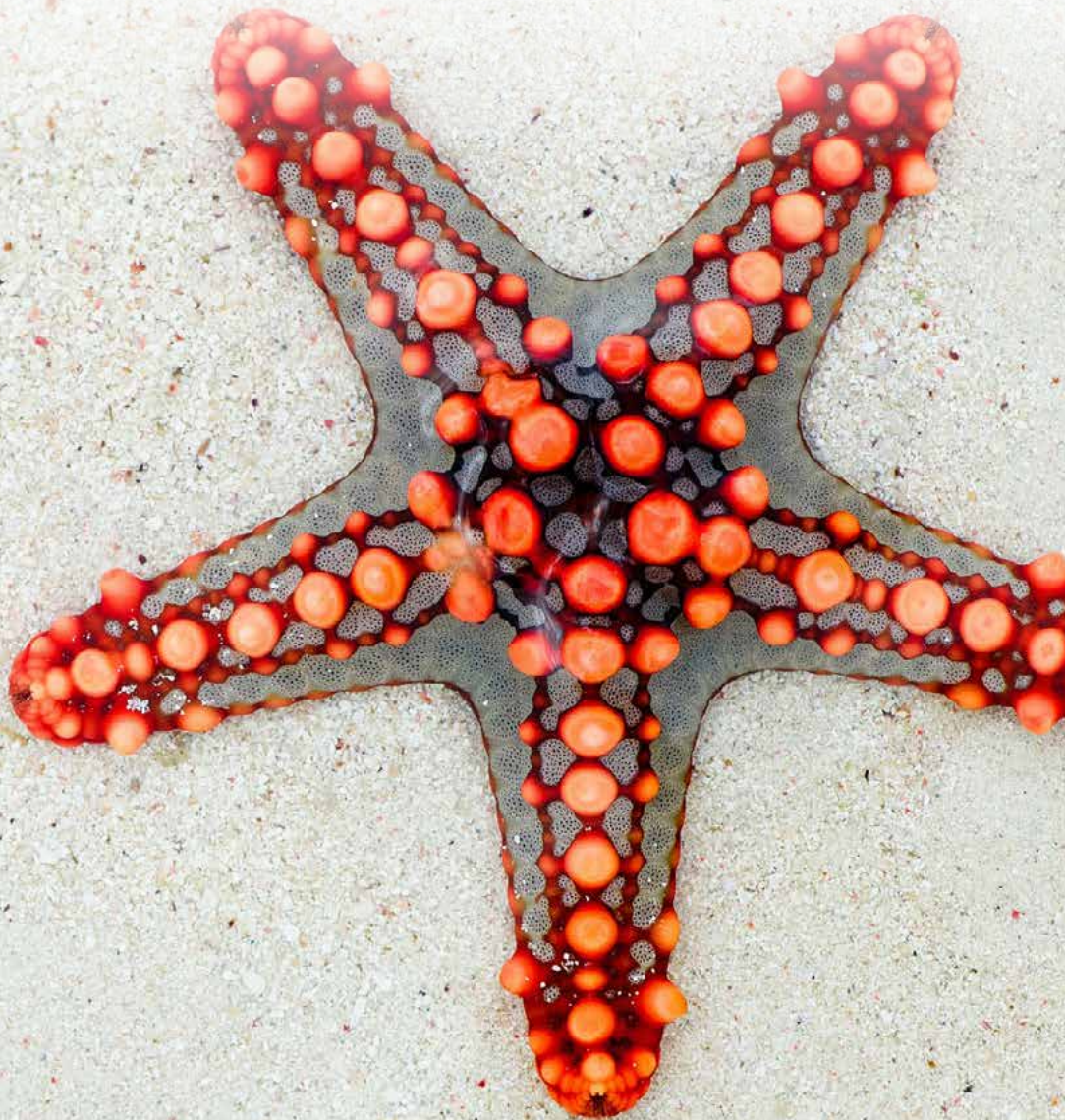


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DUBAI - The Commercial Compliance and Consumer Protection (CCCP) sector in the Department of Economic Development (DED) in Dubai has announced the launch of an 'Intellectual Property Gateway' for receiving complaints on trademark infringements via the DED website.

The gateway automates all procedures relating to Intellectual Property, IP, issues, starting from receiving complaints and opening files to receiving reports from field officers and submitting them to trademark owners. The portal will start receiving complaints by September of 2016.

The IP gateway seeks to protect the rights of trademark owners and enable businesses to grow sustainably as part of achieving Dubai's overall economic development strategy and reinforcing trust between the public and private sectors. The initiative also reflects DED's increasing compliance with the directives of the Dubai Government to replace all manual procedures with smart systems to enhance economic competitiveness and sustainable development.

Mohammed Ali Rashed Lootah, CEO of CCCP, said the IP Gateway falls in

line with the vision and directives of Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. The gateway will help achieve the goal of reducing the government auditors in Dubai by 80% by the year 2018, as the smart system can completely eliminate the need for review visits from law firms and brand owners.

Mashoor Al Shamsi, Senior Manager, Intellectual Property and Commercial Agencies in DED said, "The new portal is part of our efforts towards eliminating barriers for trademark owners and investors, and upholding their rights and capabilities to grow sustainably. The Commercial Compliance and Consumer Protection sector is keen to meet different public and private sector stakeholders to update each other on policies and regulations, and discuss co-operation on awareness campaigns and initiatives to combat commercial fraud, particularly counterfeiting, which pose a risk to the trader and consumer alike," Al Shamsi concluded.

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Source: Emirates New Agency (WAM)

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal

Abu-Ghazaleh, Jordan Customs and Public Security: A Workshop on Public Sector Against Trademark Infringements

AMMAN- Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Legal (TAG-Legal) organized a training workshop entitled, “Activating the Monitoring Role for Public Sector Institutions in Combating Trademark Counterfeiting in Jordan” with the presence of the representatives from the Criminal Investigation Department and Jordan Customs – and Anti-Smuggling Directorate.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh inaugurated the workshop with the presence of the Assistant Director General of Jordan Customs Brigadier-General Thamer Al-Sherman, Assistant Director of the Criminal Investigation Department Colonel Raed Al-Ouran, and Customs Director Eng. Damen Al-Fawaz of the Anti-Smuggling Directorate.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh welcomed the guests and expressed his pride in this cooperation – especially in the protection of Intellectual Property Rights – and how this partnership comes in line with the directives of His Majesty King Abdullah II in enhancing cooperation between the public and private sectors.

Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh stressed, “The Rule of Law has always been of high importance to His Majesty King Abdullah II – to ensure the rights of citizens and in creating an environment for trust, investment, and promoting economic activity.” He added, “Protecting the Intellectual Property rights of citizens is only one of the aspects in tackling counterfeit of commodities and other forms of corruption.”

Brigadier-General Thamer Al-Sherman, representing the Director General of Jordan Customs Major General Dr. Waddah Al-Hmoud, indicated, “This cooperation between Jordan Customs and TAG-Org in protecting the Intellectual Rights of citizens directly relates to the work of Jordan Customs in preventing the trade of counterfeit goods in a challenging environment surrounded by the political instability of the region.”

Brigadier-General Al-Sherman continued, “The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has completed the transitional phase when it comes to accomplishments in the protection of Intellectual Property Rights.” He added, “Jordan Customs has appointed

the best representatives for implementing this cooperation agreement, as it constantly invests in its employees to deliver the best services for the Jordanian citizen.”

Meanwhile, Colonel Raed Al-Ouran representing the Director of Criminal Investigation Department Brigadier General Qaseem Al-Ibrahim, congratulated Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh for being honored the Order of Independence of the First Class by His Majesty King Abdullah II, for his distinguished achievements and contributions to the economy.” He added, “In 2008, a department section was established at the Criminal Investigation Department specifically for protecting Intellectual Property Rights, spreading awareness and keeping up with the latest developments in the field of Intellectual Property, and in improving their tactics in accordance to facing related challenges.”

He also indicated, “I am confident that this workshop will be beneficial in improving

skills of the participants – all for the purpose of implementing the directives of His Majesty King Abdullah II in protecting the rights of citizens.”

The workshop aims to shed light on the most crucial of challenges and difficulties that face the field of protecting Intellectual Property Rights and protecting famous Trademarks on a local level, and on the importance of differentiating between original and counterfeit goods. The workshop also aims in strengthening and enhancing cooperation between the public and private sector to protect Intellectual Property rights in the kingdom.

The workshop comes in the context of implementing and fulfilling the objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that was signed last year between the Public Security Directorate and Jordan Customs and TAG-Org in Jordan.

Source: TAG-Org News





Trademark Recordation with Abu Dhabi Customs Will be Introduced

ABU DHABI - Abu Dhabi Customs Authority has announced that as a part of its effort to compact counterfeit products, and tighten Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) protection and enforcement at the UAE, it has adopted the trademark recordation service as it has started accepting the recordation applications from trademarks owners or their agents as from August 21, 2016.

In this relation, Ajman Customs Authority has implemented the trademark recordation service few months ago. It is worth mentioning that this service has already been implemented in Dubai, Sharjah and Ras Al Khaimah few years ago.

The recordation procedures are very simple and no further documents are necessary to be provided, other than a certified copy of the registration certificate and a specimen of the mark as currently used on the products. However, if the recordation application will be filed through the agent, a power of attorney and a letter from the owner authorizing the agent to record the trademark with Abu Dhabi Customs will be required.

Source: AGIP News

New Domain Name Dispute Resolution Service for .FR, .PM, .RE, .TF, .WF, and .YT

GENEVA - An updated procedure managed by AFNIC in collaboration with the WIPO Center is available as of July 4, 2016 to resolve .FR (France) and .RE (Reunion Island) domain name disputes. Under the same procedure, the WIPO Center now also offers dispute resolution services in relation to domain names registered under .PM (St. Pierre and Miquelon), .TF (French Southern Territories), .WF (Wallis and Futuna Islands), and .YT (Mayotte).

According to WIPO, cases under these domain name extensions are filed in the French language and decided by experts qualified under the procedure.

Source: AGIP News



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Algeria and Nigeria to Host World Intellectual Property Organization External Offices in Africa

By VICTOR NZOMO

ABUJA, ALGIERS- At the Fifty-Fifth Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (October 2015), the WIPO General Assembly, at its Forty-Seventh (22nd Ordinary) Session, decided with respect to the issue of new WIPO External Offices, during the 2016/17 Biennium that priority should be given to Africa. For this purpose, Member States were encouraged to submit their hosting proposals to be considered under the Guiding Principles.

Subsequently, according to the WIPO Program and Budget Committee (WO/PBC/25/12), several African Member States had notified WIPO of their wish to host an external office namely Algeria, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal and Tunisia. However, at the expiry of the extended deadline of March 29th 2016, only six African countries had

filed their hosting applications namely Algeria, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Kenya and Nigeria.

According to a media report by Algeria Press Service here, "following the vote held in Geneva on 4 August 2016, Algeria was chosen since the first round to host WIPO external office for North Africa as it got 29 votes, Egypt (7), Morocco (7) and Tunisia (2), while Nigeria was chosen to host WIPO external office for sub-Saharan Africa."

Algeria's Copyright Office has confirmed the news and posted a copy of a Press Release dated 8th August 2016 celebrating this overwhelming vote as an honor for Algeria and recognition of Algeria's work in the area of intellectual property.

Source: [Ipkenya.wordpress.com](http://ipkenya.wordpress.com)



وزارة التجارة والصناعة

New Trade Names Regulations in Oman

MUSCAT - 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.

According to Abu-Ghazaleh Intellectual Property, 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.

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