation
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for registrations only

#### Merger
- Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification
- Copy of certificate of incorporation
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#### License
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- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties
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### OMAN | PATents

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

#### Examination
- As to form, novelty, inventiveness, industrial applicability, utility, and compliance

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

#### Publication
- Patents are published in the Official Gazette after substantive examination and after grant

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

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

#### Opposition
- 60 days from publication date

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

#### Use
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#### Registration
- Copy of international publication
- 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

#### Renewal
- Copy of certificate of incorporation

#### Change of Name or Address
- Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

#### Assignment
- Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification
- Copy of certificate of incorporation
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
- May be recorded for registrations only

#### Merger
- Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification
- Copy of certificate of incorporation
- May be recorded for registrations only

#### License
- License agreement, with Apostille certification
- Copy of certificate of incorporation
- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties
- May be recorded for registrations only

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

#### Merger
- Certificate of merger, legalized

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

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

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# FILING REQUIREMENTS | WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

**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

## Pakistan Patents

# FILING REQUIREMENTS | WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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

**RENEWAL**
- No additional documents are required

**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

## Pakistan Trademarks

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**MERGER**
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## Pakistan Patents

# FILING REQUIREMENTS | WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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

**RENEWAL**
- No additional documents are required

**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
### Qatar | Trademarks

#### Classification
- 11th edition - single class application. Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered.

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

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

#### 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
- Copy of the certificate of incorporation.
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified.
- POA and certificate of incorporation must be submitted at the time of filing.
- Priority document may be submitted within 6 months from date.

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

#### Change of Name or Address
- Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing this change, legalized.
- May be recorded for applications and registrations.

#### Assignment
- Deed of assignment, legalized.
- Copy of certificate of incorporation of assignee.
- 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.
- May be recorded for applications and registrations.

#### License
- License agreement, legalized.
- Copy of certificate of incorporation of licensee.
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties.
- May be recorded for registrations only.

### 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 12 months for late payment with a surcharge.

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

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

#### 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.

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#### Registration
- Copy of international publication (with ISR if published).
- Priority document may be submitted within 6 months from date.

#### Change of Name or Address
- Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing this change, legalized.

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

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

#### License
- License agreement, legalized.

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### SAUDI ARABIA | TRADEMARKS

| CLASSIFICATION | 10th edition - single class application. Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, pork meat in class 29, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered |
| SEARCH | Possible for word and device marks |
| EXAMINATION | On formal, absolute, and relative grounds |

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| RENEWAL | No additional documents are required |
| 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 |
| MERGER | Certificate of merger, legalized |
| LICENSE | License agreement, legalized |

#### USE

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

#### PROTECTION TERM

10 Hijri years (approximately 9 years and 8 months) from filing date and renewable for like periods.

#### OPTION

60 days from publication date.

### 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.

#### SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks.

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## Sudan | Trademarks

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

### Search
- Possible for word and device marks

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

### Opposition
- 8 months from publication date

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

### Filing Requirements

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

### All Documents
- May be submitted within 1 month from filing date, except for declaration of nationality, which may be submitted within 2 months from end of opposition period

### Renewal
- Grace period of 6 months

### Assignment
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

### Merger
- May be recorded for registrations only

### License
- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties
- May be recorded for registrations only

### Opposition
- No provisions

### Examination
- As to form

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

### 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

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

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## Sudan | Patents

### Equivalent Search
- No provisions

### Examination
- As to form

### Opposition
- No provisions

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

### 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

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

### Search
- Possible for word and device marks

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

### Opposition
- No provisions

### Publication
- Not available

### 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

### Protection
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

### License
- May be recorded for registrations only

### Separate POAs
- Must be submitted by assignee and assignor

### License Recordal
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

### Opposition
- No provisions

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FILING REQUIREMENTS

Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

REGISTRATION

- Simple copy of home or foreign registration with Arabic translation.
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified.
- Certificate of origin, legalized (for classes 3 and 5), and list of ingredients typed on company’s letterhead (for class 5).

RENEWAL

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

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

- Certificate of change of name/address, 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.
- Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied.

MERGER

- Certificate of merger, legalized.
- May be recorded for registrations only.
- Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied.

LICENSE

- License agreement, legalized.
- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties.
- May be recorded for registrations only.
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SYRIA | TRADemarks

CLASSIFICATION
11th edition - single class application

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

EXAMINATION
On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

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

SYRIA | PATENTS

EQUIVALENT SEARCH
May be searched by title, applicant, priority/PCT number

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

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

OPPOSITION
6 months from publication date

SEARCH
Possible for word and device marks

OPPOSITION
60 days from publication date

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

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

BODIES
World Intellectual Property Organization

CONVENTIONS

AFFILIATIONS
### TANZANIA | TRADEMARKS

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

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

#### EXAMINATION
- On format and absolute grounds

#### FILING REQUIREMENTS | WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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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

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

#### OPPOSITION
- 60 days from publication date

#### PROTECTION TERM
- 10 years from the filing date

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### TUNISIA | TRADemarks

#### CLASSIFICATION
- 11th edition - multiclass application

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

#### 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

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#### REGISTRATION
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
- POA must be submitted within 30 days from filing date
- Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date

#### RENEWAL
- No additional documents are required
- No grace period

#### CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
- Certificate of the change of name or an extract from the commercial register, with simple French translation
- For change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA

#### ASSIGNMENT
- Deed of assignment, with simple French translation
- 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 simple French translation
- May be recorded for applications and registrations

#### LICENSE
- License agreement, with simple French translation
- License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties
- May be recorded for applications and registrations
- Separate POAs required from licensee and licensor

### TUNISIA | Patents

#### EQUIVALENT SEARCH
- May be searched by title and patentee name

#### OPPOSITION
- 60 days from publication date

#### EXAMINATION
- As to form

#### OPPOSITION
- 2 months from publication date

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

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

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#### REGISTRATION
- Copy of PCT request
- Copy of international publication
- Copy of international search report
- Copy of international preliminary examination report (if available)
- 3 copies of the specifications in English, French or Arabic
- 4 sets of formal drawings

#### RENEWAL
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified
- POA must be submitted within 30 days from filing date
- Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date

#### CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
- Certificate of change of name/address, simply signed

#### ASSIGNMENT
- Deed of assignment, simply signed
- POA may be submitted by assignee or assignor

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

#### LICENSE
- License agreement, simply signed

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

### 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

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### TURKEY | TRADEMARKS
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**CLASSIFICATION**
11th edition - multiclass 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 like periods

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

**REGISTRATION**
- 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

**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
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### TURKEY | PATENTS
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**CLASSIFICATION**
- Specifications in English, with Turkish translation
- Formal drawing
- Copy of PCT application and publication
- Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified

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

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

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

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

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

**PUBLICATION**
Published in the Official Patent Bulletin

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**BODIES**
- World Intellectual Property Organization
- World Trade Organization

**CONVENTIONS**
- Berne Convention
- Madrid Agreement (Source)
- Nairobi Treaty
- Paris Convention
- Budapest Treaty
- Hague Agreement
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- The International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
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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

- Copyright Treaty
- Performances & Phonograms Treaty
- Patent Cooperation Treaty

**EXAMINATION**

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

**OPPOSITION**

- 30 days from last publication date

**SEARCH**

- Possible for word and device marks

**PROTECTION TERM**

- 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**

- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized with English translation
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**LICENSE**

- License agreement, legalized
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**MERGER**

- Certificate of merger, legalized
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**ASSIGNMENT**

- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**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

**EXAMINATION**

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

**OPPOSITION**

- 60 days from publication date

**SEARCH**

- Possible for word and device marks

**PROTECTION TERM**

- 20 years from filing date 10 years from filing date for utility model

**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

**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

**APPLICATIONS**

- Applications are published after grant

**PUBLICATION**

- Applications are published after grant

**PROTECTION TERM**

- 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods

**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**

- Certificate of change of name/address, legalized with English translation

**LICENSE**

- License agreement, legalized
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**MERGER**

- Certificate of merger, legalized

**ASSIGNMENT**

- Deed of assignment, legalized
- Simple copy of latest certificate

**Annuities**

- Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable on pending applications. Grace period of 3 months for late payment with a surcharge

**SEARCH**

- Possible for word and device marks

**PROTECTION TERM**

- 20 years from filing date 10 years from filing date for utility model
### West Bank | Trademarks

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

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

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

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

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#### Registration
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- 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

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- Certificate of merger, legalized
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#### 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

#### Equivalent Search
- May be searched by subject matter, patentee name, title, and priority data

#### Opposition
- 3 months from publication date

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

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

#### Opposition
- 2 months from publication date

#### Examination
- As to form and patentability

#### Publication
- Published in the Industrial Property Gazette

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- Duration of patent of origin

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### West Bank | Patents

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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/address, legalized

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

**Assignment**
- Deed of assignment, legalized
- The assignment price should be indicated in the agreement

**Merger**
- Certificate of merger, legalized

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

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- Priority document may be submitted within 1 month from the date of filing.
- 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 compulsory in order to be effective against third parties.
- Separate POAs must be submitted by licensor and licensee.

### What You Need to Know

- grace period of 1 year.
- Separate POAs must be submitted by licensor and licensee.

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### 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.

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

**Option:** 90 days from publication date.
**ZANZIBAR | 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

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

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

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**CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**
Grace period of 6 months

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Deed of assignment, simply signed

**MERGER**
Certificate of merger, simply signed

**LICENSE**
License agreement, simply signed

**ZANZIBAR | PATENTS**

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

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

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

**ANNUITIES**
Maintenance fees are payable annually.

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

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

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

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

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**Registration**

- Copy of international publication (with ISR if published)
- Copy of the specifications in English
- Deed of assignment from inventors, legalized
- Simple copy of the priority document
- 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

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

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

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

The Trademark Offices of each GCC country will remain as the receiving office and register trademarks on a national basis. Registering a trademark across the 6 GCC countries will still require filing 6 separate national trademark applications. Furthermore, the official fees are not expected to be unified and will vary depending on the individual overhead costs of the different TMOs involved. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and UAE have considerably increased their official fees over the past few months with Bahrain and Qatar expected to follow suit.

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

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### GENERAL INFORMATION ON CUSTOMS RECORDAL

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<td>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 /</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, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela, Vietnam.