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MANAMA – Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property (AGIP), represented by its marketing manager in Bahrain, Mr. Hamzeh Mobideen, took part in the first GCC Intellectual Property Conference, held in Bahrain from November 19 to 20, 2023, and organized by the Bahrain Intellectual Property Association and the Emirates Intellectual Property Association.

The conference, held under the theme "Introducing Legal Procedures to Address Sites Offering Counterfeit Products", brought together IP consultants and experts, government IP officers, lawyers, legal scholars, and IT specialists from different sectors. The event covered various topics, including legal methods to deal with websites that sell fake products, the importance of national laws and regulations to keep up to date with the Fourth Industrial Revolution, and the need to raise public awareness about intellectual property issues.

During the conference, Mr. Mobideen discussed the intellectual property protection system in the GCC countries. He focused on how these countries address infringements of IP rights. He also talked about the conventions and organizations that each country is a member of. Additionally, he highlighted the problems of counterfeiting and piracy and their negative impact on the GCC economy.

### **UAE:** New Regulations Relevant to Services Fees Provided by the Ministry of Economy

DUBAI - The UAE Cabinet of Ministers has recently issued Cabinet Resolution No. (112) of 2023, addressing services provided by the Ministry of Economy, with a focus on patents, industrial designs, and utility models.

This resolution entails the reinstatement of official fees for all zero-rated services affected by the previous Cabinet Resolution No. (20) of 2020. The revised fee structure will affect various services, including annuities, publications, assignments, amendments, restorations, and more.

Additionally, new services have been introduced, such as expedited examination, payment based on the number of claims, increase in the number of claims, and re-examination with minimal errors.

Moreover, a revised fee schedule, featuring decreased charges, has been implemented for academic entities.

The Cabinet issued this resolution on November 13, 2023, and it will take effect on January 13, 2024, within 60 days of its publication in the official gazette.

For more information, please contact AGIP UAE office at uae@agip.com

### **Apostille Convention Officially Takes Effect in China**

BEIJING - China has officially joined the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents (Apostille Convention). With China's accession to The Hague Convention, document legalization procedures between China and approximately 125 contracting states is to be greatly simplified, as foreign documents for use in China will no longer need to undergo multiple rounds

of authentication by different authorities.

It is worth mentioning that only the public documents issued by an authority or official associated with the contracting states are covered by the Apostille Convention.

The Apostille Convention entered into force for China on November 7, 2023.

#### ICANN Launches Global Service for Nonpublic Domain Name Registration Data Requests

ICANN has introduced the Registration Data Request Service (RDRS), offering a standardized way to request access to nonpublic data for generic top-level domains (gTLDs). This service aims to simplify the process, affected by personal data protection laws that have led to the redaction of personal data from public records.

The RDRS provides a unified platform for handling requests for nonpublic gTLD registration data. This system is intended to benefit law enforcement, intellectual property professionals, consumer protection advocates, and government officials, among others. It serves as a one-stop shop for submitting and tracking these requests, although it

doesn't guarantee data access.

According to ICANN, the RDRS simplifies the request process by using a single form and platform, thus streamlining the identification of the correct registrar for a domain name. It offers a centralized location for managing and tracking requests, beneficial for both requestors and registrars.

The RDRS will gather usage data to inform ICANN policy decisions related to a System for Standardized Access/Disclosure. The effectiveness and accuracy of the data will depend on the participation of registrars and requestors.

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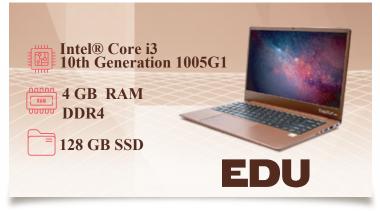


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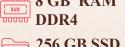


































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