



# SAUDI ARABIA COUNTRY INFORMATION



# PATENTS

	USEFUL INFORMATION	REQUIREMENTS
<b>SEARCHES</b> 	<p>Non-official searches are available.</p> <p>Official searches are not possible.</p>	<p>Search by applicant, inventor, inventions and publication details.</p> <p>Limited to published and granted patents.</p>
<b>FILING REQUIREMENTS</b> 	<p>Arabic translation of all documents is required.</p> <p>The original documents are not required. <u>PDF</u> copies will suffice.</p>	<p><b>At the time of filing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant and inventor details in English and Arabic.</li> <li>Title of Invention and Abstract in English and Arabic.</li> <li>Specification, claims and drawings in English and Arabic*.</li> <li>Power of Attorney*, legalised to the embassy of Saudi Arabia.</li> <li>Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation* or Commercial Extract if applicant is a company (this is <u>not</u> required for PCT applications).</li> <li>Deed of Assignment*, legalised to the embassy of Saudi Arabia (this is <u>not</u> required for PCT applications where the applicant is identical to the applicant listed in the PCT application).</li> </ul> <p>*These documents can also be submitted within 90 days of the formal examination notice date.</p> <p><b>Within 90 days of filing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certified copy of the Priority Document in English with its Arabic translation (this is <u>not</u> required for PCT applications).</li> </ul>
<b>PRIORITY CLAIM(S)</b> 	<p>Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.</p> <p>12 month Paris Convention priority period.</p>	
<b>TYPE OF EXAMINATION</b> 	<p>Formal examination.</p> <p>Substantive examination.</p>	
<b>PUBLICATION</b> 	<p>Patents are published in the official gazette after grant.</p>	

## USEFUL INFORMATION

## REQUIREMENTS

## OPPOSITIONS



No formal opposition proceedings. Cancellation may, however, be possible.

## PROTECTION TERM



Patents expire 20 years from the national filing date for non-PCT filings (or the international filing date if the application is a PCT-national phase application) provided all annuities are paid.

## CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS



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

The original documents are not required. PDF copies will suffice.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Saudi Arabia.

Change of name/address declaration OR commercial extract showing change, legalised to the embassy of Saudi Arabia.

## ASSIGNMENTS



Assignments may only be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

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## ANNUITIES



Annuities must be paid every year between 1 January to 31 March.

There is a 3-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 name, designer name, design title, application number, priority details.

Limited to published and granted patents.

## FILING REQUIREMENTS



Arabic translation of all documents is required.

The original documents are not required. PDF copies would suffice.

## At the time of filing:

- Description of figures in English and Arabic.
- Description of design in English and Arabic.
- Applicant(s) and designer(s) details in English and Arabic.
- Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Saudi Arabia\*.
- Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Saudi Arabia\*.

\*These documents can also be submitted within 90 days of the formal examination notice date.

## Within 90 days of filing:

- Certified copy of Priority Document in English with its Arabic translation, if priority is claimed.

## MULTIPLE DESIGN FILING SYSTEM



Not possible.

## PRIORITY CLAIM(S)



Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

6 month Paris Convention priority period.

## EXAMINATION



Formal examination only.

## PUBLICATION



Designs are published in the official gazette after grant.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

## REQUIREMENTS

## OPPOSITIONS



No formal opposition proceedings. Cancellation may, however, be possible.

## PROTECTION TERM



Design protection is valid for 10 years from the date of filing.

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## ASSIGNMENTS



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# TRADE MARKS



**USEFUL INFORMATION**
**REQUIREMENTS**
**SEARCHES**


Word mark searches are available.

Device mark searches are limited to key word searches of non-standardised 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 month Paris Convention priority period.

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

A certified copy of the Priority Document is required.

Late filing of this document is not possible.

**CLASSIFICATION**


Nice Classification (10<sup>th</sup> Edition).

It is only possible to claim goods/services which are available in the Nice Classification version adopted by the trade mark office.

Class 33 is not allowed.

Alcohol, pork, gambling, Easter and Christmas products are not allowed.

**EXAMINATION**


Formal, absolute and relative grounds.

Refused marks must be appealed to the Trade Marks Committee.

A legalised Power of Attorney must be submitted upon filing of the appeal.

**OPPOSITIONS**


60 days opposition period.

If the applicant does not defend the opposition, the opponent will succeed by default.

Hearing must be requested at the time of filing the opposition.

A legalised Power of Attorney is required at the time of filing the opposition.

Evidence should be filed at the time of filing the opposition.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

## REQUIREMENTS

PROTECTION  
TERM

10 lunar years calculated from the filing dates of the trade mark registration application.

Registrations can be renewed every 10 lunar years in perpetuity.

USE  
REQUIREMENT

Marks may become vulnerable to cancellation after 5 years of non-use.

CHANGE OF  
NAME  
AND/OR  
ADDRESS

Changes of name and/or address may be only recorded against trade mark registrations and not pending applications.

- 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 and not pending applications.

- A legalised Power of Attorney from the assignee.
- A simple copy of 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 10 lunar year period calculated from the filing date of the application.

There is a 6 lunar month grace period for late renewals with additional fees.

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



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