## Foreword

The articles of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Trademark Law<sup>1</sup> (GCC Trademark Law), and the Implementing Regulations (Regulations) govern the registration, enforcement, and commercialisation of trademark rights throughout the GCC member states.<sup>2</sup>

Although a unified law, the GCC Trademark Law and Regulations do not enable trademark registration in multiple GCC member states through a single application or process. Registration requires the filing of a separate application with the trademark registration authority in each GCC state where protection through registration is required. The registration of trademarks in the Kingdom of Bahrain is administered by the Trademark Office, Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, which is part of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce.

Each GCC Member State must individually implement the GCC Trademark Law and the Implementing Regulations. In the Kingdom of Bahrain, the GCC Trademark Law and Implementing Regulations took effect on 29 May 2016.<sup>3</sup>

The Kingdom of Bahrain is a signatory to the Paris Convention,<sup>4</sup> Madrid Protocol,<sup>5</sup> Trademark Law Treaty (TLT)<sup>6</sup> and Nice Agreement.<sup>7</sup>

## **Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal**

The Kingdom of Bahrain has an Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal where users can access and complete a full range of actions relating to trademarks.

The **Trademark** e-services available via the ePortal allows access to the electronic form to be used when making an application for registration of a trademark in the Kingdom of Bahrain<sup>8</sup>. If accepted for registration, the ePortal is where the required official fees for the publication and registration of a trademark are paid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Law No. 6 of 2014 with Approval of the Law (Regulation) of Trademarks in the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ministerial Decision No. 65 of 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (as amended on September 28, 1979).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (as amended on November 12, 2007).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Trademark Law Treaty (adopted at Geneva on October 27, 1994).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (as amended on September 28, 1979).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> It is a requirement that an application for registration of a trademark be filed using the form prepared for this purpose. Article 8 GCC Trademark Law and Article 2 Regulations

The ePortal is also used to apply for the renewal of a trademark registration, and the recording of various transactions such as the transfer (assignment) of ownership of a registration, changes to the name of the owner (not affecting ownership), a change of representative, requests to amend or cancel the registration in whole or part, and to record a licence or mortgage relating to the mark.

The **Grievances** e-services section of the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal is where a trademark owner can file a 'grievance' (appeal) against a decision to refuse or suspend an application for registration, or to make registration conditional. Third parties seeking to object (oppose) the registration of a published trademark will also file the objection using the Grievances e-service of the ePortal.

These guidelines provide information on the requirements and procedures for gaining access to, and in using the ePortal.

### Eligibility to register a trademark application

The GCC Trademark Law and Implementing Regulations set specific requirements that must be satisfied by anyone seeking to register a trademark in the Kingdom of Bahrain. For ease of reference, the first part of these guidelines give an overview of the eligibility requirements that must be met in order to register a trademark in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Detailed guidance on the process and requirements involved in completing and filing an application for registration of a trademark can be found in the Applications Guidelines.

#### What can be registered?

Applications for registration of a trademark must satisfy the requirements for registration. This is determined through a 'formal examination' undertaken by the Trademark Office. Guidance on the requirements for registration and the process and procedures of the 'formal examination' can be found in the Examination Guidelines.

### Appeal against refusal

The filing of a grievance against the refusal to register a trademark which at first instance is determined by a Grievance Committee can be found in the Grievances Guidelines.

### **Opposition to registration**

Guidance on third-party objections to the registration of a trademark is available in the Oppositions Guidelines.

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## Eligibility to register a Trademark

The GCC Trademark Law<sup>9</sup> allows a trademark to be registered in the Kingdom of Bahrain by:

- A natural person or legal entity carrying the nationality of a GCC Member State,
- foreigners residing in a GCC Member State and authorized to practice commercial, industrial, craft or service business,
- foreigners who are nationals of or residing in a Member State of a multilateral international convention to which a GCC Member State is a party.

The procedural requirements for registration depend upon whether the trademark owner/applicant is a national or legal entity of the Kingdom of Bahrain, a non-Bahraini national or entity resident and authorized to practice commercial, industrial, craft or service business in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and those regarded as nonresident foreigners.

### Nationals of Bahrain

A trademark may be registered in Bahrain by any person having legal status as an individual<sup>10</sup> (a 'natural' person) or a legal entity such as a corporate body,<sup>11</sup> representative, etc., holding the nationality of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This eligibility exists whether that person or entity is a manufacturer or producer of the goods for which the trademark is to be used, a trader in goods manufactured or produced by someone else, a craftsman producing goods, or the provider of a service.<sup>12</sup> A national of the Kingdom of Bahrain does not need to have a commercial activity within the Kingdom in order to register a trademark.

Any individual or legal entity holding the nationality of the Kingdom of Bahrain may apply for a trademark without the need to use a registration agent or law firm. This is the case whether they reside in the Kingdom of Bahrain, or in another state.

## Foreigners

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Article 5 of the GCC Trademark Law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> As determined by the Bahraini Citizenship Act [Bahrain], 16 September 1963 (as amended).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> As defined by Bahrain Commercial Companies Law (Law 21 of 2001) (as amended).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Article 5.1) of the GCC Trademark Law.

Foreigners are any individuals or legal entities that do not hold the nationality of the Kingdom of Bahrain. In the eligibility to register a trademark and in the requirements when making an application, the GCC Trademark Law makes a distinction between foreigners that are resident and authorized to carry on a commercial activity within the Kingdom of Bahrain, and those that are non-residents of the Kingdom.

#### Foreign and residing in Bahrain

Foreign persons and foreign legal entities that reside in Bahrain are eligible to register a trademark provided they carry on a commercial, industrial, craft or service business.<sup>13</sup> Information on the legal requirements for the authorized operation of a commercial or industrial enterprise may be found here: <u>https://bahrainbusinesslaws.com/all-laws/all-laws</u>

Individuals and legal entities that do not hold Bahraini nationality may apply for a trademark themselves (without need to use an authorized representative) provided they reside and carry on a commercial, industrial, craft or service business in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Alternatively, they may use a registration agent or law firm authorized by the Industrial Property Directorate.

#### Foreign and not residing in Bahrain

Persons and entities not holding Bahraini nationality, and that do not reside or carry on an authorized commercial activity in the Kingdom of Bahrain may be eligible to register a trademark if they are nationals of or reside in a state that is a member of a multilateral international convention to which Bahrain is a party.<sup>14</sup>

### The Paris Convention<sup>15</sup>

The Kingdom of Bahrain is a member of the <u>Paris Convention</u> for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Convention). Under the provisions of the Paris Convention, Bahrain must offer individuals or businesses that hold the nationality of another State that is a member of the Paris Convention the right to apply for the registration of a trademark under the same terms and conditions as they would give to those holding Bahraini nationality.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Article 5.2) of the GCC Trademark Law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Article 5.3) of the GCC Trademark Law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Paris Convention on the Protection of Intellectual Property

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Article 2 of the Paris Convention on the Protection of Intellectual Property.

Nationals of States that are not members of the Paris Convention are similarly entitled to register a trademark if they are legally resident or have a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a State that is a member of the Paris Convention.<sup>17</sup> A list of members (Contracting Parties) to the Paris Convention can be found <u>here</u>.

#### Requirement to use a representative

The Regulations allow persons and legal entities that hold the nationality of the Kingdom of Bahrain to file an application for registration either using an agent, or to file the application themselves without using an agent.

If the applicant for registration does not hold the nationality of the Kingdom of Bahrain and is not resident and carrying out a commercial activity in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the application shall only be filed by an authorized agent. The application for registration will not be able to be submitted without entering details of a duly authorized agent.

Any agent used to file a trademark application must be approved and recorded in the Register of trademark registration agents.<sup>18</sup> Approval and inclusion of an agent in the Register of Trademark Agents is determined by the Foreign Trade & Industrial Property Directorate.<sup>19</sup> Where an agent is used to file an application for registration of a trademark, a Power of Attorney must be provided.

#### **Public Authorities**

The registration of trademarks is also open to public authorities.<sup>20</sup> There is no definition of what is meant by 'public authorities' (or alternatively, 'public bodies') in either the GCC Trademark Law or the Regulations. However, these terms are generally thought of as encompassing organisations established for the specific purpose of meeting the public interest or needs. For example, this may include the armed forces, police or local government, or a charity. They will have a legal personality but will not have an industrial or commercial character.

There is no detail on eligibility requirements for public authorities but should be taken to mean public bodies of the Kingdom of Bahrain, or that are resident and authorized to operate in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Article 3 of the Paris Convention on the Protection of Intellectual Property.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Decision No. 58 of 2018 on the Registration of Industrial Property Agents.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Article 2 of the Regulations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Article 5.4) of the GCC Trademark Law.

## Applying for a Trademark registration in the Kingdom of Bahrain

In the Kingdom of Bahrain, the competent administration for the registration of trademarks is the Trademark Office, which is part of the Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property. The website address is https://www.moic.gov.bh/en/Pages/default.aspx<sup>21</sup>

The Kingdom of Bahrain has an Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal from which a wide range of industrial property actions can be initiated. An application for registration of a trademark must be filed with the competent administration<sup>22</sup> via the ePortal, and using the form prepared for this purpose<sup>23</sup>.

These Guidelines provide an overview of the requirements for use of the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal and the actions that can be undertaken via the ePortal.<sup>24</sup> The Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal found at https://service.moic.gov.bh/ipd/login<sup>20</sup>

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The ePortal is available in Arabic and English.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Please note: If a VPN is being used the hyperlink may not open.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Article 8 of the GCC Trademark Law/Article 2 of the Regulations.
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If the landing page opens in Arabic and the desired language is English, the language can be changed to English by clicking the cursor on 'English' in the banner heading.

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If the landing page opens in English and the desired language is Arabic, the language can be changed to Arabic by clicking the cursor on العربية in the banner heading.

### Using the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal

Depending on the nature (legal status) of the user, access to the services of the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal will either require the completion of a registration<sup>25</sup>, or the user to have registered for an **eKey**:

#### Registration

Registration for the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal is required in the following two cases:

 $<sup>^{25}</sup>$  The registration must be for a legal person (individual) and cannot be made using the name of a law firm or legal entity

### **Industrial Property agents**

This registration is to be used by general law firms authorised and qualified to provide intellectual property services, qualified agents that specialise in and provide intellectual property services, and commercial companies that have persons suitably qualified in intellectual property.

## Institutions and Commercial Registration (CR) holders

This is to be used by the non-commercial institutions, government agencies, associations or clubs, and Gulf nationals with a commercial activity in the Kingdom of Bahrain but do not have a smart card issued by the Kingdom of Bahrain.

### Access via an eKey

Access to the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal via an eKey is available to Enterprises and Individuals.

An individual, or representative of an enterprise must have obtained an Advanced eKey in order to access the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal. <u>A</u> <u>Standard eKey is not sufficient.</u> The holder of a suitable eKey will be asked to complete a user profile containing basic contact details.

## **Registration with the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal**

### **Industrial Property agents**

## Already registered

If a registered account has already been created and activated, logging-in to access the e-services requires the entry of the email address and password<sup>26</sup> (used in the registration for the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal) and clicking the cursor on

### **New registration**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> For guidance on how to recover a forgotten password or to change a password, see the section Forgot password/Password change section further in these guidelines.

To be able to access and use the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal, an agent or representative authorised to practice in the field of industrial property must first have completed the registration process and activated the account.

Registration for access to the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal is started on the landing page of the ePortal, which can be opened at <u>https://service.moic.gov.bh/ipd/login<sup>27</sup></u>

When the landing page for the ePortal opens, the language can be changed to English from Arabic by clicking the cursor on 'English' at the top right of the banner heading. To change the language from English to Arabic, click the cursor on <sup>28</sup>لعربية shown on the top left of the banner heading.

To start the registration as an Agent or Law Firm:



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> If a VPN is being used the hyperlink may not open.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> If the landing page opens in English, the function to change to Arabic will be on the left of the banner heading. If the landing page opens in Arabic, the function to change the language to English will be displayed on the right of the banner heading.

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The page contains 'General instructions' on the completion of the online registration. It also lists the evidence that will be required to be attached to the application to complete the registration.

- Law firm refers to a general legal practice that does not require specialisation in intellectual property law and practice
- Intellectual Property Office refers to intellectual property agents and IP specialists. This includes IP specialists working within a commercial undertaking not specifically engaged in legal or IP matters, such as a general trading company or financial service.

There are four stages in the registration process:

- 1 Completion of account application form
- 2 Verification of registration and email account
- **3** Submission of required evidence (*The facility to submit evidence will be available after stage 2 and after first login*)
- 4 Payment of registration fee

#### Completion of account application form

To begin the registration, clicking the cursor on start will open the following screen showing the application form.

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All fields must be completed either by adding the required information, or in the case of 'Account type', 'Country of Nationality' and 'Residence country', by making clicking the cursor on the 'down' arrow and selecting from a drop-down menu.

### Account type

This requires the legal nature of the applicant seeking registration to be selected. Clicking the cursor on the down arrow seen on the right of the 'Account type' field. will open a drop-down menu with the options<sup>29</sup>:

• Legal agent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Law agent is a general legal practice that does not specialise in intellectual property law and practice IP Agent office refers to intellectual property agents and IP specialists

• IP Agent office<sup>30</sup>

Click the cursor on the appropriate description so that it shows in the 'Account type' field.

### Name (in Arabic) \*

This will be the legal name of the IP agent office or Law office (as appropriate) in Arabic.

### Name (in English) \*

This will be the legal name of the IP agent office or Law office (as appropriate) in English. The name entered must be the same as previously entered in Arabic.

### CR No. / licence No. \*

Enter the following:

### • CR (Commercial Registration) number<sup>31</sup>

This is the 10-digit number found on the top left corner of the commercial registration certificate of the IP agent or lawyer seeking access to the ePortal.<sup>32</sup>

### • Licence number

Key professional services providers are required to obtain a licence in order to provide services within the kingdom of Bahrain. Enter the licence number of the IP Law agency or Law office allocated by the registration authority.<sup>33</sup> (This is the agency or office of the individual of the holder of the CR number entered.)

### Email \*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> This includes IP specialists working within a commercial undertaking not specifically engaged in legal or IP matters, such as a general trading company or financial service

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> A Commercial Registration certificate (CR) is a legal document issued to investors upon registering their establishment in the Kingdom of Bahrain with the Ministry of Industry & Commerce.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> For information on Commercial Registration in the Kingdom of Bahrain go to <u>https://www.bahrain.bh/new/en/business-cr\_en.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> For information on Key professional licence requirements and registration see <u>https://www.moic.gov.bh/en/eServices/Pages/Sijilat-Commericial.aspx</u>

Enter the email address that is to be used for any communications with the Trademark office in relation to the registration and use of the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal. This may be either an office email address or a personal email account.

Any communication sent to the email address given will be considered to have been duly and correctly notified within the requirements of the law.<sup>34</sup>

### **Country of Nationality \***

Click the cursor on the arrow at the end of the field and select the appropriate country name.

This will be the nationality as entered on their certificate of birth or passport. Where dual nationality is held, either may be selected from the list of countries.

#### **Residence country \***

Click the cursor on the arrow at the end of the field and select the appropriate country name.

The country name selected must be where the applicant is habitually resident and must be the country where the address given below is located.

#### Address (in Arabic) \*

The address given should be the office of the IP agency or Law office, as appropriate..

The applicant must be able to receive written communications at this address. Any communication sent to the address given will be considered to have been duly and correctly notified within the requirements of the law.

### Address (in English) \*

The address given should be the be the office of the IP agency or Law office, as appropriate and must be the same address given in Arabic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> See Article 17.1 of Legislative Decree No. 54 of 2018 Promulgating the Electronic Communications and Transactions Law.

The applicant must be able to receive written communications at this address. Any communication sent to the address given will be considered to have been duly and correctly notified within the requirements of the law.

#### Mobile number \*

The applicant must be able to receive communications on this number.

#### Password \*

Insert the password to be used in accessing the Electronic Property Services ePortal. The password must:

- Be at least 8 characters in length (Symbols and special characters such as @ £ ! \$ % & \* are not to be used)
- include at least one upper-case (capital) letter and one lower-case (small) letter
- include a numeral or numerals

#### Confirm password \*

Re-enter the password.

If the password confirmation does not match the password entered in the previous field, or the password(s) entered do not follow the password requirements, the border colour of the 'Password' and 'Confirm password' fields will change to red, and the save & continue button will be disabled as shown:

Password should: • contain a minimum of 8 characters • contain at least one capital letter and one small letter • contain numbers	
Password *	Confirm password *
	Back Save & continue

In such cases, a new password may be entered, or the confirmation password reentered.

When all of the fields have been correctly completed, clicking the cursor on will save the details entered.

Clicking the cursor on Back will return to the page showing the 'General instructions' on the completion of the online registration and the evidence that will be required to support and complete the registration.

#### Account registration successful

Provided all of the fields have been fully and correctly completed, the following popup message confirming the successful creation of the account will appear,



As well as saying that the account creation has been successful, the pop-up mentions that an email has been sent (to the email address entered in the registration process), asking that the registration be confirmed.

The confirmation is required to verify both the validity of the registration and also the email address provided. The Electronic Industrial Property Services account will not be active and able to be accessed until this confirmation has been sent.

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The confirmation is provided by clicking the cursor on the '**Click here to verify your email**' hyperlink in the email. This will open a 'Sign in' page.

Application for Agent registration
Application no. [ 2279 ]
Sign In Please check the provided email inbox to confirm the email address before signing in.
Your email address
Enter your password
Login

The email address field will already be filled. Enter the password selected during the registration process and click the cursor on

#### Industrial Property Agent – first login

Although the account has been successfully created and verified, it will not be active until the documentary evidence has been provided.

On the first time of logging in to the Electronic Industrial Properties Services ePortal, a screen will open with the functionality to attach any documentary evidence required to complete the registration.

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### **Evidence required (Attachments)**

The documents required will be different depending on whether the application is for a lawyer practising in a law firm, or a suitably qualified persons in the field of intellectual property within a commercial undertaking:

### Law firm

• License of practice the lawyer activity in Kingdom of Bahrain.

This the licence granted to carry out a legal business activity (lawyer ISIC4 Code 691) in the Kingdom of Bahrain

• Approved signature model<sup>36</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Where a password has been forgotten or lost, see the section 'Forgotten password/Password change

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Legislative Decree No. 54 of 2018 Promulgating the Electronic Communications and Transactions Law

This requires a sample signature of the authorized person from the law firm.

• Names of authorized persons by the IP agent.

The name or names of delegates accredited by the registration agent to apply for trademark services.

### **Intellectual Property Office**

• Copy of the company's contract or status.

The document that shows the legal form of company, for example:

Individual Establishment, Single Person Company, With Limited Liability Company, Partnership Company, Limited Partnership Company, Limited Partnership by Shares, Bahraini Shareholding Company, Bahraini Shareholding Company Closed, Foreign Company Branch (Representative Office).

• Copy of the registration certificate of the company in the commercial register.

This is the Commercial Registration certificate. It may be a certificate without license issued before obtaining approvals/licenses for the business activities, or a certificate with license issued after obtaining approvals/licenses for the business activities.

• Official certificate from the competent authority in the country of origin.

In the case of foreign companies, an official certificate from the competent authority in the country in which the company is registered, showing that it is a registered institution and licensed to practice this activity in the country of its nationality in accordance with the provisions of the relevant law.

 Required documents from the company's manager related to Industrial Property registration in accordance with Article (3) of Decree No. (58) 2018.<sup>37</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Decision number (58) for the year 2018 Regulating the registration of industrial property registration agents

Article 3 of Decree No. 58 sets the requirements that must be satisfied by agents who submit their name for inclusion in the register of intellectual property agents. The requirements are different depending on whether the applicant for registration a general / simple partnership company, or another form of company. A copy of Decree No. (58) of 2018 is shown as an annex to these guidelines.

Under Article (5) of Decree No. 58, the competent department (the Intellectual Property Office) will issue a certificate of registration indicating the acceptance of the application for registration as evidence of entry of the registrant in the register. It is a copy of this certificate that must be provided.

• Approved signature model.

This requires a sample signature of the authorized person from the law firm.

• Names of authorized persons by the IP agent.

The name or names of delegates accredited by the registration agent to apply for trademark services.

### Accepted file formats

The following file formats are accepted: JPEG

#### Maximum file size

Individual documents must have a file size no larger than 30MB

#### Adding documents as attachments

To start the process of adding attachments, click the cursor on

This will open the following screen where the files to be attached may be selected and added.

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Clicking the cursor on will open the computer file directory enabling the selection of a file to be attached. To attach a file:

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Click the cursor on the name of the file to be added. The name of the file will appear under 'Attachment file'. If the wrong file has been selected, clicking the cursor on Delete will remove this file from the list of files.

A brief description of the attached file must be entered in the 'File description' field, for example 'Power of attorney'.

After choosing a file and entering a brief description of the file, click the cursor on The file will not have been attached until this is done. (After clicking

the <sup>Delete</sup> function button will not be available. To remove an attached file, use the Ø function - see below.)

Clicking the cursor on without an entry in the 'File description' field will disable the function to attach the file until the 'File description' field has been completed

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Clicking the cursor on **Cancel** will return to the first screen in the document attachment process.

When successfully attached, the file name and 'file description' entered will appear in a list under 'File name' and the allocated description under 'File Description.' Once a file has been attached, these two icons will appear at the end of each of the files

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Clicking the cursor on will delete the file from the 'Attachments' list. Before the deletion is completed, a pop-up message will ask for confirmation, asking 'Are you sure you want to delete the attachment?'

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To proceed with the deletion, click the cursor on

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To stop the deletiopn of the file, click the cursor on Cancel

Clicking the cursor on device the attached file to be downloaded and reviewed.

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When all of the required files have been attached and listed, save the attachments to the application by clicking the cursor on Save & continue This will open a Declaration (Statement) screen:

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<b>Declara</b>	tion (statement) tions can be made as soon as the application is submitted.
By sub	mitting this form, I declare that:
	All data in this form is correct and must bear any error if there any.

There will be no further opportunity to add to, or delete the documents attached after 'Save and continue' has been clicked on. To return to the previous screen (where the attached documents may be edited), click the cursor on Back

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To complete the application, check the box confirming agreement to the declaration I agree to the above declaration and lick the cursor on Save & continue

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A screen headed 'Preview before confirmation' will open:

The screen lists the "Application type' (in Arabic and English) and the fee payable for the transaction. If the preview shows an error a new request will need to be made via the Login page. In such cases the applicant will need to provide details of the error that made the new application necessary.



screen in the National Payment Gateway.

The first step is to select the method to be used to make the payment<sup>38</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> These pages of the payment system are only available in Arabic.

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Click the cursor on the icon to select the preferred payment method. This will show the method selected in red.

Clicking the cursor on will open the following screen where details related to the selected payment method must be entered:

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Card Holders Name			
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The amount of fees that will be deducted from the selected payment method will already be entered.

After entering the information relating to the chosen payment source, clicking the cursor on Pay will proceed with the payment. Clicking the cursor on Cancel will abort the transaction and return to the payment method selection screen.

If the payment is successful a 'Payment receipt' screen will open:

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	Your application h	as been successfully processe services of the tradem	d. Thank you for using the electronic arks office.	
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	You may print this p	bage or make a note of the app	lication number for reference purpose	
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It is advised that the payment receipt (screen) be printed, or a note made of the application and receipt number. An email will be sent to the email address used for the application confirming completion of the registration for the ePortal.



The email confirms that the Agent registration has been approved by the Intellectual Property Office. The registered agent may now access the Electronic Industrial Property Services via the ePortal using the registered login details (email and password).

## Institutions and Commercial Registration (CR) Holders

This option is to be used by the non-commercial institutions, government agencies, associations or clubs, and Gulf nationals with a commercial activity in the Kingdom of Bahrain but who do not have a Bahrain smart card.

### Already registered.

If a registered account has already been created and activated, login is by means of the email address and password<sup>39</sup> used in the registration process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> For guidance on how to recover a forgotten password or to change a password, see the section Forgot password/Password change section further in these guidelines.

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Login Register	ip_support@moic.gov.bh For support regarding the patent or design system, please contact the following email
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Enter the email address and password<sup>40</sup> in the relevant fields and click the cursor on This opens the landing page for the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal where the required electronic services can be accessed.

#### **New registration**

Registration is started on the landing page of the ePortal, which can be opened at <u>https://service.moic.gov.bh/ipd/login</u>

When the landing page for the ePortal opens, the language can be changed to English from Arabic by clicking the cursor on 'English' in the banner heading. To change the language from English to Arabic, click the cursor on لعربية in the banner heading<sup>41</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> For guidance on how to recover a forgotten password or to change a password, see the section Forgot password/Password change section further in these guidelines.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> If the landing page opens in English, the function to change to Arabic will be on the left of the banner heading. If the landing page opens in Arabic, the function to change the language to English will be displayed on the right of the banner heading.

To start the registration in respect of an Institution and Commercial Registration (CR) Holder:

1 click the cursor on 'Institution and Commercial Registration (CR) Holder (ensure that a grey bar is shown beneath) and

2 click the cursor on Register

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Email address	Please contact this email for any technical support
Login Register	ip_support@moic.gov.bh For support regarding the patent or design system, please contact the following email
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Activate your account? Forgot password?	To view applications steps, please click on the button below

A 'New User' screen will open:

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	Password should: • contain a minimum of 8 characters • contain at least one capital letter and one small letter • contain numbers	
	Password *	
	Confirm password *	

Create New Use

All fields must be completed either by the entry of the required information, or in the case of the fields for 'Account type', 'Country of Nationality' and 'Residence country', by clicking the cursor on the 'down' arrow and selecting from a drop-down menu.

#### Account type

This field requires the entry that indicates the legal nature of the applicant seeking registration. The field has a number of options which can be displayed by clicking the cursor on the down arrow seen on the right of the Account type field:

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Name (in English) *	
Email *	

Click the cursor on the appropriate description<sup>42</sup>:

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### Name (in Arabic) \*

This will be the given legal name of the individual such as entered on the certificate of birth or passport, or the name of an enterprise as legally registered.

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Name (in English) *
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This will be the given legal name of the individual such as entered on their certificate of birth or passport or the name of an enterprise as legally registered. The name entered must be the same as previously entered in Arabic.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> The descriptions will appear in Arabic even if the interface language selected is English

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### Email \*

Enter the Email address that is to be used for any communications. Any communication sent to the Email address given will be considered to have been duly and correctly notified within the requirements of the law.<sup>43</sup>

## Country of Nationality \*

This is selected by clicking on the arrow at the end of the field and selecting the appropriate country name.

For an individual this will be the nationality as entered on their certificate of birth or passport. Where dual nationality is held, either may be selected from the list of countries.

### **Residence country \***

This is selected by clicking on the arrow at the end of the field and selecting the appropriate country name.

The country name selected must be where the applicant is habitually resident. This must be the country where the address given is located.

## Address (in Arabic) \*

The address given should be the usual, habitual place of residence.

The applicant must be able to receive written communications at this address. Any communication sent to the address given will be considered to have been duly and correctly notified within the requirements of the law.

## Address (in English) \*

The address given should be the usual, habitual place of residence and must be the same address given in Arabic.

The applicant must be able to receive written communications at this address. Any communication sent to the address given will be considered to have been duly and correctly notified within the requirements of the law.

### Mobile number \*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> See Article 17.1 of Legislative Decree No. 54 of 2018 Promulgating the Electronic Communications and Transactions Law.

The mobile number entered will be the number for all communications from the Trademark office. The applicant must be able to receive communications on this number.

#### Password \*

Insert the password to be used in accessing the Electronic Property Services ePortal.

The password must:

- Be at least 8 characters (Symbols and special characters such as ! @ £ \$ % & \* are not to be used)
- include at least one upper-case (capital) letter and one lower-case (small) letter
- include a numeral or numerals

#### Confirm password \*

Re-enter the password. If the password confirmation does not match the password entered in the previous field, or the password(s) do not follow the password requirements, the border colour of the 'Password' and 'Confirm password' fields will change to red, and the **Create New User** button will be disabled.

Password should: • contain a minimum of 8 characters • contain at least one capital letter and one small letter • contain numbers	
Password *	Confirm password *
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In such cases, a new password may be entered, or the confirmation password reentered.

When all of the fields have been completed, click the cursor on Create New User

Provided all of the fields have been fully and correctly completed, the following popup message confirming the successful creation of the account will appear:

> Your account has been created successfully A message has been sent to your email, please confirm the registration to activate the account.

The pop-up message says that an email has been sent (to the email address entered in the registration process), asking that the registration be confirmed:



The registration is confirmed by clicking the cursor on the hyperlink 'Click here to verify your email'. This will generate a 'Welcome to the Electronic Industrial Property Services' email:



The Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal may now be accessed using the email address and password used in the registration.

## Forgotten password/Password change.

If a password for access to the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal has been forgotten, or the registered user wants to change the password, this can be done using the 'Forgot password?' link on the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal landing page.

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	Password Login Agent registration	Please contact this email for any technical support ip_support@moic.gov.bh For support regarding the patent or design system, please contact
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Clicking on the 'Forgot password' link will open a screen headed 'Password Reset',

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		Password Reset
		Please fill in the fields Enter your email Your email address Send

Insert the registered email address linked to the password to be reset in the 'Enter your email' field. Clicking the cursor on will submit the request for the password linked to the email address to be reset.

#### Valid password reset request

To be accepted, the request for a 'Password Reset' must be for a valid and activated account registered with the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal. Provided both of these conditions are satisfied, the following pop-up message will appear:



An email containing a link to verify the request have been sent to the email address entered.

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Clicking the cursor on the hyperlink 'Click here to continue resetting your password' will open the following screen where a new password may be entered:

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		Password Reset	
		Please fill in the fields	
		Enter your email	
		jali@moic.gov.bh	
		New password	
		Confirm New password	
		Send	

#### Enter your email

Ensure that the email associated with the registered account is correctly entered in the 'Enter your email' field

#### New password

Enter the new password to be used in accessing the Electronic Property Services ePortal in the 'New password' field. The password must:

- Be at least 8 characters (Symbols and special characters such as @ £ \$ ! % & \* are not to be used)
- include both upper-case (capital) letters and lower-case (small) letters
- include a numeral or numerals

#### **Confirm New password**

Re-enter the new password in the 'Confirm New password' field.

If the passwords in 'New password' and 'Confirm New password' fields either do not match, are not in an acceptable format or contain characters unacceptable in a password, the borders of the 'New password' and Confirm New password' fields will be shown in red, and a message informing that a password must include of both

'upper case' (large letters) and 'lower case' (small letters) will be seen beneath the 'New password' field and 'Passwords do not match' beneath the 'Confirm New password field. The button will be disabled.

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The 'New password' and 'Confirm New password' should be checked and if required, re -entered.

When all of the fields have been completed, click the cursor on Send If the password change has been successful, a pop-up will appear

Your password has been changed successfully
You can now login to the site using your new
password

An email will also be sent to the registered email address confirming the change to the password.

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Clicking the cursor on the 'Click here to continue' hyperlink in the email will open the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal landing page.

#### Invalid password reset request

If the email address entered in the 'Password reset' request does not relate to a valid <u>and</u> activated account registered with the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal, the following pop-up message will appear:



If this pop-up message appears, check that the email address entered for the password reset is correct, and click the cursor on

If the same pop-up message appears again, this may be because the account has been created but not activated. To activate the account, go to the email confirming the creation of the account, which looks like this:

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## **Individuals and Enterprises**

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Introduced in 2007, the eKey is an initiative by the <u>Information & eGovernment Authority</u>, which guarantees the utmost security and privacy of personal data.

The eKey has two levels of registration: Standard and Advanced. **To access the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal requires registration for an Advanced eKey**<sup>45</sup>.

Whereas an application for a Standard eKey may be completed online, applying for an Advanced eKey must be made in-person at a government eService Center. The locations and opening hours of these eService centres can be found <u>here</u>

Registration for an Advanced eKey will require personal information such as name, address, date of birth etc, contact details including a valid mobile telephone number, a smart card, and biometrics (fingerprints) to be provided.

#### Already have an Advanced eKey

Individuals and companies that have an eKey can access the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal using the ekey login found on the on the landing page at <u>https://service.moic.gov.bh/ipd/login</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Holders of a Standard will need to upgrade to an Advanced eKey. To upgrade a Standard eKey to an Advanced eKey can only be done by visiting an eGovernment eService Center.

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## **Electronic Industrial Property Services**

After entering their login details at the Electronic Industrial Property Services landing page, users will be taken to the following screen:



From this page a range of industrial property actions can be initiated. The columns headed 'Trademarks' and 'Grievances' are where matters relating to trademark procedures are completed.

#### Trademarks

The pink column headed Trademarks is where all actions, from making an application for registration of a trademark through to the management or change to a registration can be completed.

Clicking the cursor on at the bottom of the column headed TRADEMARKS will open a screen listing the actions can be undertaken.

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#### Mark registration statutes

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- Application for registration of a national mark
- Payment of Publication fee for one or more marks
- Payment of Registration fee for one or more marks

Detailed guidance on the process and requirements involved in completing and filing an application for registration of a trademark, including when and how to pay the publication and registration fees can be found in the Applications Guidelines.

#### **Renewals and changes**

- Renewals
- Changes/Assignments related to Owner
- Changes related to Representative
- Licence/Mortgage

#### **Other processes**

- Amendment/cancellation/withdrawal
- Initial request for mark examination

Request for preliminary Trademark search

• Copy/Inquiries:

Copy:

Request for a true copy or replacement of a registered Mark certificate.

Request of Certificate of Mark application

Request a copy of any application or document submitted to or issued by the directorate

Inquiries:

Make an inquiry for all marks for the same owner (request by the owner for details of their trademarks)

Make an inquiry for a specific mark (if a trademark owner owns more than one trademark, they can request details of a specific trademark)

• Process related to International Mark

Actions related to an international application (Madrid Protocol):

Administration fees for filing an international application

Request to transfer international registration to national registration of Trademark and Service Marks

Request to transfer international registration to national registration of Collective Mark, Certification Mark, Public Beneficiaries and Professional Institutes Mark

Replacement of National or Regional registration with international registration.

Detailed guidance relating to actions involving the renewal of a trademark registration, permitted changes to a trademark registration (including full/part

cancellation or withdrawal) and registerable transactions can be found in the Guidelines on the maintenance of the register and registrable transactions.

To start a processes, click the cursor on the arrow at the end of the required section. For example, to start an application for registration of a trademark, click on the cursor on the 'Application for registration of a national mark' section.

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#### Grievances

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The blue column headed Grievances is where a trademark owner can file an objection to a decision to refuse registration of a trademark or to make registration conditional.

It is also where objections (opposition) by third-parties to the registration of a mark are filed, responded to by the owner, and hearings requested.

Clicking the cursor on at the bottom of the blue column headed Grievances will open a page where actions relating 'objections' and 'complaints can be opened.

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The screen is divided into three columns, each relating to a different type of objection or complaint:

### **Objection forms**

This section relates to situations where someone wishes to object (oppose) the registration of a published trademark:

Application for Opposition Against a Mark Registration

Following the publication of the acceptance of a trademark in the Bulletin, any interested person may submit an objection (opposition) to the registration of the trademark<sup>46</sup>. This section is for use in filing the opposition.

Request a hearing session •

The party objecting to (opposing) the registration of a trademark and/or the applicant for registration of the trademark may require a hearing to be appointed to determine the dispute.<sup>47</sup> This section is used by the parties to request a hearing

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Article 14.2 GCC Trademark Law and Article 12.1 Regulations
 <sup>47</sup> Article 15.1 GCC Trademark Law and Article 13.1 Regulations

• Respond to an opposition against a mark registration

Following notification of an objection to the registration of their mark by a third party, the applicant for registration must submit a written reply to the objection<sup>48</sup>. This section is used to file the written response.

Detailed guidance on the process and requirements involved in filing an objection (opposition) to the registration of a trademark, the filing of a response by the applicant for registration and the process and procedures relating to hearings can be found in the Oppositions Guidelines.

#### **Grievance forms**

• Grievance against rejection of registering a mark or suspend a mark on condition in front of the Grievance Committee

The Trademark Office may decide to accept a mark conditional on the applicant agreeing to certain conditions, the furnishing of documents or the introduction of amendments or restrictions to the application.<sup>49</sup> Until resolved, action on the application will be suspended. In such cases the applicant may appeal to the Grievance Committee.<sup>50</sup> This section is used to file a grievance against a decision to refuse registration of a trademark or where registration has conditionally suspended.

Guidance on the process and requirements involved in filing a Grievance against a refusal to register (including making registration subject to a requirement or condition) can be found in the Examination Guidelines and the Grievances Guidelines.

#### Imitation complaint form

• Request for imitation complain submission

The owner of a registered (trademark, patent, industrial design) or his authorized agents may file an infringement complaint against any trader using their intellectual property in relation to counterfeit or unauthorised products or services

#### Fees

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Article 14.2 GCC Trademark Law and Articles 12.2 and 12.3 Regulations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Article 12 of the GCC Trademark Law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Article 13.1 of the GCC Trademark Law and Article 7 of the Regulations.

Where a fee is payable for a particular action, the amount payable is shown at the end of each section

To start one of the processes, click the cursor on the required section. For example, to file a grievance against a refusal to register a trademark, click the cursor on the arrow at the end of the section 'Grievance against rejection of registering a mark or suspend a mark on a condition in front of the Grievance Committee.'

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For any difficulties in completing the information in the registration for use of the Electronic Industrial Property Services ePortal, or any of the procedures and processes available via the ePortal, first consult the appropriate Guidelines. If further assistance is required, contact the IP Office at IPonline@moic.gov.bh

### Annex

# Decision number (58) for the year 2018 Regulating the registration of industrial property registration agents

Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism:

After perusal of Decree-Law No (21) for the year 2001 Issuance of the Commercial Companies Law and its amendments,

And Law No. (1) for the year 2004 regarding Patents and Utility Models, Amended by Law No. (14) for the year 2006, and its Executive Regulations issued by Resolution (54) for the year 2006,

And Law No. (6) for the year 2006 regarding industrial designs and models, and its executive regulations issued by Resolution No. (1) for the year 2010,

And Law No. (6) for the year 2014 approving the Trademarks Law (regulation) of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, and its executive regulations issued by Resolution No. (65) for the year 2016,

And Decree-Law No. (27) for the year 2015 regarding the Commercial Register, And decision No. (115) for the year 2011 regarding the procedures for granting patents,

And based on the proposal of the Undersecretary for Trade Affairs,

## decided the following: Article (1) Definitions

In applying the provisions of this decision, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned to each of them, unless the context requires otherwise:

Kingdom : Kingdom of Bahrain.

Ministry : Ministry concerned with industry and Commerce affairs.

Minister : Minister in charge of Industry and Commerce Affairs.

Competent Department : industrial property directorate.

Register : Registration of industrial property registration agents in the Industrial Property directorate.

Registration Agent : Any legal person authorized to engage in the activity of intellectual property registration, legal advice, or any licensed law firm, authorized by the owner of the trademark, patent, or industrial design To apply and follow up his application in the records of the Industrial Property directorate. Lawyers working from natural persons are included in the definition of registration agents.

## Article (2) Entry in the register

No person may engage in the activity of an industrial property agent unless his name is entered in the register. It is also not permissible for any person to prove in his papers or means of publicity and advertisement that he is a registration agent without his name being entered in the register.

## Article (3)

## Conditions of entry in the register

Agents who submit their name in the register are required to:

- 1- If the applicant for registration is a general partnership or simple partnership company, one of the general partners in it must have at least two years of experience in the field of intellectual property.
- 2- If the applicant for registration takes another form of company, the manager in charge of the company or institution in the Kingdom, whether he is one of the partners or others, must meet the following conditions:

(A) To be fully qualified.

- (B) To have a university degree from one of the universities recognized in the Kingdom or any university recognized from abroad, provided that it is documented and certified in accordance with the legislation and regulations regulating that.
- (C) He shall have at least two years of experience working in an office or company registered in the registry or commercially licensed by the competent authority to practice intellectual property activity, legal advice or law practice.
- (D) He shall be of good conduct and has not been convicted of crimes against honor or trust, unless he has been rehabilitated.
- 3- If the applicant for registration is a company established outside the Kingdom: it must meet the following conditions:
  - (A) To be licensed to practice the activity of an industrial property registration agent in the country of its nationality.
  - (B) That it has practiced actual work in their country as an intellectual property registration agent for at least two years.
  - (C) The company must have a commercial registry that operates in the Kingdom.

## Article (4) Registration request

The application for registration in the register shall be submitted to the competent department on the form prepared for this, with the following documents attached to it: First : For legal persons:

- 1- A true copy of the company's contract or articles of association.
- A true copy of the company's registration certificate in the Commercial Register.
- 3- In the case of foreign companies, an official certificate from the competent authority in the country in which the company is registered, showing that it is a registered institution and licensed to practice this activity in the country of its nationality in accordance with the provisions of the laws that are neglected.
- 4- Documents required from the responsible company manager in accordance with Article (2/3) of this resolution.
- 5- Certified Signature Form.

6- Names of delegates approved by the registration agent.

Second : For normal people:

- 1- To be fully qualified.
- 2- License to practice the activity as a lawyer in the Kingdom.
- 3- Certified Signature Form.
- 4- Names of delegates approved by the registration agent.

## Article (5) Issuance of registration certificate

The competent department shall decide on the application for registration in the Register within thirty days from the date of its submission, complete with documents and data. In the event of his acceptance, he shall receive a certificate of registration valid for a period of one year, indicating the occurrence of the registration, its number and date. In the event of his refusal, it must be justified, and the expiry of this period without a response is considered an implicit rejection of the request.

## Article (6) Modify data or documents

Industrial property registration agents must notify the competent department of every amendment or change that occurs to the data of the registration application or the documents attached to it, and the notification shall be based on an application submitted to the competent department within thirty days from the date of the amendment or change taking place, according to the form prepared for that, attached to it the supporting documents.

## Article (7) Record the modified data

The competent department records the new data in the register, indicating the date of the amendment and attaching the supporting documents, and the applicant is given a statement that the notation of the amendment or change occurred and its date. The Concerned Department may reject the request for amendment or change for any reasons it deems appropriate, with notifying the applicant within thirty days from the date of its submission.

## Article (8) Obligations of the Registered

Applicants in the register must do the following:

- 1- Submit an annual registration renewal application thirty days before the expiry date of the registration certificate.
- 2- To associate his name with his registration number in all correspondences, certificates and reports issued by him.

## Article (9) Complaints and violations

The competent department shall, on its own, or upon a request from the Ministry, or a complaint submitted to it, conduct an investigation with the registration agent regarding the violations attributed to him related to the practice of this activity. If it turns out that the incident attributed to him constitutes a criminal offense, it shall refer the matter to the Public Prosecution.

## Article (10)

## Administrative measures

Without prejudice to civil and criminal responsibilities, one of the following measures shall be imposed on the registration agent who breaches his duties in carrying out this activity:

- 1- Written warning.
- 2- Suspending the activity for a period not exceeding one year, and in case of repeating the violation for a period not exceeding two years.
- 3- Cancellation of the registration.

## Article (11)

## Obligation to notify the decision of suspension or cancellation

The administrative authority, prior to the issuance of the suspension or cancellation decision, shall notify the registration agent to submit his defense

within thirty days from the date of the notification ,If it is not submitted within the aforementioned date, or it was submitted, and the competent department is not convinced of it ,The matter was referred to the Undersecretary of the Ministry to take what he deems appropriate.

## Article (12) Grievance

A person whose application for registration has been rejected or for whom an administrative measure has been imposed in accordance with the provisions of this decision may file a grievance to the Minister within thirty days from the date of his notification or from the date of the end of the specified period without a decision on the application.

The Minister shall decide on the grievance within thirty days of its submission, and the expiry of this period without a response is considered an implicit rejection of it.

## Article (13) Fees

The fees prescribed in the executive regulations of the Trademarks Registration Law shall be applied in respect of the registration fee in the Register.

## Article (14) Executive provisions

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce shall implement the provisions of this decision, and it shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall come into force three months after the day following the date of its publication.