



TRADEMARK
PATENT
DESIGN
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DOMAIN NAME

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REGISTRATION

Information:

MEMBERSHIP

WIPO, Madrid Agreement and Protocol and Paris Convention

CLASSIFICATION

10th edition — multiclass application

CLAIMING PRIORITY

Possible

SEARCH/TIME FRAME

Possible for word marks and device marks / 3 – 5 working days

EXAMINATION

On formal and absolute 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 simply signed and stamped with corporate seal, indicating the name and title of signatory;
 2. Twenty prints of the mark; and
 3. A certified copy of the basic registration, if convention priority is to be claimed.
- A separate power is required for each application or set of applications. A general power in French may be used for subsequent filings.
 - POA could be filed belatedly at an extra cost.
 - A certified copy of the basic registration must be submitted within 3 months of filing.

Time frame:

- 1) Opposition Period: 2 months from the publication date
 - 2) Total estimated time frame: 9-15 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. Power of Attorney, simply signed, with company seal.

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

1. Power of Attorney, simply signed, with company seal; and
 2. Certificate of change of name with simple French translation.
- May be recorded for applications and registrations.
 - No additional documents are required other than the POA for a change of address.

ASSIGNMENT**Filing Requirements:**

1. Power of Attorney, simply signed, with company seal; and
 2. Deed of assignment legalized by both parties.
- Trademarks may be assigned with or without the goodwill of the business concerned.
 - May be recorded for applications and registrations.

MERGER

Filing Requirements:

1. Power of Attorney, simply signed, with company seal; and
 2. Certificate of merger, with simple French translation.
- May be recorded for applications and registrations.

LICENSE

Filing Requirements:

1. Power of Attorney, simply signed, with company seal; and
 2. License agreement with verified French translation, notarized.
- License recordal is not compulsory but highly advisable in order to be effective against third parties.
 - May be recorded for applications and registrations.

PATENT

Information:

EQUIVALENT SEARCH

Granted patents are searchable by title, patentee name, inventors, and priority/PCT date

EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

PUBLICATION

Applications are published upon grant

OPPOSITION

There are no provisions for opposition

ANNUITIES

Annuities are due on the anniversary of the international filing date and will become due after grant; 6 months grace period with surcharge

PROTECTION TERM

20 years from the international filing date

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney, simply signed and stamped with corporate seal, indicating the name and title of signatory;
2. An Assignment Deed simply signed by the inventor, if the applicant is not the Inventor;
3. Two copies of specifications, claims, abstract and drawings; and
4. A certified copy of priority documents.

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

Filing Requirements:

1. Power of Attorney, simply signed; and
2. Certificate of change of name/address, notarized.

ASSIGNMENT

Filing Requirements:

1. Power of Attorney, simply signed; and
2. Deed of Assignment, notarized.

MERGER

Filing Requirements:

1. Power of Attorney, simply signed (if new moral entity); and
2. Certificate of merger, notarized.

LICENSE

Filing Requirements:

1. Power of Attorney, simply signed (from licensor and/or licensee); and
2. License agreement, notarized.

DESIGN

Information:

PROTECTION TERM

5 years from filing date

EXAMINATION

As to form only

APPLICATION WITH MULTIPLE FIGURES

Admissible for up to 50 figures

RENEWAL

Allowed for two consecutive terms of 5 years each

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney, simply signed and stamped with corporate seal, indicating the name and title of signatory; and
2. Three copies of formal drawings.

• The title in French, the representations of the design and the power of attorney must be submitted at the time of filing, all remaining documents may be submitted within 3 months from filing date with payment of a surcharge.

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Information:

MEMBER OF BERNE CONVENTION

Yes

REGISTRATION

Possible for nationals and residents only

DURATION

In general, the duration is the artist's life with the addition of 70 years following the artist's date of passing

WORKS PROTECTED

Works expressed in writing; Computer programs; Lectures, addresses, sermons and other works consisting of words or expressed orally; Musical works, irrespective of whether they contain accompanying texts; Dramatic and dramatico-musical works; Choreographic works and dumb shows; Audiovisual works including cinematographic works and videograms; Works of fine art, including drawings, paintings, engravings, lithographs, printing on leather and all other works of fine art; Works of architecture; Photographic works; Works of applied art; Illustrations, maps, plans, sketches and three-dimensional works related to geography, topography, architecture or science; Expressions of folklore and works inspired by folklore; Drawings of garment industry designs.

LIMITATIONS ON PROTECTIONS

Official texts of a legislative, administrative or judicial nature, or their official translations; Current events; Ideas, processes, systems, operating methods, concepts, principles, discoveries or simple data, even if these are stated, described, explained, illustrated or incorporated in a work

PENALTIES

Penalties include payment of fines of up to 600,000 Moroccan Dirham (approximately 70,000 US Dollars), as well as legal prosecution resulting in a maximum of 4-year imprisonment terms

Requirements:

1. Power of Attorney, simply signed, with company seal; and
2. One (1) copy of the work of art.

DOMAIN NAME

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney, simply signed and stamped with corporate seal, indicating the name and title of signatory.