



LEBANON COUNTRY INFORMATION



PATENTS

USEFUL INFORMATION
REQUIREMENTS
SEARCHES


Non-official searches are available.

Official searches are not possible.

Applicant details only.

FILING REQUIREMENTS


The original documents are required.

At the time of filing:

- Applicant and inventor details in English and Arabic.
- Title of Invention and Abstract in English, French or Arabic.
- Specification, claims and drawings in English, French or Arabic.
- Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

Within 3 months of filing:

- Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.
- Certified copy of the Priority Document in English if priority is claimed.

PRIORITY CLAIM(S)


Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

12 months Paris Convention priority period.

TYPE OF EXAMINATION


Formal examination only

PUBLICATION


Patents are published in the official gazette after grant

USEFUL INFORMATION
REQUIREMENTS
OPPOSITIONS


No deadline to file an opposition, applicant should file this preferably within 3 months of publication.

PROTECTION TERM


Patents expire 20 years from the earliest filing date provided all annuities are paid.

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS


Changes of name and/or address may only be recorded against registrations.

The original documents are required.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

Change of name/address declaration, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

ASSIGNMENTS


Assignments may only be recorded against registrations.

The original documents are required.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

Original Letters Patent.

ANNUITIES


Annuities must be paid every year on the anniversary of the filing date.

There is a 6 month grace period for late payment of annuities (penalty fees apply).



DESIGNS

USEFUL INFORMATION
REQUIREMENTS
SEARCHES


Non-official searches are available.

Official searches are not possible.

Search by applicant details only.

FILING REQUIREMENTS


The original documents are required.

At the time of filing:

- Figures in English.
- Description of figures in English.
- Description of design in English and Arabic.
- Applicant(s) and designer(s) details in English and Arabic.

Within 30 days of filing:

- Figures in Arabic.
- Description of figures in Arabic.
- Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.
- Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

Within 3 months of filing:

- Certified copy of the Priority Document in English if priority is claimed.

MULTIPLE DESIGN FILING SYSTEM


Yes - up to 100 homogeneous designs.

PRIORITY CLAIM(S)


Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

6 months Paris Convention priority period.

EXAMINATION


Formal examination only.

PUBLICATION


Designs are published in the official gazette after grant.

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OPPOSITIONS


No deadline for filing an opposition, applicant should file this preferably within 3 months of publication.

PROTECTION TERM


Design protection is valid for 25 years from the date of filing, renewable once for a further 25 years.

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS


Changes of name and/or address may only be recorded against registrations.

The original documents are required.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

Change of name and/or address declaration **OR** commercial extract showing change, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

ASSIGNMENTS


Assignments may only be recorded against registrations.

The original documents are required.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

Original design certificate.

ANNUITIES


There are no annuity payments



TRADE MARKS

USEFUL INFORMATION
REQUIREMENTS
SEARCHES


Unofficial searches can be conducted through the Trade Mark Office's database.

Word mark searches are available.

Device mark searches are limited to key word searches of non-standardized descriptions of marks.

FILING REQUIREMENTS


Applicant's details (name, address and jurisdiction of incorporation).

Trade mark name and image.

Classes of interest and goods and services description

A legalised Power of Attorney.

Late filing of this document is not possible.

PRIORITY CLAIM(S)


Six months Paris Convention priority period.

Priority must be claimed at the time of filing the trademark registration application.

A certified copy of Priority Document is required.

Late filing of this document is possible.

CLASSIFICATION


Nice Classification (11th Edition).
Multi-class applications are available in Lebanon.

EXAMINATION


Examination is on formal and absolute grounds and ensuring that the applicant clears a boycott check.

A legalised Power of Attorney.

If the examiner identifies a previous similar mark, a customary letter of declaration confirming that it has been made aware of the following prior mark and bears full responsibility should the registrant object to the registration.

Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.

OPPOSITIONS


There are no administrative opposition periods.

Objection to a registration can be done through cancellation before the first instance civil court.

The deadline to commence cancellation proceedings is 5 years from the date of publication.

Power of Attorney legalised to the embassy of Lebanon.

Evidence may be filed at any stage before the hearing.

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15 years calculated from the filing date of the trade mark registration application.

Registrations can be renewed every 15 years in perpetuity.

USE REQUIREMENT


There is no use requirement.

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS


Changes of name and/or address may be only recorded against trade mark registrations.

- A legalised Power of Attorney.
- A simple copy of the latest trade mark registration or renewal certificate.
- A legalised change of name and/or address declaration.
- Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.

ASSIGNMENTS


Assignments may be only recorded against trade mark registrations.

- A legalised Power of Attorney from the assignee.
- A simple copy of the latest trade mark registration or renewal certificate.
- A legalised Deed of Assignment.
- Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.

RENEWALS


Trade mark registrations are due for renewal within a 15 years period calculated from the filing date of the registration application.

There is a 3 month grace period for late renewals with additional fees.

- A legalised Power of Attorney.
- A simple copy of the latest trade mark registration or renewal certificate.
- Late filing of the supporting documents is not possible.



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