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Libya Streamlines Regulations of Trademark Renewal

TRIPOLI - The Libyan Trademarks Office has issued an official decision No. 335 of 2024, aimed at streamlining trademark regulations in the country. This decision mandates the cancellation of all published trademarks that have not been renewed within the legal renewal deadlines as delineated in Article 1257 of Commercial Activity Law No. 23 of 2010, which outlines the following provisions concerning trademark protection:

- Protection Period and Renewal: Registered trademarks are afforded a protection period of ten years, which can be renewed for an identical period or periods upon the request of its owner. This renewal has to be done before the protection period expires, including within the last year.
- Renewal Request Timeline: The trademark owner may request a renewal within six months from the date of expiry of protection. If this is not done, the trademark office will cancel the trademark.
- Re-registration Procedure: A trademark can be re-registered in favor of its owner within three years from the date of cancellation. This has to be done following the prescribed conditions and the same procedure as for registration.

This decision targets trademarks published before 2021 (with trademark numbers below 22100). It is noteworthy that no trademarks were published in 2022 and 2023. Moreover, this decision is grounded on the principle that published trademarks are considered registered and should be renewed before the ten-year protection period expires, even if no registration certificate was issued. Trademarks published in 2024 are exempt from this cancellation.

For more information, please contact us at libya@agip.com

New Trademark Regulations Implemented in Lebanon

BEIRUT - Lebanon has recently enacted the new Budget Law No. 324, which introduces changes to the structure of intellectual property rights and the duration of trademark protection. These changes took effect on February 15, 2024. According to Article 32 of the new law, the duration of trademarks protection has been shortened from 15 to 10 years. This change will only affect new trademarks registered after the promulgation of the law, while existing trademarks will maintain their 15-year term. However, renewals for newly registered trademarks must be processed after a period of 10 years from the registration date.

In addition to this change, there has been an increase in the official fees for filing, registration, renewal, and recordal of intellectual property rights. For further information or inquiries, please contact our office in Lebanon at lebanon@agip.com

ICANN to Generate New DNS Cryptographic Key at April 2024 Ceremony

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) is pleased to announce plans to generate a new root zone key signing key (KSK) used by the Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC). DNSSEC ensures that the information received from the DNS about a domain name is authentic. It helps make the Internet safer for its users.

Generating a new KSK restarts the process announced last year, which was suspended after it was identified that a supplier of key equipment used to store the KSK (known as a Hardware Security Module, or HSM) would be exiting the business during the expected lifespan of the new KSK. Throughout last year, through the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) functions, several alternate vendors of HSMs were evaluated and a replacement was selected. An analysis of the selection and its impact accompanies this announcement.

Generating the new key is slated for 26 April 2024 as part of the 53rd KSK Ceremony. The key will be replicated to an alternate facility in the third quarter

of 2024. IANA anticipates pre-publishing the key in the DNS starting in January 2025. It will be held in standby for about two years prior to being placed into production use in late 2026. During that time, ICANN will conduct an extensive outreach campaign to enable a seamless transition to the new key for the global Internet community.

The first time a key changed, an event referred to as a rollover, was in 2018. This rollover was considered a success, and followed several years of consultation, design, and testing. The new key generated by the event this April is the first step in the next iteration of that plan.

The security and stability of the DNS requires the capability to change keys. Rollovers of the Root KSK, which is the process of replacing one key with another, help exercise these mechanisms to ensure operational readiness.

The new key will use the same cryptographic algorithm and key size that is used currently. A separate project is underway to design the process for changing the cryptographic algorithm

used to sign the root zone. This will inform future changes in this area.

To join the discussion related to changing the KSK, subscribe to the ksk-rollover mailing list.

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ICANN Publishes Registration Data Policy

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) published the Registration Data Policy. The Registration Data Policy is a consensus policy based on recommendations made by the Generic Names Supporting Organization that allows domain name registries and registrars to comply with global data protection laws. The policy outlines the requirements for collection, transfer, publication, and retention of domain name registration data. It will go into effect on August 21, 2025, with a transition period from August 21, 2024 through August 20, 2025 for contracted parties. Once in full effect, the policy will replace the Interim Registration Data Policy. ICANN will send a formal notice to contracted parties in the coming days.

The Registration Data Policy is the result of broad community efforts to develop registration data policy requirements that can be implemented in compliance with applicable law. Like the Temporary Specification, the policy allows contracted parties to collect and provide registration data in a consistent manner, while adhering to privacy regulations. The Registration Data Policy implements a total of 34 policy recommendations from three ICANN Board resolutions and includes updates to 20 impacted policies and procedures as well as the Registration Data Access Protocol Profile.

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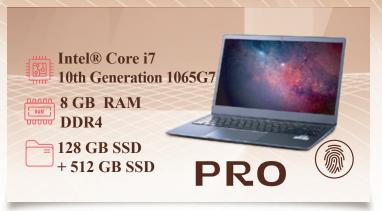
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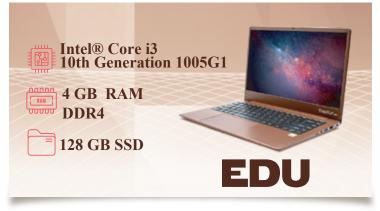


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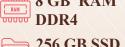


































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