



TRADEMARK
PATENT
DESIGN
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DOMAIN NAME

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REGISTRATION

Information:

MEMBERSHIP

WIPO, TRIPS and Paris Convention

CLASSIFICATION

7th edition – single class application.

Class 33, alcoholic goods in class 32, and pork meat in class 29 cannot be registered

CLAIMING PRIORITY

Possible

SEARCH/TIME FRAME

Possible for word and device marks / 7 – 10 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 preceding the date of filing for cancellation

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Qatar Consulate;
2. A certified copy of the Extract from the Commercial Register or Articles of Incorporation or any equivalent document duly legalized up to Qatar Consulate; and
3. Twenty prints of the mark.
 - A general POA may be used for subsequent filings.
 - POA and Certificate of Incorporation must be submitted at the time of filing.
 - Priority document may be submitted within 6 months from date.

Time frame:

- 1) Filing up to Examination: 18-20 months
- 2) Examination up to Publication: 2-3 months
- 3) Opposition Period: 4 months from the publication date
- 4) End of opposition period up to issuance of registration certificate: 1-3 weeks
- 5) Total estimated time frame: 24-27 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 Qatar Consulate.

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

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Qatar Consulate; and
2. Extract from the commercial register or any other document evidencing this change, legalized
 - May be recorded for applications and registrations.

ASSIGNMENT**Filing Requirements:**

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Qatar Consulate;
2. Deed of assignment, legalized; and
3. Copy of certificate of incorporation of assignee.

MERGER**Filing Requirements:**

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Qatar Consulate; and
2. Certificate of merger, legalized.
 - May be recorded for applications and registrations

LICENSE

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to Qatar Consulate;
2. License agreement, legalized; and
3. Copy of certificate of incorporation of licensee.
 - 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

Not available at this time. The patent office began receiving applications in 2012.

EXAMINATION

As to form, novelty, inventiveness and industrial applicability

PUBLICATION

Applications will be published upon grant in the official gazette

OPPOSITION

Oppositions may be filed within 60 days from announcement

ANNUITIES

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

6 - 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 Qatari Consulate;
2. Specification of the invention in English, together with Arabic translation;
3. Complete particulars of applicant(s), inventor(s) and priority information; and
4. Copies of specifications, claims, abstract and drawings in English and Arabic.

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney, duly legalized up to the Qatari Consulate (If new name).

ASSIGNMENT

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney, duly legalized up to the Qatari Consulate; and
2. Deed of Assignment, legalized.

MERGER

Filing Requirements:

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

LICENSE

Filing Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney, duly legalized up to the Qatari Consulate; and
2. License Agreement, legalized.

DESIGN

Information:

The Design Law came into effect, however, the Implementing Regulations are yet to be issued. The only available means of protecting design is publishing cautionary notices in Arabic and English in local newspapers.

Requirements:

1. Particulars of the owner/designer, i.e. name, address, nationality and nature of business;
2. Brief description of the design with two sets of formal drawings; and
3. Particulars of corresponding foreign registration, if any.

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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 one week

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, pamphlets and other writings; Works delivered orally such as lectures, addresses, sermons or similar works such as poems and hymns; Dramatic and dramatic-musical works; Musical works,

whether or not they include accompanying words; Choreographic works and pantomimes; Audiovisual works; photographic and similar works; Works of applied art, whether handicraft or produced on an industrial scale; Works of drawing and painting with lines and colors, architecture, sculpture, decorated arts, engravings, sketches, designs and three-dimensional geographic or topographic works; Computer programs.

LIMITATIONS ON PROTECTIONS

Laws, legal provisions, administrative decisions, international treaties, official documents or any official translation thereof; Daily news and other news of mere informatory nature; Ideas, procedures, operational methods, mathematical concepts, principles, and mere data

PENALTIES

Penalties include payment of fines of up to 100,000 Riyals (approximately 27,500 US Dollars), as well as legal prosecution resulting in a maximum of 1-year imprisonment terms

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Qatar Consulate;
2. Details/particulars of the Author;
3. A certified copy of the home or foreign registration of the copyright;
4. Five copies of the work; and
5. Detailed specification of the work.

DOMAIN NAME

Requirements:

1. A Power of Attorney duly legalized up to the Qatar Consulate; and
2. Copy of the trademark/service mark Certificate of Registration.