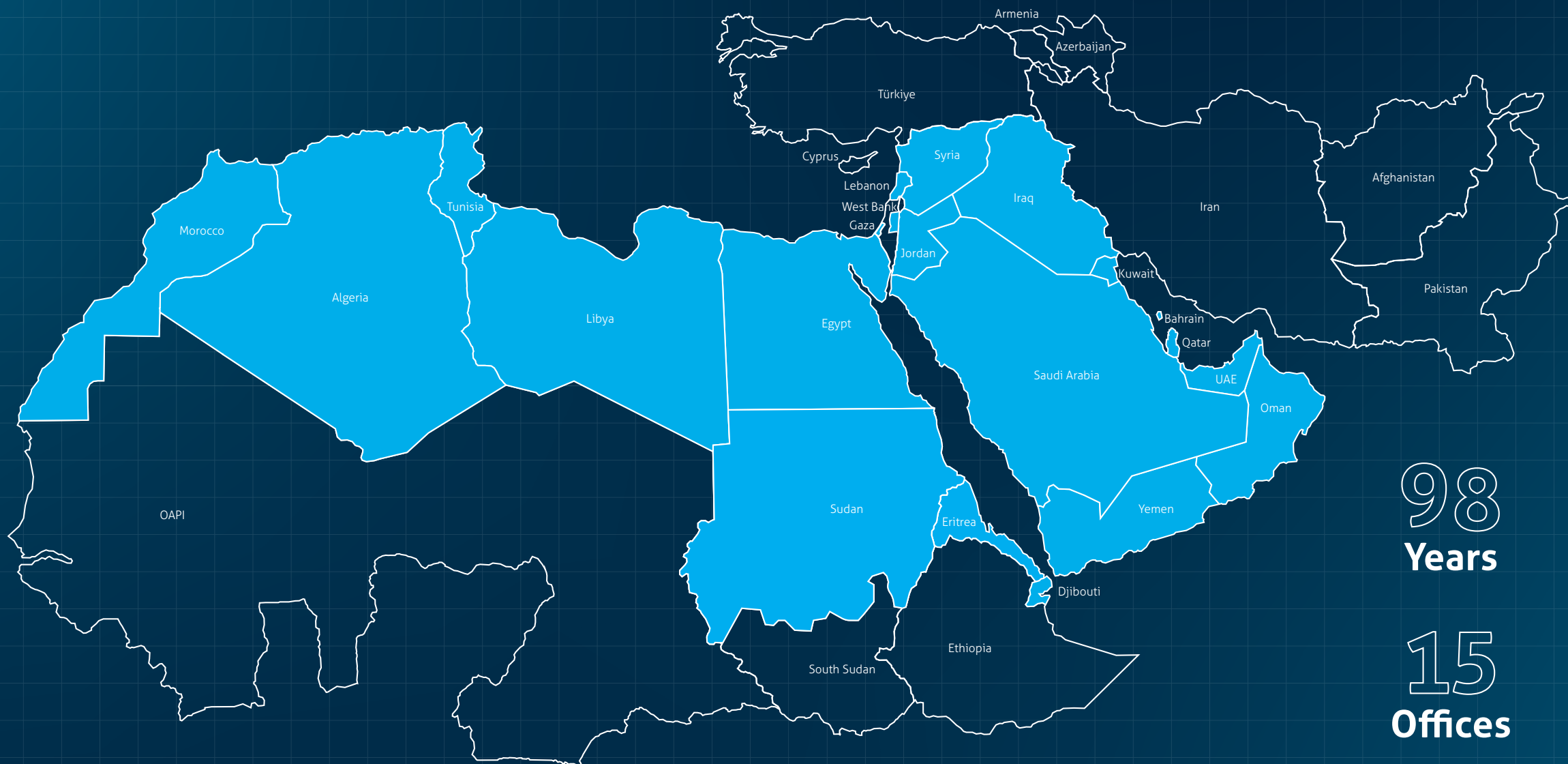


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AFGHANISTAN | TRADEMARKS



CLASSIFICATION

12th edition - single class application



OPPOSITION

21 days from publication date



SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



USE

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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grace period
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized Copy of certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized Copy of certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized Copy of certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized Copy of certificate of registration for endorsement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,
World Trade Organization

CONVENTIONS







None

ALGERIA | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - multiclass application	 OPPOSITION No provisions
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years after registration date

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

ALGERIA | PATENTS

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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 2 sets of drawings ISR in Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication, copy of ISR, copy of international preliminary examination report (if available), and title must be submitted at the time of filing POA and remaining documents may be submitted within 2 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized and notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English, French, or Arabic translation
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized and notarized 	

ARMENIA | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 12 th edition - multiclass application	 OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years from registration date

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

ARMENIA | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH No provisions	 OPPOSITION No provisions
 EXAMINATION On formal and substantive grounds	 ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the grant
 PUBLICATION No provisions	 PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with an English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Armenian upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with an English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Armenian upon submission Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with an English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Armenian upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with an English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Armenian upon submission

AZERBAIJAN | TRADEMARKS

	CLASSIFICATION 12 th edition - multiclass application		OPPOSITION No provisions
	SEARCH Possible for word and device marks		PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
	EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds		USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Notarized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	• Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified	• All documents may be submitted within 2 months from filing date
RENEWAL	• No additional documents are required	• Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	• Certificate of change of name/address, notarized	• May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of assignment, simply signed	• Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	• Certificate of merger, notarized	• May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	• License agreement, notarized	• May be recorded for registrations only • License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

AZERBAIJAN | PATENTS

	EQUIVALENT SEARCH No provisions		OPPOSITION 6 months from publication date
	EXAMINATION As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability		ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the grant
	PUBLICATION Patent applications are published in the Official Gazette		PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	• Copy of the specifications, claims, and abstracts with Azerbaijani translation • 1 set of drawings and the abstract • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified	• Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	• Certificate of change of name/address, notarized	• Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of assignment, notarized	• Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission
MERGER	• Certificate of merger, notarized	• Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission
LICENSE	• License agreement, notarized	• Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission

BAHRAIN | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - single class application	 OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark within the 5 years preceding the date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation, 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

BAHRAIN | PATENTS

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







	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, with Apostille certification/legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission

CYPRUS | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - single class application	 OPPOSITION 3 months from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties

CYPRUS | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH Patents may be searched by patent number, EP/PCT number	 OPPOSITION No provisions
 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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of the specifications in English with Greek translation 1 set of drawings and the abstract 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be submitted at the time of EP validation POA may be submitted within 3 months from validation
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission

DJIBOUTI | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - multiclass application	 OPPOSITION No provisions
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal grounds only	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years preceding the date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address with French translation, notarized Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment with sworn French translation, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger with sworn French translation, legalized Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement with sworn French translation, legalized Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

DJIBOUTI | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH Not possible	 OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date
 EXAMINATION As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability	 ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable on pending applications for consecutive periods of 5 years. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge
 PUBLICATION Published in the official gazette upon allowance	 PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 2 copies of abstract, claims and specifications in French 2 sets of drawings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language

EGYPT | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - multiclass application	 OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years minus one day from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation, legalized • Copy of priority documents, if priority is claimed, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Certificate of the incorporation of the assignee, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized • Certificate of incorporation, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

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	 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
 PUBLICATION Patents are published in the Official Gazette after allowance	 PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date (minus one day)

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of international publication Title and abstract in Arabic • Country-specific formatting of English and Arabic specifications 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Certificate of Incorporation in the name of the assignee, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate POAs are required from assignee and assignor • Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized • Certificate of incorporation, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized • Certificate of incorporation of the licensee, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission • Separate POAs are required from the licensee and licensor

ETHIOPIA | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 10 th edition - multiclass application	 OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 7 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years preceding date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of home or any foreign registration certificate of the mark with English translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All documents must be submitted at the time of filing • Priority claim is not possible
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 9 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment with English translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger with English translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement with English translation, notarized • Simple copy of the registration certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only • Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor

ETHIOPIA | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH Patent applications and patents may be searched by title, subject matter and priority data	 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
 PUBLICATION Published in the official gazette upon allowance	 PROTECTION TERM 15 years from the filing date, extendable for another 5 years

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

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



PROTECTION TERM

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



USE

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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	• No additional documents are required	• POA must be submitted at the time of filing • Priority claim is not possible
RENEWAL	• No additional documents are required	• Grace period of 1 month
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	• Certificate of change of name/address, notarized	• May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of assignment, legalized	• Trademarks may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	• Certificate of merger, legalized	• May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	• License agreement, legalized	• License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties • May be recorded for registrations only

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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



PUBLICATION

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



PROTECTION TERM

Duration of the patent of origin

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	• 3 copies of the specifications in English, with Arabic translation • 3 sets of formal drawings • Certified copy of Letters Patents from country of origin	• All documents should be submitted at the time of filing
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	• Certificate of change of name/address, legalized	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of assignment, legalized	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
MERGER	• Certificate of merger, legalized	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language
LICENSE	• License agreement, legalized	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language • Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor

IRAN | TRADEMARKS



CLASSIFICATION

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

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

IRAN | PATENTS



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and applicability



PUBLICATION

Published upon grant



OPPOSITION

Any time after publication date



ANNUITIES

Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable before the granting of patent. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge



PROTECTION TERM

20 years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication Persian translation of bibliography page of publication 3 copies of English specifications 3 copies of Persian specifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 60 days from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registered patents
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registered patents only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registered patents

BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,
World Trade Organization

CONVENTIONS

Madrid Protocol, Paris Convention, Patent
Cooperation Treaty

IRAQ | TRADEMARKS

	CLASSIFICATION 7 th edition - multiclass application with local sub-classification system		OPPOSITION 90 days from publication date
	SEARCH Possible for word and device marks		PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
	EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds		USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 years from registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date The date of notarization of POA must precede the date of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of the latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, legalized Simple copy of latest certificate of registration For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with the goodwill of the business concerned unless otherwise agreed upon May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

IRAQ | PATENTS

	EQUIVALENT SEARCH No provisions		OPPOSITION Any time after grant
	EXAMINATION As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability		ANNUITIES Back annuities are due upon grant; then due annually and calculated based on the submission date of the last supporting document
	PUBLICATION Applications published after grant		PROTECTION TERM 20 years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 copies of the specifications in English and Arabic 8 sets of drawings in English and Arabic Deed of assignment from the inventors, legalized Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	

JORDAN | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - single class application	 OPPOSITION 3 months from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years preceding date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legalized POA and priority document may be submitted at the time of filing, or after filing upon receiving the Examiner's request which is not expected to be received before a minimum of 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 1 year Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, legalized For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission

JORDAN | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH Published and granted patents may be searched by title, abstract, inventor(s), priority information, subject matter and patentee(s) name	 OPPOSITION 3 months from publication date
 EXAMINATION As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability	 ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge
 PUBLICATION Published after 18 months from priority or filing date and after preliminary acceptance.	 PROTECTION TERM 20 years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affidavit (Form no. 4), signed by inventor(s) and the applicant, notarized and legalized Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed Certificate of incorporation, certified English specifications and drawings Arabic translation of specifications and drawings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The specifications and drawings and the Arabic translation of title and abstract must be submitted at the time of filing The rest of the documents may be submitted within sixty days from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register showing old and new name, legalized For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized Copy of certificate of incorporation of the applicant company, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language Extract from the commercial register of assignee must be submitted for pending patents Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized Copy of certificate of incorporation of the applicant company, certified 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documents must be accompanied with a simple English translation if made in a foreign language Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission

KENYA | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - multiclass application	 OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from filing date

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

KENYA | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH No provisions	 OPPOSITION 6 months from publication date
 EXAMINATION As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability	 ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date
 PUBLICATION Patent applications are published in the Official Gazette	 PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date

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

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



USE

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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register • Simple copy of priority document, if priority claimed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POA and priority document must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of certificate of registration showing the validity and last owner particulars of the trademark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized • Copy of certificate of registration showing the validity and last owner particulars of the trademark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Copy of certificate of registration showing the validity and last owner particulars of the trademark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized • Copy of certificate of registration showing the validity and last owner particulars of the trademark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of the license agreement, legalized • Copy of certificate of registration showing the validity and last owner particulars of the trademark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only • Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor

KUWAIT | PATENTS



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

No provisions



OPPOSITION

3 months from publication date



EXAMINATION

On formal and substantive grounds



ANNUITIES

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



PUBLICATION

Published after substantive examination and before grant



PROTECTION TERM

20 years from international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of international publication • Specifications in English and Arabic • Drawings in English and Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All documents may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date • Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized 	

BODIES

Gulf Cooperation Council, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, GCC Patent Law, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

LEBANON | TRADEMARKS



CLASSIFICATION

11th edition - multiclass application



OPPOSITION

No provisions



SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



EXAMINATION

On formal and absolute grounds



USE

No provisions

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 3 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized Original certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized Original certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be made within 3 months after the transfer or else a surcharge is levied for each delay of 2 months
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties

LEBANON | PATENTS



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

No provisions



OPPOSITION

No provisions



EXAMINATION

As to form only



ANNUITIES

Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable before the granting of the patent. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge



PUBLICATION

Applications are published upon issuance



PROTECTION TERM

20 years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified copy of priority document Deed of assignment, legalized Specification in English with drawings (if any) in English Arabic translation of the title, claims, and abstract 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be made within 3 months after the transfer or else a surcharge is levied for each delay of 2 months
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be made within 3 months after the transfer or else a surcharge is levied for each delay of 2 months
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	

BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Brussels Convention, Nice Agreement, Paris Convention, Patent Law Treaty, Rome Convention

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



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 5 consecutive years

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents must be submitted at the time of filing
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register, legalized, with sworn Arabic translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for applications and registrations

LIBYA | PATENTS



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

No provisions



OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



EXAMINATION

As to form



ANNUITIES

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



PUBLICATION

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



PROTECTION TERM

15 years from the Libyan filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register of assignee, legalized Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate POAs are required from assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized Extract from licensee commercial register, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

MOROCCO | TRADEMARKS

	CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - multiclass application		OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date
	SEARCH Possible for word and device marks		PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
	EXAMINATION On formal 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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register with sworn French translation, notarized or certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, with French translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger with French translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement with French translation, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

MOROCCO | PATENTS

	EQUIVALENT SEARCH Published and granted patents may be searched by title, patentee name, inventors, and priority/PCT number/date		OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date
	EXAMINATION As to form, novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability		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
	PUBLICATION Application are published once the examination search report is completed		PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication (with ISR if published) Copy of the specifications in Arabic or French Set of drawings in Arabic or French 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification and drawings can be submitted within 3 months from filing
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register with sworn French translation, notarized or certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, with French translation, notarized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, with French translation, notarized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, with French translation, notarized 	

OMAN | TRADEMARKS

	CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - single class application		OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date
	SEARCH Possible for word and device marks		PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
	EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds		USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years after registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 60 days from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification Copy of certificate of incorporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification Copy of certificate of incorporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, with Apostille certification Copy of certificate of incorporation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

OMAN | PATENTS

	EQUIVALENT SEARCH Published and granted patents may be searched by title, patentee name, inventors, and priority/PCT number/date		OPPOSITION 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		ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge
	PUBLICATION Patents are published in the Official Gazette after substantive examination and after grant		PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register of assignee Deed of assignment, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, with Apostille certification Extract from licensee commercial register, with Apostille certification 	

PAKISTAN | TRADEMARKS



CLASSIFICATION

11th edition - single class application



OPPOSITION

2 months from publication date



SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



USE

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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Notarized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, notarized For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become enforceable against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

PAKISTAN | PATENTS



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

Patent applications and patents may be searched by title and patentee name



OPPOSITION

4 months from publication date



EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability



ANNUITIES

Due annually on the anniversary of priority date and is payable after grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge



PUBLICATION

Patents are published in the Official Gazette upon grant



PROTECTION TERM

20 years from the filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	Must use Form 28
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must use form 2A and 2A reverse for assignment
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, certified 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, certified 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, certified 	

BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Madrid Protocol, Paris Convention

QATAR | TRADEMARKS



CLASSIFICATION

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



SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for
like periods



USE

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

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



PUBLICATION

Applications will be published upon grant in
the official gazette



PROTECTION TERM

20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication (with ISR if published) Copy of the specifications in English and Arabic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing this change, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	

BODIES

Gulf Cooperation Council, World Intellectual Property
Organization, World Trade Organization

CONVENTIONS

Beijing Treaty on Audiovisual Performances,
Berne Convention, Budapest Treaty, GCC
Patent Law, Nairobi Treaty, Paris Convention,
Patent Cooperation Treaty, Rome Convention,
WIPO Copyright Treaty, WIPO Performances
and Phonograms Treaty

SAUDI ARABIA | TRADEMARKS



CLASSIFICATION

12th edition - single class application.
Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, pork meat in class 29, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered



SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



PROTECTION TERM

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



USE

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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures	Further legalization is required at the Ministry of Justice
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A scanned colored copy of the POA and a 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 lunar months POA must not have been executed more than 5 years prior to the date of its intended use
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only

SAUDI ARABIA | PATENTS



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



OPPOSITION

No provisions



EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability



ANNUITIES

Due annually and is payable the first 3 months of each calendar year following the year the patent application was filed. Grace period of 3 months for late payment with a surcharge



PUBLICATION

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



PROTECTION TERM

20 Hijri years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures	Further legalization is required at the Ministry of Justice
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication Copy of international search report (ISR) Copy of assignment (from WIPO) Copy of priority document (from WIPO) Specifications in English and Arabic Drawings in English and Arabic Sworn English translation of priority document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arabic translation, copy of international publication, ISR, specifications and drawings must be submitted at the time of filing POA and remaining documents may be submitted within 3 lunar months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted by assignee or assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted by licensee or licensor

BODIES

Gulf Cooperation Council, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, GCC Patent Law, Hague Agreement, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Patent Law Treaty

SOMALIA | TRADEMARKS



CLASSIFICATION

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



SEARCH

Not possible



EXAMINATION

On absolute and relative grounds



OPPOSITION

45 days from publication date



PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



USE

Vulnerable to cancellation if mark has not been used for 3 years from registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the applicant's business registration certificate (or equivalent) • Copy of a home or foreign trademark registration certificate • Company profile 	
Disclaimer: Please note that at present, there is no established mechanism for trademark renewals and records in Somalia.		

SOMALIA | PATENTS

At present, filing and processing patent applications within Somalia is not feasible. Nevertheless, if filing through the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) Regional Office, Somalia's membership in ARIPO allows for the possibility of seeking protection by designating Somalia.

AFFILIATIONS

BODIES

African Regional Intellectual Property Organization,
World Intellectual Property Organization

CONVENTIONS

WIPO Convention

SUDAN | TRADEMARKS



CLASSIFICATION

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



SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



OPPOSITION

8 months from publication date



PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



USE

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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Notarized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation with English translation, legalized • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified • Declaration of nationality, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Forms Nos. T. M. 11 and T. M. 12, legalized • Certificate of incorporation of the assignee with certified English translation, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only • Separate POAs must be submitted by assignee and assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized • Certificate of incorporation of licensee, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 licensor and licensee

SUDAN | PATENTS



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

No provisions



OPPOSITION

No provisions



EXAMINATION

As to form



ANNUITIES

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



PUBLICATION

Not available



PROTECTION TERM

20 years from the filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 set of the specifications in English with Arabic translation of the abstract • 1 set of formal drawings • Certificate of incorporation, legalized, with English translation • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized • Certificate of incorporation, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Certificate of incorporation of assignee, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized • Certificate of incorporation if new entity formed, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized • Certificate of incorporation of licensee, legalized 	

BODIES

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

CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Madrid Protocol, Paris
Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Patent
Law Treaty

SYRIA | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - single class application	 OPPOSITION 90 days from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years preceding the date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of home or foreign registration with Arabic translation Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for registrations only Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied

SYRIA | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH May be searched by title, applicant, priority/ PCT number	 OPPOSITION 6 months from publication date
 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
 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)

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

TANZANIA | TRADEMARKS



CLASSIFICATION

10th edition - single class application



OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



PROTECTION TERM

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



EXAMINATION

On formal and absolute grounds



USE

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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, simply signed 	
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 30 days
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name or address, simply signed Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed Original certificate of registration for endorsement 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, simply signed Statutory declaration and statement of case, simply signed 	

TANZANIA | PATENTS



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



OPPOSITION

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



EXAMINATION

As to form, absolute novelty is required



ANNUITIES

Maintenance fees are payable annually



PUBLICATION

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



PROTECTION TERM

10 years from the filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, simply signed 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, simply signed 	

BODIES

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

CONVENTIONS







Banjul Protocol, Paris Convention, WIPO Convention

TUNISIA | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - multiclass application	 OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal and absolute grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA must be submitted within 30 days from filing date Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No grace period
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, with simple French translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, with simple French translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, with simple French translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 2 months from publication date
 EXAMINATION As to form	 ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge
 PUBLICATION Patents are published in the Industrial Property Bulletin upon allowance	 PROTECTION TERM 20 years from the international filing date







	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 3 sets of formal drawings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA must be submitted within one month from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, simply signed 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, simply signed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted by assignee or assignor
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, simply signed 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, simply signed 	

TÜRKIYE | TRADEMARKS

	CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - multiclass application		OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date
	SEARCH Possible for word and device marks		PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
	EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds		USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years from registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA must be submitted at the time of filing Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, certified For change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized and Apostilled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for applications and registrations
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized and Apostilled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized and Apostilled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties May be recorded for applications and registrations

TÜRKIYE | 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
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifications in English, with Turkish translation Formal drawing Copy of PCT application and publication Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name, legalized For change of address, no additional documents are required 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The assignment price must be indicated in the agreement
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	

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



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 5 consecutive years after registration

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date POA must be submitted at the time of filing. A notarized or simply signed copy can be used for filing provided that the legalized one is filed within a period of 90 days subject to a surcharge.
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of latest certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized with English translation Simple copy of latest certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized with English translation Simple copy of latest certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized, with English translation Simple copy of latest certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized with English translation Simple copy of latest certificate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | PATENTS



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

Granted patents may be searched by title, patentee name and PCT number at the patent office (unofficial)



EXAMINATION

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



PUBLICATION

Applications are published after grant



OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



ANNUITIES

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



PROTECTION TERM

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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Notarized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of international publication Specifications in English and Arabic Drawings in English and Arabic (if any) Deed of assignment, notarized Extract from the commercial register or certificate of good standing, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Colored scanned copies of English or Arabic documents are accepted. If in another language, a sworn English translation is required
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, notarized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate POAs must be submitted by licensor and licensee

BODIES

Gulf Cooperation Council, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

CONVENTIONS







Berne Convention, Madrid Protocol, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Rome Convention, WIPO Copyright Treaty, WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty

WEST BANK | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 10 th edition - single class application	 OPPOSITION 3 months from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 7 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 14 years each
 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	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted within 3 months from filing date Priority claim is not possible
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grace period of 1 month
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for applications and registrations
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH May be searched by subject matter, patentee name, title, and priority data	 OPPOSITION 2 months from publication date
 EXAMINATION As to form and patentability	 ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable prior to the expiration of the 4 th , 8 th , and 12 th years as from filing date. Grace period of 2 months for late payment with a surcharge
 PUBLICATION Published in the Industrial Property Gazette	 PROTECTION TERM Duration of patent of origin

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change/address, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The assignment price should be indicated in the agreement
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA may be submitted by licensee or licensor

YEMEN | 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

90 days from publication date



PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for
like periods



USE

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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	All original supporting documents must be submitted at the time of filing the application or recordal. Further legalization is required at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register, with English translation, legalized • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 1 year
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register attesting the change of name/address of the applicant, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned • May be recorded for registrations only
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be recorded for registrations only
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



OPPOSITION

90 days from publication date



EXAMINATION

As to form



ANNUITIES

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



PUBLICATION

Published in the Official Gazette upon allowance



PROTECTION TERM

20 years from the filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	All original supporting documents must be submitted at the time of filing the application or recordal. Further legalization is required at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name/address, legalized • Extract from the commercial register, legalized 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, legalized • Extract from the commercial register of assignee, legalized 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, legalized • Extract from the commercial register, if new legal entity formed, legalized 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, legalized • Extract from the commercial register of licensee, legalized 	

BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World
Trade Organization

CONVENTIONS







Berne Convention, Paris Convention

ZANZIBAR | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 10 th edition - single class application	 OPPOSITION 60 days from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for periods of 7 years each
 EXAMINATION On formal and absolute grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 3 consecutive years from filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, simply signed 	
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional documents are required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grace period of 6 months
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of change of name, simply signed • Original certificate of registration for endorsement • For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, simply signed 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, simply signed 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, simply signed • Statutory declaration and statement of case, 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.

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of assignment, simply signed 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of merger, simply signed 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • License agreement, simply signed 	

REGIONAL REGISTRATION SYSTEMS









AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) | TRADEMARKS

 CLASSIFICATION 11 th edition - multiclass application	 OPPOSITION 3 months from publication date
 SEARCH Possible for word and device marks	 PROTECTION TERM 10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods
 EXAMINATION On formal, absolute, and relative grounds	 USE Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years preceding the date of filing for cancellation

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA must be submitted at the time of filing Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, notarized with verified English or French translation Simple copy of latest certificate of registration 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, notarized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, legalized with verified English or French translation 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, notarized with French translation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties
Member states: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Guinea Bissau, Senegal, Togo		

AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) | PATENTS

 EQUIVALENT SEARCH Granted and published inventions in the Official Gazette to be searched by title, subject matter, applicant and priority/PCT number	 OPPOSITION No provisions
 EXAMINATION As to form and utility of invention	 ANNUITIES Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge
 PUBLICATION Applications are not published prior to 18 months from the filing date or the earliest priority	 PROTECTION TERM 20 years from international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification and abstract in English or French in triplicate; 3 sets of formal drawings Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified Original or certified copy of deed of assignment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of POA must be submitted at the time of filing; original POA may be submitted within 3 months from filing date Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of change of name/address, certified 	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deed of assignment, certified 	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of merger, certified 	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License agreement, certified 	

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



OPPOSITION

3 months from the publication date



PROTECTION TERM

10 years from the filing date and renewable for like periods



USE

Use depends on the national law of each member state

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	• Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified with English translation	
RENEWAL	• No additional documents are required	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	• Certificate of change of name/address with verified English translation	
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of assignment with verified English translation	
MERGER	• Certificate of merger with verified English translation	
LICENSE	• License agreement with verified English translation	

The member countries of the Banjul Protocol, which governs trademarks in ARIPO, are Botswana, Cape Verde, Kingdom of Eswatini, The Gambia Kingdom of Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Sao Tome and Principe, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) | PATENTS



EQUIVALENT SEARCH

Possible by applicant name, title, priority/ PCT number



OPPOSITION

No provisions



EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and applicability



ANNUITIES

Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date. Grace period of 6 months for late payment with a surcharge



PUBLICATION

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



PROTECTION TERM

20 years from international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	• Copy of international publication (with ISR if published) • Copy of the specifications in English • Deed of assignment from inventors, legalized • Simple copy of the priority document	• Copy of POA must be submitted at the time of filing; original POA may be submitted within 2 months from filing date
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	• Certificate of change of name/address, simply signed	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language • Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records
ASSIGNMENT	• Deed of assignment, simply signed	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language • Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records
MERGER	• Certificate of merger, simply signed	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language • Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records
LICENSE	• License agreement, certified	• Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language • Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records

BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization

CONVENTIONS

Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) | TRADEMARKS

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

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

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

The Trademark Offices of each GCC country will remain as the receiving office and register trademarks on a national basis. Registering a trademark across the 6 GCC countries will still require filing 6 separate national trademark applications. Furthermore, the official fees are not expected to be unified and will vary depending on the individual overhead costs of

the different TMOs involved. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and UAE have considerably increased their official fees over the past few months with Bahrain and Qatar expected to follow suit.

The definition of a trademark has significantly expanded, given the adoption of the GCC Trademark Law by the member states. Article 2 of the Law includes color marks, sound marks, and smell marks as trademarks, suggesting that it will be possible to secure registrations of such marks across the GCC.

Furthermore, multiclass applications are allowed under the GCC Trademark Law, which constitutes a major shift in trademark practices in the once single class application countries in the GCC. The registration requirements have also been updated and now include a provision for foreign words, which entails providing certified translations of the word or phrase and an indication on how to pronounce it in Arabic, as per Article 4 of the Implementing Regulations.

The examination process is harmonized now, with applications being examined within 90 days from the date of submission. The TMO will then notify the applicant of the decision. There is a 90 days period to respond to office actions from the date of notification before the application is considered abandoned.

OTHER FEATURES OF THE TRADEMARK LAW ARE:

- Claim of priority, based on an earlier-filed foreign application, is possible
- Trademark applications accepted by the Registrar will be published for opposition purposes. Oppositions must be filed within 60 days from publication date
- Trademark registrations are valid for 10 years from filing date and are renewable for like periods. There is a grace period of 6 months for late renewals
- A trademark is vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years after registration
- The Law recognizes famous trademarks that are well-known in the GCC member states and shall ensure protection thereof even if the marks are not registered
- The Law gives the right to trademark owners to initiate civil and criminal actions against any infringing party. Penalties include a maximum of 5 years imprisonment and payment of fines of up to US \$270,000

GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (GCC) | PATENTS

Following the GCC Supreme Council's decision on 5 January 2021, which resulted in the GCC Patent Office's cessation of accepting new patent filings, an amended patent law and regulations were published within the same year. The new law transformed the GCC system from a unitary system - one that involved a single application, examination, patent, and a unified set of annuities - into a designation system. All applications filed before 6 January 2021 remained under the previous unitary system, even if they were examined and granted under the new law. Such patents may be enforced across all six GCC member countries.

The GCCPO resumed the acceptance of new applications on 1 January 2023, under the new designation system's provisions.

Applicants could designate Bahrain and/or Kuwait, and as of 1 July 2023, Qatar became an additional option for designation. Under the new system, an application is filed with and examined by the GCCPO. Once approved, the application is then transferred to the designated country offices for publication, granting, and issuance as national patents. Annuities up to the third year are paid to the GCCPO, and subsequent annuities must be paid to the national office(s) upon issuance.

Although all six GCC member countries are parties to the Paris Convention and the PCT, the GCCPO has not acceded to either treaty. Consequently, when claiming priority, applications must be filed within 12 months from the date of the earliest claimed priority in accordance with the provisions of the GCC patent law.



GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRADEMARKS

Country	Nice Edition	Multiple /Single Class Application	POA	Priority	Opposition Period	Protection Term	Renewal Grace Period
Afghanistan	12 th	Single	Legalized	Yes	21 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	-
Algeria	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Armenia	12 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Azerbaijan	12 th	Multiple	Notarized	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Bahrain	11 th	Single	Apostille certification/ legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Cyprus	11 th	Single	-	Yes	3 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Djibouti	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Egypt	11 th	Multiple	Legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years minus one day from filing date and renewable for like periods	6 months
Ethiopia	10 th	Multiple	Legalized	No	60 days from publication date	7 years from registration date, renewable for like periods	9 months
Gaza	10 th ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered	Single	Simply signed	No	3 months from publication date	7 years from filing date, renewable for periods of 14 years each	1 month
Iran	10 th ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered	Multiple	Legalized	Yes	30 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Iraq	7 th ; with local sub-classification system	Multiple	Legalized	Yes	90 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months

GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRADEMARKS

Country	Nice Edition	Multiple /Single Class Application	POA	Priority	Opposition Period	Protection Term	Renewal Grace Period
Jordan	11 th	Single	Legalized	Yes	3 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	1 year
Kenya	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Kuwait	10 th ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, & pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	60 days from the publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Lebanon	11 th	Multiple	Legalized	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	3 months
Libya	8 th ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	30 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Morocco	11 th	Multiple	-	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Oman	11 th	Single	Apostille certification/ legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Pakistan	11 th	Single	Notarized	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Qatar	11 th ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Saudi Arabia	12 th ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, pork meat in class 29, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered	Single	Apostille certification/ legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 Hijri years (approximately 9 years and 8 months) from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 lunar months
Somalia	10 th ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered	Single	Simply signed	No	45 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	-

GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRADEMARKS

Country	Nice Edition	Multiple /Single Class Application	POA	Priority	Opposition Period	Protection Term	Renewal Grace Period
Sudan	9 th ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered	Single	Notarized	Yes	8 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Syria	11 th	Single	Legalized	Yes	90 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Tanzania	10 th	Single	Simply signed	Yes	60 days from publication date	7 years from filing date, renewable periods for periods of 10 years each	30 days
Tunisia	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	-
Türkiye	11 th	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
United Arab Emirates	10 th ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 & pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered.	Single	Legalized	Yes	30 days from last publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
West Bank	10 th	Single	Legalized	No	3 months from publication date	7 years from filing date, renewable for periods of 14 years each	1 month
Yemen	10 th ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 & pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	90 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	1 year
Zanzibar	10 th	Single	Simply signed	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for periods of 7 years each	6 months

GENERAL INFORMATION ON PATENTS

Country	Priority	Novelty	Opposition Period	Examination	Protection Term	Compulsory License
Algeria	Yes	Absolute	-	As to form only	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Armenia	Yes	Absolute	-	As to form and patentability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Azerbaijan	Yes	Relative	-	As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Bahrain	Yes	Relative	60 days from grant and publication date	As to form, novelty and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Cyprus	Yes	Absolute	-	As to form only	20 years from filing date	Within 4 years from the date of grant
Egypt	Yes	Absolute	60 days from publication date	As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date (minus one day)	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Ethiopia	No	Relative	60 days from publication date	As to form, novelty, and industrial applicability	15 years from filing date, extendable for another 5 years	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Gaza	No	Absolute	60 days from publication date	As to form and patentability	Duration of the patent of origin	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Iran	Yes	Absolute	Any time after publication date	No examination	20 years from filing date	Within 5 years from the date of grant
Iraq	Yes	Absolute	Any time after grant	As to form, novelty and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant

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Country	Priority	Novelty	Opposition Period	Examination	Protection Term	Compulsory License
Jordan	Yes	Relative	3 months from publication date	As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date, whichever period lapses later
Kenya	Yes	Absolute	6 months from publication date	As to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Kuwait	Yes	Local	-	No Examination	20 years from filing date	Not granted
Lebanon	Yes	Absolute	-	As to form only	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Libya	Yes	Local	60 days from publication date	As to form only	15 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Morocco	Yes	Absolute	2 months from publication date	As to form and to patentability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Oman	Yes	Absolute	120 days from publication date	As to form and novelty	20 years from date of grant	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Pakistan	Yes	Relative	4 months from publication date	As to form and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Qatar	Yes	Absolute	60 days from announcement	As to form	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from date of grant
Saudi Arabia	Yes	Relative	-	As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	20 Hijri years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Sudan	Yes	Absolute	-	As to form only	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Syria	Yes	Absolute	6 months from the publication date	As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date (15 years if patent was granted prior to 2012)	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date, whichever period lapses later

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Country	Priority	Novelty	Opposition Period	Examination	Protection Term	Compulsory License
Tunisia	Yes	Relative	2 months from publication date	As to form, novelty and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant or 4 years from the filing date
Türkiye	Yes	Relative	6 months from publication of search report	As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years following the publication date of the patent
United Arab Emirates	Yes	Absolute	60 days from publication date	As to form, novelty, inventiveness and industrial applicability	20 years from filing date 10 years from filing date for utility model	Within 3 years after grant
West Bank	No	Absolute	2 months from publication date	As to form and patentability	Duration of patent of origin	Within 3 years from the date of grant
Yemen	Yes	Relative	90 days from publication date	As to form	20 years from filing date	Within 3 years from the date of grant

GENERAL INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Country	Duration	Examination	Applications with Multiple Figures	Renewal
Algeria	1 year from filing date	As to form only	Possible	For one term of 9 years
Armenia	5 years from filing date	As to form, novelty, and industrial applicability	Possible	For five terms of 5 years each
Azerbaijan	10 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Possible	For one term of 5 years
Bahrain	10 years from filing date	As to form, novelty and industrial applicability	Possible	For one term of 5 years
Cyprus	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible up to 50 figures	For four terms of 5 years each
Djibouti	5 years from filing date	As to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	Possible	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Egypt	10 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Possible up to 50 figures	For one term of 5 years with a 3 months grace period
Ethiopia	5 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Not possible	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Gaza	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Not possible	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Iran	5 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	-	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Iraq	10 years from filing date	As to form, novelty and industrial applicability	Not possible	Not possible
Jordan	15 years from filing date, and if priority is claimed, 15 years from priority date	As to form and novelty	Possible	Not possible
Kenya	5 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Possible	For two terms of 5 years each
Kuwait	10 years from filing date	As to form, local novelty, and industrial applicability	Possible up to 50 figures	For one term of 5 years
Lebanon	25 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible up to 99 figures	For one additional term of 25 years
Libya	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible up to 50 figures	For two consecutive terms of 5 years
Morocco	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible up to 100 designs/models of the same nature	For four consecutive terms of 5 years
Oman	5 years from filing date	As to novelty	Possible	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Pakistan	10 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Not possible	For two consecutive terms of 10 years

GENERAL INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Country	Duration	Examination	Applications with Multiple Figures	Renewal
Saudi Arabia	15 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Not possible	Not possible
Sudan	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible up to 50 figures	For two consecutive terms of 5 years
Syria	5 years from filing date	As to form and novelty	Possible up to 5 figures	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Tunisia	5, 10, or 15 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible	For two consecutive periods of 5 years, where the initial duration was 5 years and for a further period of 5 years where the initial duration was 10 years
Türkiye	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Possible	For four consecutive terms of 5 years each
United Arab Emirates	10 years from filing date (A maintenance fee is due annually on the anniversary of the filing date. There is a -6month grace period for late payment, the last 3 of which are subject to a surcharge)	As to form, novelty, inventiveness and industrial applicability	Not possible	Not possible
West Bank	5 years from filing date	As to form only	Not possible	For two consecutive terms of 5 years each
Yemen	10 years from filing date	As to form and content	Not possible	Not possible

GENERAL INFORMATION ON ENFORCEMENT

Country	Customs Recordal	Customs Direct Complaint	Administrative Action	Criminal Action	Civil Action
Algeria	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Bahrain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cyprus	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Egypt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jordan	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kuwait	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lebanon	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Libya	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Morocco	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Oman	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pakistan	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Qatar	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saudi Arabia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tunisia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
United Arab Emirates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yemen	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

GENERAL INFORMATION ON CUSTOMS RECORDAL

Country	Filing Requirements	Recordal Period
Algeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the Algerian Consulate Copy of registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Letter of commitment in French signed under the company's seal or letterhead and duly legalized before the Algerian Consulate Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products 	Recordal is valid for 12 months, renewable for like periods
Cyprus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, simply signed Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Application form Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Jordan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Recordal with General Customs Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the Jordanian Consulate Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded A petition duly executed on behalf of the rights holder Brochures or images showing how the genuine trademark is being used Recordal with Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power of attorney, legalized up to the Jordanian Consulate Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Application form Brochures or images showing how the genuine trademark is being used 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Morocco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the Moroccan Consulate Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded A petition duly executed on behalf of the rights holder An undertaking, legalized, together with a notarized copy of the company's General Assembly showing the name and position of the signatory Actual samples of goods bearing the trademark involved or a leaflet / brochure allowing easy identification of the genuine products in comparison with the counterfeit products (optional) Any relevant information on the origin of the counterfeit goods if available (optional) A specification of the exact goods for which the mark is actually used, in order for Customs to assign the adequate harmonized system coding 	Recordal is valid for 12 months, renewable for like periods
Saudi Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the Saudi Consulate Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Sudan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the Sudanese Consulate Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Certificate of Incorporation, legalized up to the Sudanese Consulate Copy of the Import Certificate. Same is usually issued to the local agent/ distributor by the Ministry of Economy and Trade Application form An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, simply signed Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Application Form Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Türkiye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, notarized with an Apostille certification Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Application form An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products 	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
UAE (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Ras Al Khaimah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POA, legalized up to the UAE Consulate Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded Application form An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products 	Recordal is valid for the trademark's protection term, renewable for like periods

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