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DUBAI - In his capacity as Ruler of Dubai, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, issued Law No. 15 of 2016 on the regulations issued by the authorities of free zones and special development zones in Dubai.

The new Law is applicable to all free zones and special development zones in Dubai, including Dubai International Financial Centre, DIFC. Government entities subject to this Law will publish any bylaws or regulations on their official websites and make them available to the public free of charge.

Pursuant to the Law, authorities of free zones and special development zones in Dubai may publish their regulations

in Arabic or any other language. The regulations published in any authority's official website are binding and considered effective within 30 days of the date of publication unless stated otherwise.

All regulations issued by authorities of free zones and special development zones in Dubai prior to Law No. 15 of 2016 remain valid and obligatory and must be communicated by the authorities through their official websites within 30 days of the date of activation of the new Law.

The new Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and is effective from the date of publication.

Source: Emirates News Agency (WAM)





ARIPO Signs MoU with EUIPO

ZIMBABWE - The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on mechanisms for bilateral cooperation in activities related to trademarks and industrial designs as well as enforcement, according to a press release by ARIPO.

The five-year agreement renews the cooperation between ARIPO and the EUIPO - formerly Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trade Marks and Designs) [OHIM] -, which was first entered into force on June 8, 1999 and was further reviewed and extended in 2011.

This agreement calls for the two parties to cooperate on several areas that include; the publication of trademark and industrial design data on EUIPO online information and classification systems, namely, TMview, DesignView, TMclass and Designclass; on activities concerning harmonization of trademark and design examination practices and on awareness raising activities, such as seminars on the protection of trademarks and designs and also on enforcement related matters.

The Offices also agreed to cooperate on training programs including joint seminars or workshops and other training initiatives.

The Offices will hold annual meetings of experts to discuss major pending issues in the field of trademark and design.

Furthermore, there shall be cooperation in the development and expansion of IT, automation and modernization schemes as well as in the exchange of statistical data regarding trademarks and designs.

Additionally, there shall be second opportunities to either office of examiners or other staff as may be mutually agreed.

The parties also agreed that the EUIPO may consider exporting and sharing with ARIPO the EUIPO-developed Similarity Tool, Harmonized Database and the CESTO Examination Tool.

They also agreed to cooperate in other areas like Quality / ISO certification, setting up of IP economic-related studies, such as the EUIPO/EPO study on IP intensive industries and their contribution to economic performance and employment.

On the topical issue of enforcement, the Offices will exchange information on their respective IP enforcement related activities and may identify areas for developing common initiatives.

Source: Agip.com



New Law on Personal Data Protection

DOHA - The Emir HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al Thani issued recently Law No. 13 of 2016 on the protection of personal data which is effective from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

The Law seeks to ensure the right to personal data protection as the data monitor or processor cannot process personal data without obtaining the consent of the individual unless it is necessary for achieving a legitimate purpose. However, an individual can object the processing of his/her personal data if it is found to be unnecessary.

The individual may as well delete, erase or correct his/her personal data. The individual may at any time access the personal data and request for a revision with the data monitor or processor and can get a copy of this data after paying an amount which should not exceed the service fee.

Moreover, an individual has the right to being notified about any processing of personal data, the purpose for doing so, and any disclosure about inaccurate information.

The measures include reviewing privacy protection measures before the inclusion of a new process, identifying the data analysts and training them on the protection of personal data, developing internal systems to receive and consider complaints and requests for access to data, reporting any

breach of the procedures, using appropriate technological means to enable individuals to exercise their right of access to directly review and correct their personal data, and conducting audits and comprehensive reviews of the extent of commitment to the protection of personal data.

The competent authority can process some personal data without being bound by the Provisions of this Law for the protection of national or public security, protection of international relations of the country, protection of economic or financial state of the country, prevention of any crime, or collection of information and investigation on a crime.

In addition, Article 22 of the Law bans electronic communications sent for direct marketing purposes without the consent of the data owner.

The fines for violation of the Law range between QR1 million and QR5 million.

The provisions of this Law will apply to personal data when it is electronically processed, or when it is obtained, collected or extracted in preparation for a processing, or when it is processed through a combination of electronic and traditional processing.

Source: Qatar Tribune Website



RAK Ruler Issues Law on Promotional Campaigns for Commercial Advertising

RAS AL-KHAIMAH - HH Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ras Al-Khaimah, has issued a law pertaining to promotional campaigns and special offers for commercial advertising purposes.

Law No.05 of 2016 stipulated that those who wish to launch a promotional campaign or to run special offers should obtain permission at least two weeks before the scheduled date for the beginning of the campaign or the offer.

The Law is effective from the date of issuance and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Source: Emirates News Agency (WAM)



WIPO Adopts Open Access Policy for its Publications

GENEVA - The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) announced on November 16 its new Open Access policy to promote the widest possible public access to its publications, furthering the Organization's commitment to the dissemination and sharing of knowledge.

As the world reference source for intellectual property-related information, WIPO houses extensive collections of publications that include studies, reports, guides, and other learning resources. The Open Access policy will facilitate access for policy-makers, researchers, practitioners and anyone else seeking to use and build upon these resources.

“WIPO's publications are unique collections of valuable information,” said WIPO Director General Francis Gurry. “Our Open Access policy formalizes our efforts to ensure that this wealth of knowledge is ever-more readily available for use by everyone.”

To support the implementation of the Open Access Policy, WIPO will use the suite of Creative Commons Intergovernmental Organizations (IGO) licenses, which it helped develop with a group of international organizations in 2013. Creative Commons licenses are a widely used and easily understood set of copyright tools and model agreements that facilitate access to and use of creative content.

From now, new publications created and wholly owned by WIPO, as well as a selection of existing publications, will be licensed under the CC-BY 3.0 IGO license or one of the other licenses in the Creative Commons IGO suite. WIPO publications available under Creative Commons licenses will be clearly identified and searchable within the publications area of the WIPO website.

Through these widely used tools, WIPO is supporting open archive initiatives that promote the dissemination of content through interoperability standards and efficient licensing schemes.

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Source: WIPO News



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