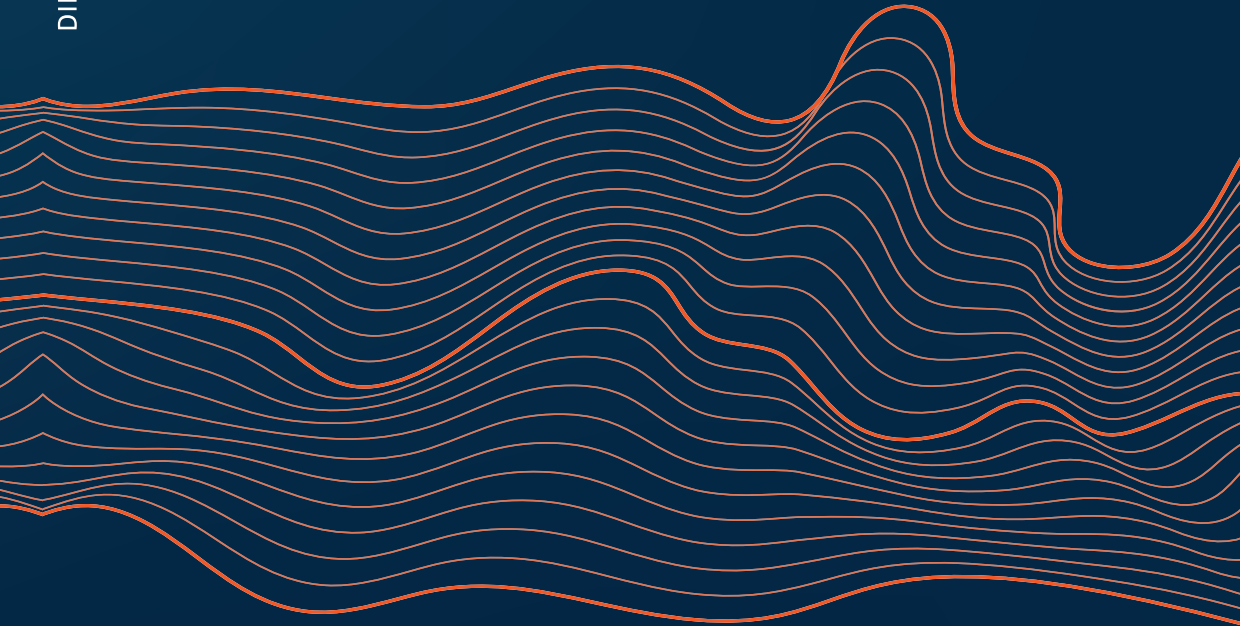
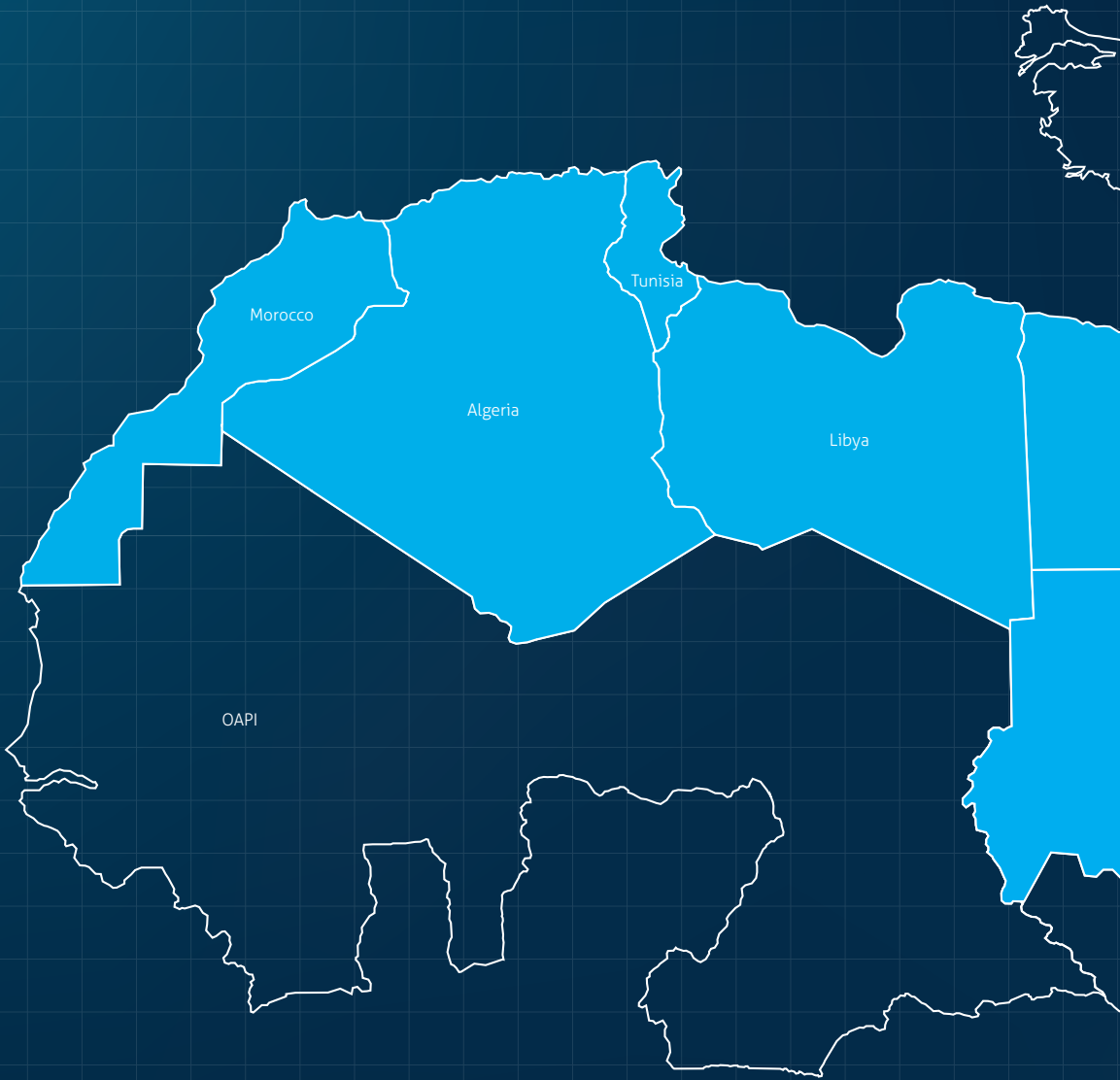



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# COUNTRIES



# AFGHANISTAN | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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

# AFGHANISTAN | PATENTS

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

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- . Patent title
- . Patentee's name
- . Address and nationality
- . Inventors' names
- . Claims
- . Priority claim
- . Abstract
- . Specifications

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,  
World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

None

# ALGERIA | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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

# ALGERIA | PATENTS



## 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"> <li>Copy of international publication</li> <li>Copy of international search report (ISR)</li> <li>Copy of international preliminary examination report (if available)</li> <li>Title in French</li> <li>2 copies of the specifications in Arabic</li> <li>2 sets of drawings</li> <li>ISR in Arabic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of international publication, copy of ISR, copy of international preliminary examination report (if available), and title must be submitted at the time of filing</li> <li>POA and remaining documents may be submitted within 2 months from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extract from the commercial register showing old and new names/addresses, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized and notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English, French, or Arabic translation</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized and notarized</li> </ul>	

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Lisbon Agreement, Locarno Agreement, Madrid Protocol, Nairobi Treaty, Nice Agreement, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Patent Law Treaty, Rome Convention

# ARMENIA | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

2 months from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



## USE

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

# ARMENIA | PATENTS



**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**  
No provisions



**OPPOSITION**  
No provisions



**EXAMINATION**  
On formal and substantive grounds



**ANNUITIES**  
Due annually on the anniversary of the grant



**PUBLICATION**  
No provisions



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

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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

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

### CONVENTIONS

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

# AZERBAIJAN | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



# AZERBAIJAN | PATENTS



**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**  
No provisions



**OPPOSITION**  
6 months from publication date



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



**ANNUITIES**  
Due annually on the anniversary of the grant



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



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

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of the specifications, claims, and abstracts with Azerbaijani translation</li> <li>1 set of drawings and the abstract</li> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority document must be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be translated into Azerbaijani upon submission</li> </ul>

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Budapest Treaty, Hague Agreement, Locarno Agreement, Madrid Protocol, Nairobi Treaty, Nice Agreement, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Phonograms Convention, Rome Convention, Strasbourg Agreement, WIPO Copyright Treaty, WIPO Convention, WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty

# BAHRAIN | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



## USE

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

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

# BAHRAIN | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



## EXAMINATION

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



## PUBLICATION

Published in the official gazette after grant



## OPPOSITION

60 days from grant and publication of patent



## ANNUITIES

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



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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

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

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Brussels Convention, GCC Patent Law, Hague Agreement, Madrid Protocol, Nice Agreement, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Patent Law Treaty, Rome Convention, Trademark Law Treaty, WIPO Copyright Treaty, WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty

# CYPRUS | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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

# 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"> <li>Copy of the specifications in English with Greek translation</li> <li>1 set of drawings and the abstract</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be submitted at the time of EP validation</li> <li>POA may be submitted within 3 months from validation</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission</li> <li>Separate POAs are required from the assignee and assignor</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Greek upon submission</li> </ul>

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

European Union, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, European Patent Convention, Hague Agreement, Madrid Protocol, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

# DJIBOUTI | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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

# DJIBOUTI | PATENTS



**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"> <li>Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> <li>2 copies of abstract, claims and specifications in French</li> <li>2 sets of drawings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents must be submitted at the time of filing</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn French translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Paris Convention

# EGYPT | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

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



# EGYPT | PATENTS



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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,  
World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Hague Agreement, Madrid Protocol, Nairobi Treaty, Nice Agreement, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Phonograms Convention, Strasbourg Agreement, Trademark Law Treaty

# ETHIOPIA | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>• Certified copy of home or any foreign registration certificate of the mark with English translation, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All documents must be submitted at the time of filing</li> <li>• Priority claim is not possible</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace period of 9 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of name/address with English translation, notarized, or certified copy of corresponding home or foreign registration reflecting the change of name/address with English translation, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of assignment with English translation, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of merger with English translation, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement with English translation, notarized</li> <li>• Simple copy of the registration certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>• Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor</li> </ul>

# ETHIOPIA | PATENTS



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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,  
World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

None

# GAZA | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> edition - single class application.  
Class 33 and alcoholic goods in class 32  
cannot be registered



## 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
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA must be submitted at the time of filing</li> <li>Priority claim is not possible</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 1 month</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>

# GAZA | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

Limited to data verification



## OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



## EXAMINATION

As to form and patentability



## ANNUITIES

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



## PUBLICATION

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



## PROTECTION TERM

Duration of the patent of origin

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 copies of the specifications in English, with Arabic translation</li> <li>3 sets of formal drawings</li> <li>Certified copy of Letters Patents from country of origin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents should be submitted at the time of filing</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor</li> </ul>

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

None

### CONVENTIONS

None

# IRAN | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> edition - multiclass application.  
Class 33 and alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered



## OPPOSITION

30 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



## USE

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

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

# IRAN | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



## EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventiveness, and applicability



## PUBLICATION

Published upon grant



## OPPOSITION

Any time after publication date



## ANNUITIES

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



## PROTECTION TERM

20 years from filing date

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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,  
World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Madrid Protocol, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

# IRAQ | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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

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# 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"> <li>8 copies of the specifications in English and Arabic</li> <li>8 sets of drawings in English and Arabic</li> <li>Deed of assignment from the inventors, legalized</li> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,  
World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Paris Convention

# JORDAN | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

11<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 1 year</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name, legalized</li> <li>For change of address, no additional documents are required other than POA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>

# JORDAN | PATENTS



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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Budapest Treaty, International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants, Nice Agreement, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Vienna Agreement, WIPO Copyright Treaty, WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty

# KENYA | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



## USE

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

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

# KENYA | PATENTS



**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**  
No provisions



**OPPOSITION**  
6 months from publication date



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



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



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



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

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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

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

### CONVENTIONS

Madrid Protocol, Paris Union, Patent Cooperation Treaty

# KUWAIT | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> edition - single class application.  
Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered



## 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 preceding date of filing for cancellation

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

# 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"> <li>Copy of international publication</li> <li>Specifications in English and Arabic</li> <li>Drawings in English and Arabic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents may be submitted within 3 months from the filing date</li> <li>Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	

## AFFILIATIONS

### 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

11<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 3 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>Original certificate of registration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>Must be made within 3 months after the transfer or else a surcharge is levied for each delay of 2 months</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> <li>Original certificate of registration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be made within 3 months after the transfer or else a surcharge is levied for each delay of 2 months</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties</li> </ul>



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

## AFFILIATIONS

### 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

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



## OPPOSITION

30 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



## USE

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

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

# LIBYA | PATENTS



**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**  
No provisions



**OPPOSITION**  
60 days from publication date



**EXAMINATION**  
As to form



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



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



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

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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty

# MOROCCO | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

2 months from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

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

# MOROCCO | PATENTS



## 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"> <li>▪ Copy of international publication (with ISR if published)</li> <li>▪ Copy of the specifications in Arabic or French</li> <li>▪ Set of drawings in Arabic or French</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Specification and drawings can be submitted within 3 months from filing</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Extract from the commercial register with sworn French translation, notarized or certificate of change of name/address, notarized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deed of assignment, with French translation, notarized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certificate of merger, with French translation, notarized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ License agreement, with French translation, notarized</li> </ul>	

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

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

# OMAN | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



## USE

Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 5 consecutive years 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"> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register</li> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents may be submitted within 60 days from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification</li> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification</li> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, with Apostille certification</li> <li>Copy of certificate of incorporation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>

# OMAN | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



## EXAMINATION

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



## PUBLICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

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



## ANNUITIES

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



## PROTECTION TERM

20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	POA with Apostille certification/legalized required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of international publication (with ISR if published)</li> <li>• 2 copies of the specifications in both English and Arabic</li> <li>• 2 sets of drawings in both English and Arabic</li> <li>• Assignment from inventors, with Apostille certification</li> <li>• Extract from the commercial register or certificate of good standing</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of name/address, with Apostille certification</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extract from the commercial register of assignee</li> <li>• Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement, with Apostille certification</li> <li>• Extract from licensee commercial register, with Apostille certification</li> </ul>	

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

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

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Brussels Convention, Budapest Treaty, GCC Patent Law, Hague Agreement, Madrid Protocol, Nairobi Treaty, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Patent Law Treaty, Trademark Law Treaty, WIPO Copyright Treaty, WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty

# PAKISTAN | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

11<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> <li>Date of first use of the mark in Pakistan, if available</li> <li>Transliteration and translation of non-English words appearing on the mark</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents may be submitted within 3 months from filing date except for the POA, which may be submitted within 2 months from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name, notarized</li> <li>For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registered trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned. Trademark applications may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned and only if the trademarks are used. If the trademarks are only proposed to be used.</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become enforceable against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>



# PAKISTAN | PATENTS



## 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"> <li>3 copies of the specifications in English</li> <li>3 sets of drawings</li> <li>Certified copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> <li>Deed of assignment from inventors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must use form 2A and 2A reverse for assignment</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, certified</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, certified</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, certified</li> </ul>	

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Madrid Protocol, Paris Convention

# QATAR | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## 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 preceding the date of filing for cancellation

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

# QATAR | PATENTS



**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**  
Available



**OPPOSITION**  
60 days from announcement



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



**ANNUITIES**  
Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant. Grace period of 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"> <li>Copy of international publication (with ISR if published)</li> <li>Copy of the specifications in English and Arabic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing this change, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	

## AFFILIATIONS

### 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

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



## OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 Hijri years (approximately 9 years and 8 months) 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 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 lunar months</li> <li>POA must not have been executed more than 5 years prior to the date of its intended use</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name, legalized</li> <li>For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA and the original certificate of registration for endorsement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, with Apostille certification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, with Apostille certification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>

# SAUDI ARABIA | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



## OPPOSITION

No provisions



## EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability



## ANNUITIES

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



## PUBLICATION

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



## PROTECTION TERM

20 Hijri years from the international filing date

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

## AFFILIATIONS

### 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



## OPPOSITION

45 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Not possible



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

On absolute and relative grounds



## 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"> <li>• Copy of the applicant's business registration certificate (or equivalent)</li> <li>• Copy of a home or foreign trademark registration certificate</li> <li>• Company profile</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Disclaimer:</b> Please note that at present, there is no established mechanism for trademark renewals and records in Somalia.</p>		

# 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

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



## OPPOSITION

8 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 after registration date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Notarized POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of incorporation with English translation, legalized</li> <li>• Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> <li>• Declaration of nationality, simply signed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All documents maybe submitted within 1 month from filing date, except for declaration of nationality, which may be submitted within 2 months from end of opposition period</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>• Forms Nos. T. M. 11 and T. M. 12, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of incorporation of the assignee with certified English translation, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>• May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>• Separate POAs must be submitted by assignee and assignor</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement, legalized</li> <li>• Certificate of incorporation of licensee, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>• May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>• Separate POAs must be submitted by licensor and licensee</li> </ul>



# SUDAN | PATENTS



**EQUIVALENT SEARCH**  
No provisions



**OPPOSITION**  
No provisions



**EXAMINATION**  
As to form



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



**PUBLICATION**  
Not available



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

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

## AFFILIATIONS

### 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<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>Simple copy of home or foreign registration with Arabic translation</li> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Must be recorded within 3 months from effective date otherwise a surcharge is levied</li> </ul>

# SYRIA | PATENTS



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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Hague Agreement, Madrid Protocol, Nairobi Treaty, Nice Agreement, Paris Convention, Patent Cooperation Treaty, Rome Convention

# TANZANIA | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

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



## EXAMINATION

On formal and absolute grounds



## USE

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

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

# TANZANIA | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



## OPPOSITION

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



## EXAMINATION

As to form, absolute novelty is required



## ANNUITIES

Maintenance fees are payable annually



## PUBLICATION

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



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from the filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specification, claims and abstract in English</li> <li>• Formal drawings, if applicable</li> <li>• International patent classification</li> <li>• Deed of assignment</li> <li>• Priority document with verified English translation</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or extract from the commercial register</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of merger, simply signed</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement, simply signed</li> </ul>	

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

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

### CONVENTIONS

Banjul Protocol, Paris Convention, WIPO Convention

# TUNISIA | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

On formal and absolute grounds



## USE

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

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

# TUNISIA | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

May be searched by title and patentee name



## OPPOSITION

2 months from publication date



## EXAMINATION

As to form



## ANNUITIES

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



## PUBLICATION

Patents are published in the Industrial Property Bulletin upon allowance



## PROTECTION TERM

20 years from the international filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Simply signed POA required for all of the below procedures	
REGISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Copy of PCT request</li> <li>▪ Copy of international publication</li> <li>▪ Copy of international search report</li> <li>▪ Copy of international preliminary examination report (if available)</li> <li>▪ 3 copies of the specifications in English, French or Arabic</li> <li>▪ 3 sets of formal drawings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ POA must be submitted within one month from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certificate of change of name/address, simply signed</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ POA may be submitted by assignee or assignor</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certificate of merger, simply signed</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ License agreement, simply signed</li> </ul>	

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,  
World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

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

# TÜRKIYE | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

2 months from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



## USE

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

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



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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization,  
World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

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

# UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> edition - single class application.  
Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered



## OPPOSITION

30 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



## USE

Vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party if there has been no effective use of the mark for a period of 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"> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> <li>POA must be submitted at the time of filing. 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.</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 6 months</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, legalized with English translation</li> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized with English translation</li> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized, with English translation</li> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized with English translation</li> <li>Simple copy of latest certificate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Separate POAs must be submitted by the licensee and licensor</li> </ul>

# UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



## 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 and payable on pending applications. Grace period of 3 months for late payment with a surcharge



## PUBLICATION

Applications are published after grant



## 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"> <li>Copy of international publication</li> <li>Specifications in English and Arabic</li> <li>Drawings in English and Arabic (if any)</li> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> <li>Extract from the commercial register or certificate of good standing, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of international publication, copies of the specifications, and drawings must be submitted at the time of filing</li> <li>POA and remaining documents must be submitted within 90 days from filing date</li> <li>Colored scanned copies of English or Arabic documents are accepted. If in another language, a sworn English translation is required</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, notarized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, notarized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, notarized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, notarized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Separate POAs must be submitted by licensor and licensee</li> </ul>

## AFFILIATIONS

### 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<sup>th</sup> 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"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> <li>Priority claim is not possible</li> </ul>
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grace period of 1 month</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for applications and registrations</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trademarks may be assigned only with the goodwill of the business concerned</li> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be recorded for registrations only</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties</li> <li>Maybe recorded for registrations only</li> <li>Separate POAs must be submitted by licensee and licensor</li> </ul>

# WEST BANK | PATENTS



## 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<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> years as from filing date. Grace period of 2 months for late payment with a surcharge



## 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"> <li>3 copies of the specifications in English, with Arabic translation</li> <li>3 sets of formal drawings</li> <li>Assignment from inventors, notarized</li> <li>Certified copy of Letters Patents from country of origin</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change/address, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The assignment price should be indicated in the agreement</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>POA may be submitted by licensee or licensor</li> </ul>

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

None

### CONVENTIONS

None

# YEMEN | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

10<sup>th</sup> edition - single class application.  
Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered



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

# YEMEN | PATENTS



## EQUIVALENT SEARCH

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



## OPPOSITION

90 days from publication date



## EXAMINATION

As to form



## ANNUITIES

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



## PUBLICATION

Published in the Official Gazette upon allowance



## PROTECTION TERM

20 years from the filing date

	FILING REQUIREMENTS	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
	Legalized POA required for all of the below procedures	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"> <li>Extract from the commercial register, legalized</li> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> <li>Abstract of the invention</li> <li>Technical specifications of the invention</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, legalized</li> <li>Extract from the commercial register, legalized</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, legalized</li> <li>Extract from the commercial register of assignee, legalized</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, legalized</li> <li>Extract from the commercial register, if new legal entity formed, legalized</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, legalized</li> <li>Extract from the commercial register of licensee, legalized</li> </ul>	

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

World Intellectual Property Organization, World Trade Organization

### CONVENTIONS

Berne Convention, Paris Convention

# ZANZIBAR | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

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



## OPPOSITION

60 days from publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

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





# ZANZIBAR | PATENTS



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

## AFFILIATIONS

### BODIES

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

### CONVENTIONS

Banjul Protocol, Paris Convention, WIPO Convention



# REGIONAL REGISTRATION SYSTEMS



## AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) | TRADEMARKS



### CLASSIFICATION

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



### OPPOSITION

3 months from publication date



### SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



### PROTECTION TERM

10 years from filing date and renewable for like periods



### EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds



### USE

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

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

## 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"> <li>• Specification and abstract in English or French in triplicate; 3 sets of formal drawings</li> <li>• Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified</li> <li>• Original or certified copy of deed of assignment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of POA must be submitted at the time of filing; original POA may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> <li>• Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of name/address, certified</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of assignment, certified</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of merger, certified</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement, certified</li> </ul>	

### AFFILIATIONS

#### BODIES

None

#### CONVENTIONS

Madrid Protocol, Paris Convention

# AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) | TRADEMARKS



## CLASSIFICATION

9<sup>th</sup> edition (some member states use the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> edition) - multiclass application; however, the same application may not include both goods and services



## OPPOSITION

3 months from the publication date



## SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks



## PROTECTION TERM

10 years from the filing date and renewable for like periods



## EXAMINATION

Depends on member states



## 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of priority document, if priority is claimed, certified with English translation</li> </ul>	
RENEWAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional documents are required</li> </ul>	
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of change of name/address with verified English translation</li> </ul>	
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of assignment with verified English translation</li> </ul>	
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of merger with verified English translation</li> </ul>	
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License agreement with verified English translation</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of international publication (with ISR if published)</li> <li>Copy of the specifications in English</li> <li>Deed of assignment from inventors, legalized</li> <li>Simple copy of the priority document</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of POA must be submitted at the time of filing; original POA may be submitted within 2 months from filing date</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of change of name/address, simply signed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records</li> </ul>
ASSIGNMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deed of assignment, simply signed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records</li> </ul>
MERGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certificate of merger, simply signed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records</li> </ul>
LICENSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License agreement, certified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language</li> <li>Recordal cannot be filed except by the filing agent on PTO records</li> </ul>

## AFFILIATIONS

### 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.



# INFORMATION BRIEFS



## GENERAL INFORMATION ON TRADEMARKS

Country	Nice Edition	Multiple /Single Class Application	POA	Priority	Opposition Period	Protection Term	Renewal Grace Period
Afghanistan	12 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Legalized	Yes	21 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	-
Algeria	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Armenia	12 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Azerbaijan	12 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Notarized	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Bahrain	11 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Apostille certification/legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Cyprus	11 <sup>th</sup>	Single	-	Yes	3 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Djibouti	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Egypt	11 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Legalized	No	60 days from publication date	7 years from registration date, renewable for like periods	9 months
Gaza	10 <sup>th</sup> ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered	Single	Simply signed	No	3 months from publication date	7 years from filing date, renewable for periods of 14 years each	1 month
Iran	10 <sup>th</sup> ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 cannot be registered	Multiple	Legalized	Yes	30 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Iraq	7 <sup>th</sup> ; with local 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 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Legalized	Yes	3 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	1 year
Kenya	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Kuwait	10 <sup>th</sup> ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, & pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	60 days from the publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Lebanon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Legalized	Yes	-	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	3 months
Libya	8 <sup>th</sup> ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	30 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Morocco	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	-	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Oman	11 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Apostille certification/ legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Pakistan	11 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Notarized	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Qatar	11 <sup>th</sup> ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered	Single	Legalized	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Saudi Arabia	12 <sup>th</sup> ; Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, pork meat in class 29, and Christmas trees and related products in class 28 cannot be registered	Single	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 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Legalized	Yes	90 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
Tanzania	10 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	60 days from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	-
Türkiye	11 <sup>th</sup>	Multiple	Simply signed	Yes	2 months from publication date	10 years from filing date, renewable for like periods	6 months
United Arab Emirates	10 <sup>th</sup> ; Class 33 & alcoholic goods in class 32 & 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 <sup>th</sup>	Single	Legalized	No	3 months from publication date	7 years from filing date, renewable for periods of 14 years each	1 month
Yemen	10 <sup>th</sup> ; 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 <sup>th</sup>	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

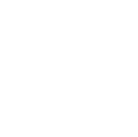
## GENERAL INFORMATION ON PATENTS

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



## GENERAL INFORMATION ON PATENTS

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	Criminal 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"> <li>. POA, legalized up to the Algerian Consulate</li> <li>. Copy of registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>. Letter of commitment in French signed under the company's seal or letterhead and duly legalized before the Algerian Consulate</li> <li>. Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for 12 months, renewable for like periods
Cyprus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. POA, simply signed</li> <li>. Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>. Application form</li> <li>. Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Jordan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recordal with General Customs Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. POA, legalized up to the Jordanian Consulate</li> <li>. Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>. A petition duly executed on behalf of the rights holder</li> <li>. Brochures or images showing how the genuine trademark is being used</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Recordal with Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Power of attorney, legalized up to the Jordanian Consulate</li> <li>. Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>. Application form</li> <li>. Brochures or images showing how the genuine trademark is being used</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Morocco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. POA, legalized up to the Moroccan Consulate</li> <li>. Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>. A petition duly executed on behalf of the rights holder</li> <li>. An undertaking, legalized, together with a notarized copy of the company's General Assembly showing the name and position of the signatory</li> <li>. Actual samples of goods bearing the trademark involved or a leaflet / brochure allowing easy identification of the genuine products in comparison with the counterfeit products (optional)</li> <li>. Any relevant information on the origin of the counterfeit goods if available (optional)</li> <li>. A specification of the exact goods for which the mark is actually used, in order for Customs to assign the adequate harmonized system coding</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for 12 months, renewable for like periods
Saudi Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. POA, legalized up to the Saudi Consulate</li> <li>. Copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Sudan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. POA, legalized up to the Sudanese Consulate</li> <li>. Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>. Certificate of Incorporation, legalized up to the Sudanese Consulate</li> <li>. Copy of the Import Certificate. Same is usually issued to the local agent/distributor by the Ministry of Economy and Trade</li> <li>. Application form</li> <li>. An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Tunisia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. POA, simply signed</li> <li>. Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>. Application Form</li> <li>. Photos and other information about the original and counterfeit products</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
Türkiye	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. POA, notarized with an Apostille certification</li> <li>. Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>. Application form</li> <li>. An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for one year, renewable for like periods
UAE (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Ras Al Khaimah)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. POA, legalized up to the UAE Consulate</li> <li>. Certified copy of the registration certificate of the trademark to be recorded</li> <li>. Application form</li> <li>. An electronic presentation of the original product to aid Customs officials in detecting counterfeits and differentiating them from the genuine products</li> </ul>	Recordal is valid for the trademark's protection term, renewable for like periods

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