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Bahrain Trademark Registration Costs and Registration Procedures

The legal basis of Bahrain trademark is the Law No. 6 of 2014 approving the Trade Mark Law of the Gulf Cooperation Council States. Bahrain is a member of the Paris Convention and the Madrid Protocol. Bahrain adopts first-to-file basis for trademark protection. A trademark registration is valid for 10 years from the date of application and could be renewed for 10 years before the expiry date.

1. Bahrain Trademark Registration Fees

Step 1: Pre-filing Search Each class 650 (1) Pre-filing search is not compulsory in Bahrain. 650 (2) Pre-filing search is limited to the Industrial Property Directorate of Bahrain. (3) Pre-filing search report is delivered in 15 working days by email. Step 2: Trademark Registration Request Each class 1,200 (1) Fees cover both our service fees and official filing fees. (2) Fees for trademark registration request listed above cover no more than 20 of products or services in each class. Each item in excess of 20 will be chrwith an extra fee of USD10. (3) Multi-class application is not available.	D)
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Step 3: Final Registration/Certificate	
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Note:

- (1) The fixed fees quoted above apply only to trademark applications which are unopposed and proceed without complication.
- (2) All fees quoted above do not include delivery fees.
- (3) Fee for claiming priority is USD110 for each class.

2. Calculation of Registration Costs

Example 1: One mark one class

If you want to have your trademark "ABC" registered in Class 25 (clothing, footwear, headgear), that is, one mark one class, the total fees for trademark pre-filing search, registration request and certificate are:

Pre-filing search: USD650 Request for registration: USD1,200 Final registration/Certificate: USD2,600 **TOTAL: USD4,450**

Example 2: Two marks one class

If you want to have your trademarks "ABC" and "DEF" registered in Class 25 (clothing, footwear, headgear), that is, two marks one class, the total fees for trademark pre-filing searches, registration requests and certificates are:

Pre-filing searches: 650 + 650 = USD1,300 Request for registrations: 1,200 + 1,200 = USD2,400 Final registrations/Certificates: 2,600 + 2,600 = USD5,200 **TOTAL: USD8,900**

The costs illustrated in the examples above are based on the assumption of a smooth application, that is, no objection being raised by the Industrial Property Directorate of Bahrain or any other third party. Also, the costs stated above exclude courier charges for sending the Power of Attorney and delivery of Certificate of Registration upon acceptance of registration.

It is further assumed that the number of items of products included in each class is no more than 20. Each additional item after the first 20 is charged at a fee of USD10.

3. Materials Required for Filing of Trademark Application in Bahrain

- (1) A Power of Attorney (to be provided by Kaizen) signed by the applicant, notarized before a Notary Public and legalized up to Bahrain or any other Arab Consulate in applicant's country.
- (2) A duly completed trademark search/registration order form (to be provided by Kaizen). The list of the goods/services to be filed has to be no more than 6 lines.
- (3) A soft copy of the trademark in JPEG format.
- (4) A certified copy of priority document when priority is claimed (extra charge will be charged for filing priority claim documents).

- (5) A certified copy of the home registration or any foreign registration of the trademark (except from boycotted countries). If the registration certificate is not available, one of the following documents can be used, and have to be legalized up to Bahrain or any other Arab Consulate in applicant's country:
 - (a) A certificate of incorporation of the applicant company;
 - (b) A certificate issued by the Registrar of Companies;
 - (c) An extract of the entry of the applicant company in the Commercial Register;
 - (d) A certificate issued by the Chamber of Commerce.
- (6) Meaning of the mark, if any.

Note: The POA and the supporting documents are no longer necessary to be legalized if the applicant's country is a member of the Hague Convention. The apostille documents are sufficient for filing with the Industrial Property Directorate in Bahrain.

4. Bahrain Trademark Application Procedures

- Kaizen acknowledges the information including the specimens of mark, its goods/services and registration details, then provides the latest quotation, preliminary advice and classifies your goods/services;
- (2) After the quotation has been confirmed, client will be required to complete our Trademark Search/ Registration Order Form and send it back to Kaizen by email, fax or post;
- (3) Once receipt of the payment for pre-filing search, Kaizen will conduct the pre-filing search (if requested). The search report will be sent to client within 15 working days (based on the duration of the official search);
- (4) Client could refer to our analysis and suggestion in the search report and decide whether to file the application. Kaizen will file trademark application to the Industrial Property Directorate of Bahrain upon receipt of your payment and instruction;
- (5) The Industrial Property Directorate of Bahrain will conduct a search of the trademarks records to see if the same or similar trademark has already been registered or been applied for by another trader in the same or similar class. They will also see if the trademark satisfies the registration requirements laid down in the Law No. 6 of 2014 approving the Trade Mark Law of the Gulf Cooperation Council States. If the requirements for registration are not met, the Examiner will object to the mark;
- (6) Once your trademark has been accepted for registration, it will be published on the Bahraini Official Gazette of the Patent and Trademark Office;
- (7) If no objection by a third party, a registration certificate will be issued by the Industrial Property Directorate of Bahrain. We will review and send the certificate to you.

5. Time scale

Currently it takes around **24 - 26** months to get a trademark registered in Bahrain in a smooth case.

6. Payment Term and Payment Method

Our fees for each stage of an application are to be invoiced and settled before the commencement of each stage of service. If a China or Taiwan Value-Added Tax invoice is required, 7% or 5% additional charge will be incurred.

We currently accept cheque, cash, TT and credit card through Paypal (5% additional charge will incur for paypal). Please click here for payment methods.

7. Refund Policy

No refund of fees will be made after the commencement of services. For example, if we have conducted a pre-filing search and found an identical mark is already in the register, the application will not be proceeded, the fees for pre-filing search will not be refunded. If we have already filed an application and the application is objected by the Industrial Property Directorate of Bahrain or any other party or refused, there will not be any refunded of fees.

In case you have paid our fees for all three stages of an application and the search result indicates that an identical mark is already in the register, the application will not be proceeded. The fees for services not performed, i.e., filing for application and issuing of certificate of registration will be refunded, after deducting bank wiring charge.