



QATAR COUNTRY INFORMATION



PATENTS

USEFUL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS

SEARCHES



Non-official searches are not possible.

Official searches are possible.

Pending and granted patents.

Search by title of invention with a brief description.

FILING REQUIREMENTS



Arabic translation of all documents is required.

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 and Arabic.
- Specification, claims and drawings in English.
- Copy of the PCT publication and ISR (for PCT applications).

Within 3 months of filing:

- Certified copy of the Priority Document in English with its Arabic translation (this is not required for PCT applications).

Within 6 months of filing:

- Specification, claims and drawings in Arabic.
- Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy of Qatar.
- Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Qatar (this is not required for published PCT applications).
- Certified copy of Certificate of Incorporation or Commercial Extract if applicant is a company, legalised to the embassy of Qatar (this is not required for published PCT applications).

PRIORITY CLAIM(S)



Priority must be claimed at the time of filing.

12 month Paris Convention priority period.

TYPE OF EXAMINATION



Formal examination.

Substantive examination.

USEFUL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS

PUBLICATION



Patents are published in the official gazette after the decision to grant.

OPPOSITIONS



Third parties may oppose the grant of a patent within 60 days of publication in the official gazette.

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 required.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy Qatar.

Change of name and/or address declaration or a certified copy of the commercial extract showing change, legalised to the embassy of Qatar.

ASSIGNMENTS



Assignments may only be recorded against pending applications and registrations.

The original documents are required.

Power of Attorney, legalised to the embassy Qatar.

Deed of Assignment, legalised to the embassy of Qatar.

ANNUITIES



Annuities must be paid every year on the anniversary of the filing date (or the international filing date if the application is a PCT-national phase application).

There is a 1-year grace period for late payment of annuities at no additional fee. Penalty fees apply after 1 year from the due date.



DESIGNS

USEFUL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS

Qatar has issued Law no. 10 of 2020 on the Protection of Industrial Designs on 19 April 2020.

Implementing regulations have not yet issued.

It is still not possible to file designs in Qatar.



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.
- A simple copy of the Commercial Extract, Certificate of Incorporation or Certificate of Good Standing.
- Late filing of the supporting documents 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 possible.

CLASSIFICATION



Nice Classification (11th Edition).

Vienna Classification is used to classify figurative marks.

Class 33 is not allowed.

Alcohol products in class 32 and pork 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



4 month opposition period.

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

If the opposition is defended, the parties may request a hearing, following which a decision will issue.

A legalised Power of Attorney required at the time of filing the opposition or at any stage before the hearing.

Evidence may be filed with the opposition or at any stage before the hearing.

USEFUL INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS

PROTECTION TERM



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

Registrations can be renewed every 10 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 recorded against trade mark registrations and 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 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 every 10 years filing date of the application.

There is a 6 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.



www.cwblegal.com