



TRADEMARK
PATENT
DESIGN
COPYRIGHT
DOMAIN NAME

TRADEMARK

REGISTRATION

Information:

MEMBERSHIP

WIPO and Paris Convention

CLASSIFICATION

7th edition — multiclass application with local sub-classification system

CLAIMING PRIORITY

Possible

SEARCH/TIME FRAME

Possible for word marks and device marks / 6 months

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 2 years from registration date

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate; and
2. The class and subclasses of the goods to be covered by the application. Iraq is following a local sub classification and mostly is identical to international classification.
 - A general POA may be used for subsequent filings.
 - All documents may be submitted within 6 months from filing date.
 - The date of notarization of POA must precede the date of filing.

Time frame:

- 1) Rejection: Must be appealed within 60 days
- 2) Publication: In 3 consecutive issues of the publication
- 3) Opposition Period: 90 days from the publication date
- 4) Total estimated time frame: 24-36 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.

The autonomous territory of **Kurdistan** in the Federal Republic of Iraq has a separate registry for trademark registration. There are in fact two methods for trademark registration in this region of Iraq; either file a fresh application at Kurdistan Trademark Office or apply for extension of protection of a trademark originally registered at the trademark office in Baghdad.

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate; and
2. Certificate of Incorporation duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate.
 - A certified copy of registration of trademark at Baghdad Trademark Office, for applying extension of protection

RENEWAL

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate; and
2. A simple copy of the latest certificate issued.

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate;
 2. Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing the change, legalized; and
 3. Copy of certificate of registration.
- For a change of address, no additional documents are required other than the POA.
 - May be recorded for applications and registrations.

ASSIGNMENT

Filing Requirements:

1. POA, legalized; and
 2. Deed of assignment, legalized.
- Trademarks may be assigned with the goodwill of the business concerned unless otherwise agreed upon.
 - May be recorded for registrations only.

MERGER

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate; and
 2. Certificate of merger, legalized.
- May be recorded for registrations only.

LICENSE

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate; and
 2. License agreement, legalized.
- License recordal is compulsory in order to be effective against third parties.
 - May be recorded for registrations only.

PATENT

Information:

EQUIVALENT SEARCH

Not possible

EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventiveness and industrial applicability

PUBLICATION

Applications published after grant

OPPOSITION

Oppositions may be filed at any time after grant

ANNUITIES

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

PROTECTION TERM

20 years from filing date

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate;
2. Eight copies of abstract, specifications, claims & drawings, if any;
3. Certified copy of priority document duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate, if priority is claimed; and
4. An Assignment deed duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate, if the applicant is not the inventor.

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate; and
2. Document evidencing change of name/ address, legalized.

ASSIGNMENT

Filing Requirements:

1. POA from both assignee and assignor, legalized; and
2. Document evidencing assignment, legalized.

MERGER

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate; and
2. Document evidencing merger, legalized.

LICENSE

Filing Requirements:

1. POA from licensee and licensor, legalized; and
2. Licensing agreement, legalized

DESIGN

Information:

PROTECTION TERM

7 years from filing date

EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, and industrial applicability

APPLICATION WITH MULTIPLE FIGURES

Admissible

ANNUITIES

Payable annually

RENEWAL

Not possible

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Iraqi consulate;
2. Eight copies of short description of the design;
3. Eight copies of drawings or representation of the design; and
4. Two miniature model of design.
 - Copies of the short description of the design and a simple copy of the priority document must be submitted at the time of filing, all remaining items may be submitted within 6 months of filing.

COPYRIGHT

Information:

No statutory laws on Copyright and Related Rights are available in Iraq.

DOMAIN NAME

Requirements:

1. The owner's name, trade, address with the full contact information;
2. A brief on the owner's line of business and activities;
3. Primary Server Hostname; Primary Server IP address; Secondary Server Hostname and Secondary Server IP address. Please specify whether the servers are DNS or NS1, NS2;
4. The name of the DNS service provider;
5. A Power of Attorney legalized up to the Iraqi consulate; and
6. The owner should have a similar trademark or a trade name registered in Iraq. If the client has a branch licensed in Iraq , a copy of the license will be required.