



TRADEMARK
PATENT
DESIGN
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DOMAIN NAME

TRADEMARK

REGISTRATION

Information:

MEMBERSHIP

WIPO, TRIPS, Paris Convention and Madrid Agreement

CLASSIFICATION

10th edition — single class application

CLAIMING PRIORITY

Possible

SEARCH/TIME FRAME

Possible for word and device marks / 8 – 12 working days

EXAMINATION

On formal, absolute, and relative grounds

EXTENSION OF TIME

Not possible for filing oppositions, counter oppositions, and responding to office actions

VALIDITY

10 years as from the filing date

RENEWAL

For unlimited period of 10 years each

GRACE PERIOD

6 months from the protection's expiry date

USE

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

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate; and
2. Fifteen prints of the mark.

- A general POA may be used for subsequent filings.
- Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date.

Time frame:

- 1) Filing up to Examination: 13-18 months
- 2) Examination up to Publication: 1-2 months from the time of acceptance
- 3) Opposition Period: 60 days from the publication date
- 4) End of opposition period up to issuance of registration certificate: Within 2 months
- 5) Total estimated time frame: 18-24 months

The above time frame is for a normal/smooth processing of a trademark application, in case of no objections by the trademark examiner or no oppositions from a third party.

RENEWAL**Filing Requirements:**

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate.

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**Filing Requirements:**

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate; and
2. Certificate of change of name/address, legalized.

- May be recorded for applications and registrations.

ASSIGNMENT**Filing Requirements:**

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate;
2. Deed of assignment, legalized; and
3. Certificate of the incorporation of the assignee, legalized.

- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned.
- Separate POAs are required from assignee and assignor.

MERGER

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate;
2. Certificate of merger, legalized; and
3. Certificate of incorporation, legalized.

LICENSE

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate;
 2. License agreement, legalized; and
 3. Certificate of incorporation, legalized.
- Separate POAs are required from licensee and licensor.
 - License recordal is not compulsory but highly advisable in order to be effective against third parties.

PATENT

Information:

EQUIVALENT SEARCH

Patent applications and patents are searchable by title, patentee name, priority/PCT number, application number, subject matter.

EXAMINATION

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

PUBLICATION

Patents are published in the Official Gazette after allowance

OPPOSITION

Oppositions may be filed within 60 days from publication

ANNUITIES

Due annually on the anniversary of the international filing date and payable prior to grant.

12 - month grace period for late payment with a surcharge

PROTECTION TERM

20 years from the international filing date

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate;
2. An Extract from the Commercial Register or Certificate of Incorporation, if the applicant is a company, duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate;
3. An Assignment Deed duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate, if the applicant is not the inventor;
4. Two copies of specifications, claims, abstract and drawings; and
5. A certified copy of the corresponding home application duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate, in case of claiming priority.

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS**Filing Requirements:**

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate;
2. Document evidencing the change of name/address, legalized; and
3. If new name, then new POA, simply signed.

ASSIGNMENT**Filing Requirements:**

1. Power of Attorney in the name of the assignor, legalized;
 2. Power of Attorney in the name of the assignee, legalized;
 3. Certificate of Incorporation in the name of the assignee, legalized; and
 4. Deed of Assignment from the assignor to the assignee, legalized.
- Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language.
 - Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission.

MERGER**Filing Requirements:**

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate;
 2. Power of Attorney in the name of the resulting company, legalized; and
 3. Certificate of Merger.
- Documents must be accompanied with a sworn English translation if made in a foreign language.
 - Documents must be translated into Arabic upon submission.

LICENSE

Filing Requirements:

1. Power of Attorney from the licensee, legalized;
2. License agreement, legalized; and
3. Certificate of incorporation of the licensee.

DESIGN

Information:

DURATION

10 years from filing date

EXAMINATION

As to form and novelty

APPLICATION WITH MULTIPLE FIGURES

Admissible for up to 30 figures

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate;
2. An Extract from the Commercial Register or Certificate of Incorporation, if the applicant is a company, duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate;
3. An Assignment Deed duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate, if the applicant is not the designer;
4. Four sets of formal drawings; and
5. A certified copy of the priority document, if priority is claimed.

- Copies of the representations, description of the design, and a brief separate illustration of the drawings must be submitted at the time of filing
- Deed of assignment may be submitted within 3 months of filing date
- Power of Attorney, certificate of incorporation, and priority document may be submitted within 6 months of filing date

COPYRIGHT

Information:

MEMBER OF BERNE CONVENTION

Yes

REGISTRATION

Possible for nationals and foreigners

REGISTRATION TIME FRAME

The approximate time frame for completing the registration process is 7 working days

DURATION

In general, the duration is the artist's life, with the addition of 50 years following the artist's date of passing

WORKS PROTECTED

Books, booklets, articles, bulletins and any other written works; Computer programs; Databases, whether readable by computer or otherwise; Lectures, speeches, sermons and any other oral works when recorded; Dramatic and dramatic-musical works, and pantomimes; Musical works with or without words; Audiovisual works; Works of architecture; Works of drawings with lines or colors, sculpture, lithography, printing on textile and any other similar works of fine arts; Photographic and similar works; Works of applied and plastic arts; Illustrations; Maps, sketches and three-dimensional works related to geography, topography or architectural designs; Derivative works, without prejudice to the protection prescribed for the works from which they have been derived

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate;
2. A copy of the Artwork, stamped and mentioning the name of the signatory and title or a certificate of registration of the Artwork in any country;
3. Particulars/details of the Author and Publisher; and
4. Three copies of the work.

DOMAIN NAME

Requirements:

1. A written request in the letterhead of the applicant requesting the registration of the domain name;
2. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate; and
3. Copy of the Egyptian Trademark Registration Certificate of the same trademark required for the domain name.