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AGIP Egypt Reduced Charges



CAIRO – July 27, 2016 - Due to the recent devaluation of the Egyptian currency against the

US dollar, and out of AGIP's keenness to achieve the best interest of our esteemed clients, we are pleased to announce that we have further reduced our charges in Egypt as from July 14, 2016.

Accordingly, our total charges for filing a trademark application in one class up to registration has decreased from 390 USD to 200 USD, while filing a new patent application has dropped from 495 USD to 400 USD.

For more information about the rest of our reduced charges, kindly visit our website: www.agip.com

GCC TM Law and its Implementing Regulations Come into force in KSA



Implementing Regulations of the GCC TM Law (September 27, 2016).

Although the Implementing Regulations of the GCC TM Law have included the official fees for all TM matters, the Saudi Ministry of Commerce and Investment has the right to apply its own fees.

RIYADH - July 25, 2016, The GCC TM Law and its Implementing Regulations have been published at the Official Gazette in Saudi Arabia (Um Al- Qura), issue No. 4625, on July 1, 2016.

Pursuant to the Saudi Royal Degree No. M/51 dated April 26, 2014, the GCC TM Law shall come into force in Saudi Arabia within (90) days from the publication of the

As the official fees will be higher than the current fees, we invite our clients to apply for their trademark applications before the implementing due date of the new law.

New Trade Names Regulations in Oman



MUSCAT - July 24, 2016, The Minister of Commerce and Industry in Oman has issued a ministerial decision No 124/2016 regarding new regulations for the registration of trade names, a press release by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The regulations state that the trade name should be formed of original Arabic words or translated into Arabic, and it should not contain foreign words; except for the subsidiaries of international companies registered in the Sultanate or the joint Omani-foreign companies or the wholly foreign-owned firms.

The decision states that registered trade name should not be split or changed either by addition or omission, and the subsidiaries of a registered commercial entity are not allowed to go under an independent trade name. As per

the regulations, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry may reject a proposed trade name, or change an existing trade name that is deemed non-compliant with the regulations. The regulations ban the registration of trade names that are consistent with well-known local or overseas firms. Banned trade names also include those bearing political, religious or military connotations or are consistent with the names of existing social or charitable organizations. The regulations also ban registration of trade names containing the word 'Oman' or 'Omaniyah'.

Increase in Patent Examination Fees in Syria

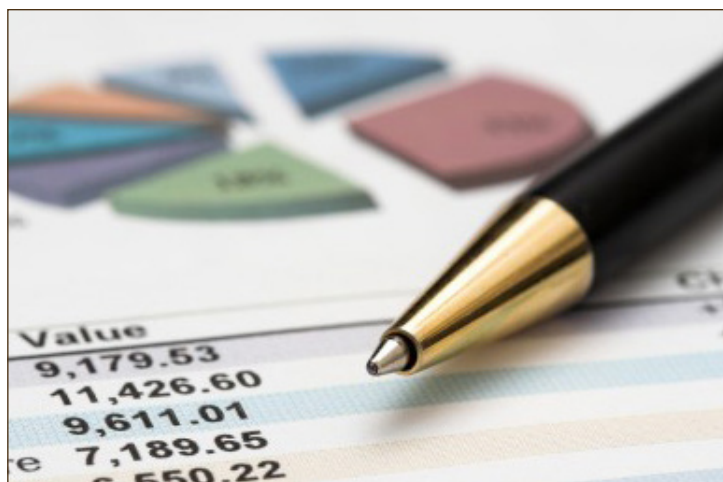
DAMASCUS – July 14, 2016, The Syrian Minister of Interior Trade and Consumer Protection issued the Ministerial Decree No. 1540 on June 30, 2016 which stipulates that the official examination fees of patents to be filed in the name of foreign companies have been increased in Syria.

The ministerial decision has entered into force in Syria on July 1, 2016.

In light of this increase, AGIP will amend its schedule of charges by adding the actual increased fees only, and its newly modified fees will be posted at AGIP website.



Change in the Amounts of the Individual Fee in Bahrain – WIPO



GENEVA – July 20, 2016, The amounts of the individual fee payable in respect of Bahrain will change, according to WIPO.

The fee will be 1,710 Swiss francs for each class of goods or services, when designating Bahrain in an international application or subsequently. Where the mark is a collective or certification mark, the amount of this fee will come to 2,105 Swiss francs.

The same amounts will apply when renewing an international registration in which Bahrain has been designated.

For further information, please refer to Information Notice No. 23/2016 as follows:

1. The Government of Bahrain has notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) a declaration modifying the amounts of the individual fee payable with respect to Bahrain under Article 8(7) of the Madrid Protocol.
2. In accordance with Rule 35(2)(b) of the Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement and Protocol, the Director General of WIPO has, after consultation with the Office of Bahrain, established the following new amounts, in Swiss francs, of the said individual fee:

Application or Subsequent Designation:

1,710 for each class of goods or services

Where the mark is a collective or certification mark:

2,105 for each class of goods or services

Renewal:

1,710 for each class of goods or services

Where the mark is a collective or certification mark:

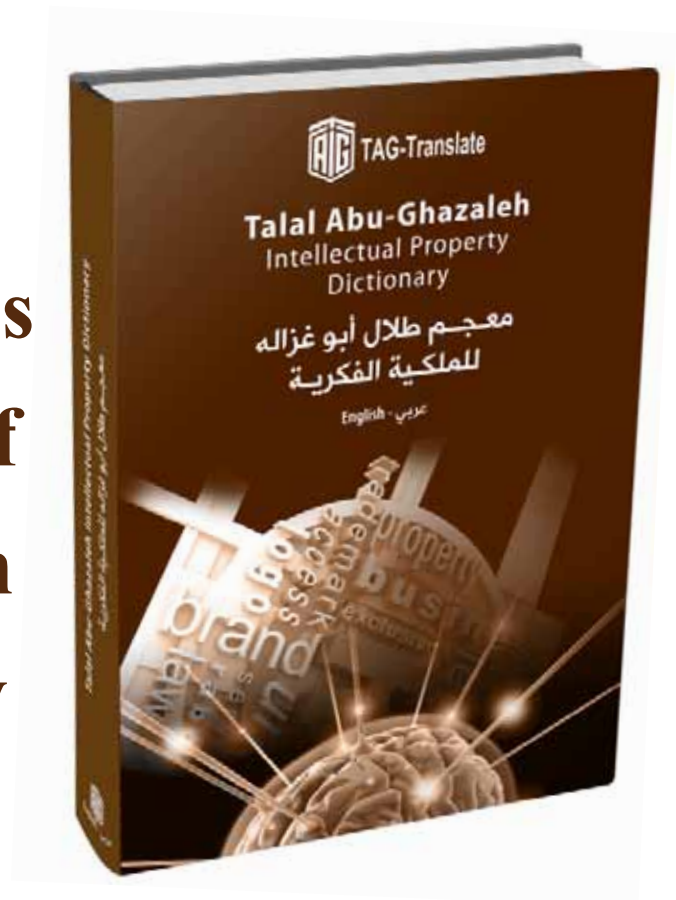
2,105 for each class of goods or services

This change will take effect on September 7, 2016. Therefore, these amounts will be payable where Bahrain:

- a. is designated in an international application which is received, or is deemed to have been received under Rule 11(1)(c), by the Office of
- b. is the subject of a subsequent designation which is received by the Office of the Contracting Party of the holder on or after that date, or is filed directly with the International Bureau of WIPO on or after that date; or
- c. has been designated in an international registration which is renewed on or after that date.

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Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization Releases the Second Edition of “Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Dictionary”



Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization (TAG-Org) recently issued “Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property Dictionary”, which is deemed the fifth dictionary to be released among a series of scientific, professional and specialized publications. This Dictionary is characterized by the variety of aspects it covers, which you wouldn’t find combined in any of the traditional dictionaries, it also contains the main terminologies that involve Intellectual Property reaching up to ten thousand words.

HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh stated that this updated second edition of the Dictionary is in alignment with the latest developments in the Intellectual Property field.

This Dictionary mirrors the efforts exerted by experts from different fields at TAG-Org mainly in translation, law, technical design and publications.

It was mainly issued to boost knowledge about Intellectual Property, including; the terminologies used by judges, lawyers, professors and law students, it also meets the needs of businessmen, companies and those working in the field of IP and in other economy –related sectors. This dictionary constitutes a main addition in the series of scientific and professional dictionaries.

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