



TRADEMARK

PATENT

DESIGN

COPYRIGHT

DOMAIN NAME

TRADEMARK

REGISTRATION

Information:

MEMBERSHIP

WIPO and Paris Convention

CLASSIFICATION

10th edition — multiclass application

CLAIMING PRIORITY

Possible

SEARCH

Possible for word and device marks

EXAMINATION

On formal and absolute grounds

EXTENSION OF TIME

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

VALIDITY

15 years as from the filing date

RENEWAL

For unlimited period of 15 years each

GRACE PERIOD

3 months from the protection's expiry date

USE

The use of a trademark is not compulsory for filing applications, maintaining trademark registration in force, or for renewal or maintenance of a trademark. Prior use constitutes the main criteria in determining proprietorship of a trademark, and is never considered as a pre-requisite for registration, or even a requirement to maintain that registration valid and enforced in the future. A trademark registration is cancelled only through a court action filed by a prior user, requesting such cancellation.

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate; and
2. Twenty prints of the mark.
 - The Power of Attorney must be filed together with the application.
 - A general POA may be used for subsequent filings.
 - Priority document may be submitted within 3 months from filing date.
 - The Trademark Office will issue temporary filing date and filing number on the same date of submitting the application. The permanent filing number which is the registration number as well and the filing date will be allotted after acceptance of application.

Time frame:

- 1) Rejection: Must be appealed within 30 days
- 2) Opposition Period: There is no provision for opposition
- 3) Filing up to Registration: 2-4 weeks
- 4) Issuance of registration certificate: Within 3 weeks from the registration date
The above time frame is for a normal/smooth processing of a trademark application, in case of no objections by the trademark examiner.

RENEWAL

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate.

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate; and
2. Certificate of change of name, legalized.
 - May be recorded for registrations only.
 - No additional documents are required other than POA for a change of address.

ASSIGNMENT

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate; and
2. Deed of assignment, legalized .
 - Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned.
 - May be recorded for registrations only.
 - Must be made within 3 months after the transfer or else a surcharge is levied for each delay of 2 months.

MERGER

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate; and
2. Certificate of merger, legalized.
 - May be recorded for registrations only.
 - Must be made within 3 months after the transfer or else a surcharge is levied for each delay of 2 months.

LICENSE

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate; and
2. License agreement, legalized.
 - License recordal is not compulsory but advisable in order to become effective against third parties.
 - May be recorded for registrations only.

PATENT

Information:

EQUIVALENT SEARCH

Not possible

EXAMINATION

As to form only

PUBLICATION

Applications are published upon issuance

OPPOSITION

No provisions for opposition

ANNUITIES

Due annually on the anniversary of the filing date and payable before the granting of the patent.

6 - month grace period for late payment with a surcharge

PROTECTION TERM

20 years from filing date

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate;
2. An Assignment Deed duly legalized up to the Lebanese Consulate, if the applicant is not the inventor;
3. Two copies of specifications, claims, abstract and drawings, if any; and
4. A certified copy of the priority document.

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

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

ASSIGNMENT**Filing Requirements:**

1. Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate from assignee and assignor; and
2. Deed of assignment, legalized.

MERGER**Filing Requirements:**

1. Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate from new moral entity; and
2. Certificate of merger, legalized.

LICENSE**Filing Requirements:**

1. Power of Attorney, duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate legalized; and
2. License agreement, legalized.

DESIGN

Information:

PROTECTION TERM

25 years from filing date

EXAMINATION

As to form only

APPLICATION WITH MULTIPLE FIGURES

Admissible for up to 100 figures

RENEWAL

Allowed for one additional term of 25 years. There is a 3-month grace period for late payment with a surcharge.

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate;
2. An Assignment Deed duly legalized up to the Lebanese Consulate, if the applicant is not the designer;
3. A brief description of the design, mentioning its novel features; and
4. Three representations of the model or design, if it is two-dimensional or two copies of each view thereof, if it is three-dimensional.

- POA, copies of representations of the design, and the description of each representation must be submitted at the time of filing.
- Copy of priority document may be submitted within 3 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 1 working day

DURATION

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

WORKS PROTECTED

Books, pamphlets, newspapers, and periodicals; Dramatic work, musical dramas, musical compositions, with or without words, choreographic works and pantomimes; Drawings, engravings and illustrations, lithography, and calligraphy, maps, sketches, plans and geographic reliefs; Architectural models, plans and sketches; Illustrated postcards and notices; Painting, sculptures, photographs and cinematographs; Rolls, discs and perforated cardboard used for talking machines and mechanical musical instruments; All kinds of plastic artistic works, whether of industrial nature or not.

LIMITATIONS ON PROTECTIONS

Official instruments issued by public authorities; Legal decisions; Speeches made in public meetings, debating councils and parliaments.

PENALTIES

Penalties include payment of fines, as well as legal prosecution resulting in a maximum of 2-year imprisonment terms.

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Lebanese Consulate;
2. Four copies of the work; and
3. Full description of the work.

DOMAIN NAME

Requirements:

1. An authorization letter from the applicant to register domain name; and
2. A copy of the Lebanese Certificate of Registration that should be the same trademark required for the domain name.