



TRADEMARK

The Intellectual Property Act No. 36 of 2003

Types of Trademark Registered

- CONVENTIONAL TRADEMARKS including word mark, device mark, collective mark and certification mark.
- NON-CONVENTIONAL TRADEMARKS including color mark, slogan mark and shape mark.
- WELL-KNOWN TRADEMARKS

Edition of Nice Classification Accepted by the Trademark Office

10th Edition

Initial Registration Term

10 years from the Date of Application

Opposition Period

3 months from the Date of Publication of the Trademark in the Official Gazette

Renewal Term

Renewable every 10 years

Grace Period for Trademark Renewal

6 months

Non-Use Cancellation Period of a Trademark

5 years from the Date of Registration



PATENT

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Types of Patent Protection

Process Patent and Product Patent

Types of Patent Applications

- Convention Application
- PCT National Phase Application
- Divisional Application

Term for Patent Protection

20 years

Time Frame for Examination from the Date of Application

Usually 1-3 months approximately

Time Frame for Publication from the Date of Acceptance

Post-Grant Publication - Minimum 36-48 months approximately

Opposition Period

Opposition at Post-grant Stage – By Filing an Action for Nullity of the Patent in the Commercial High Court



INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

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Types of Industrial Design Applications

- Convention Application

Registration Term

15 years from the Date of Application

Effective Date of Registration

The Priority Date

Time Frame for Examination from the Date of Application

Usually 1-3 months approximately

Opposition Period

2 months from the Date of Publication of the Industrial Design in the Official Gazette

Renewal Term

First renewal due at the end of the 5th year and second renewal at the end of the 10th year



GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

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Initial Registration Term

10 years

Renewal Term

10 years

COPYRIGHT

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International Copyright Agreements

- Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works
- Universal Copyright Convention (Geneva)
- Universal Copyright Convention (Paris)
- Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights

Remedies Against Infringement

- Civil Remedies
- Criminal Remedies
- Administrative Remedies