

Appendix

Summary of Intellectual Property and Related Legislation in the GCC Member States



1. Bahrain

Main Current Dedicated Intellectual Property Laws, Regulations and Orders

1. Legislative Decree No. 19 of 2005 ratifying Bahrain's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT), the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT) and the WIPO Patent Law Treaty (PLT) (issued 10 July 2005 and published in Official Gazette No. 2695 of 13 July 2005). (Instruments of Accession lodged 15 September 2005, and Treaties entered into force in Bahrain on 15 December 2005).
2. Legislative Decree No. 18 of 2005 ratifying Bahrain's accession to the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (1989) (issued 10 July 2005 and promulgated in Official Gazette No. 2695 of 13 July 2005). (Instrument of Accession lodged 15 September 2005, and Protocol entered into force in Bahrain on 15 December 2005).
3. Legislative Decree No. 17 of 2005 acceding to the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purpose of the Registration of Marks (issued February 2005). (Instrument of Accession lodged 15 September 2005, and Agreement entered into force in Bahrain 15 December 2005).
4. Legislative Decree No. 12 of 2005 ratifying Bahrain's accession to the International Convention for the Protection of New Plant Varieties (UPOV) (issued 4 June 2005 and promulgated in Official Gazette No. 2690 of 8 June 2005)(Instrument of Accession lodged 15 September 2005, & Convention entered into force in Bahrain 15 December 2005)
5. Legislative Decree No. 16 of 2004 in respect of Geographical Indications (issued 14 August 2004 and published in Official Gazette No. 2648 of 18 August 2004).
6. Legislative Decree No. 12 of 2004 adopting the GCC Unified Patent Regulation in Bahrain (issued 22 June 2004, and published in Official Gazette No. 2640 of 2004).

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7. Legislative Decree No. 1 of 2004 in respect of Patents and Utility Models (issued 24 January 2004 and published in Official Gazette No. 2619 of 28 January 2004).
 8. Legislative Decree No. 7 of 2003 in respect of Trade Secrets (issued 13 June 2003 and published in Official Gazette No. 2587 of 18 June 2003).
 9. Legislative Decree No. 31 of 1996 ratifying Bahrain's accession to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (issued 29 October 1996 and published in Official Gazette No. 2240 of 1996) (Instrument of Accession lodged on 2 December 1996, and Convention entered into force in Bahrain on 2 March 1997).
 10. Legislative Decree No. 30 of 1996 ratifying Bahrain's accession to the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works (issued 29 October 1996 and published in Official Gazette No. 2240 of 1996) (Instrument of Accession lodged 2 December 1996, and Convention entered into force in Bahrain on 2 March 1997).
 11. Legislative Decree No. 1 of 1995 ratifying Bahrain's accession to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organisation (issued 11 February 1995 and published in Official Gazette No. 2151 of 1995). (Instrument of Accession lodged 22 March 1995, and Convention entered into force in Bahrain 22 June 1995).
 12. Legislative Decree No. 7 of 1994 ratifying Bahrain's accession to the Protocol Establishing the World Trade Organisation (issued 12 June 1994 and published in Official Gazette No. 2120 of 1994) (Protocol entered into force in Bahrain on 1 January 1995).
 13. Legislative Decree No. 10 of 1993 with respect to the Protection of Copyright (issued 7 June 1993, and published in Official Gazette No. 2063 of 9 June 1993).
 14. Ministerial Order No. 12 of 1993, the Implementing Regulations for Amiri Decree No. 10 of 1991 concerning Trade Marks (issued 17 May 1993, and published in Official Gazette No. 2060 of 19 May 1993).

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15. Amiri Decree No.10 of 1991, concerning Trade Marks (issued 25 June 1991, and published in Official Gazette No. 1961 of 26 June 1991).

Subordinate, Associated and Superseded Legislation

16. Ministerial Order No. 1 of 1994 on the System of Deposit at the Copyright Protection Office (issued 15 May 1994 and published in Official Gazette No. 2112 of 1994).
17. Ministerial Order No. 4 of 1993, with respect to the establishment of the Copyright Protection Office in the Ministry of Information (issued 14 November 1993 and published in Official Gazette No. 2086 of 1993).
18. Amiri Decree No. 7 of 1987, the Law of Commerce (published in Official Gazette No. 1739 of 1987).
19. Amiri Decree No. 5 of 1986, establishing the National Council for Culture, Arts and Literature (published in Official Gazette No. 1720 of 1986).
20. Ministerial Order No. 10 of 1981, amending the Implementing Regulations for Decree No. 22 of 1977 concerning Trade Marks (published in Official Gazette No. 1436 of 1981).
21. Amiri Decree No. 14 of 1979, the Law on Printed Matter and Publishing (published in Official Gazette No. 1344 of 1979).
22. Ministerial Order No. 13 of 1978 amending Ministerial Order No. 2 of 1978, the Implementing Regulations for Amiri Decree No. 22 of 1977 (issued 18 June 1978 and published in Official Gazette No. 1285 of 1978).
23. Ministerial Order No. 2 of 1978, the Implementing Regulations for the Patents, Design and Trade Marks Regulation of 1955 as amended by Amiri Decree No. 22 of 1977 (issued 1 February 1978 and promulgated in Official Gazette No. 1266 of 9 February 1978).

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24. Amiri Decree No. 22 of 1977 amending certain provisions of the Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Regulation of 1955 (issued 9 November 1977 and published in Official Gazette No. 1253 of 10 November 1977).
 25. Amiri Decree No. 20 of 1975 with respect to the Legal Deposit of Intellectual Works (published in Official Gazette No. 114 of 1975).
 26. Amiri Decree No. 12 of 1971, the Civil and Commercial Procedures Code published in Official Gazette No. 926 of 1971).
 27. Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Regulation, No. 1 of 1955 (promulgated 15 June 1955).

2. Kuwait

Main Current Dedicated Intellectual Property Laws, Regulations and Orders

1. Law No. 3 of 2001 amending certain provisions of the Law No. 4 of 1962, concerning Patents, Designs and Industrial Models.
2. Law No. 1 of 2001 amending certain provisions relating to Patents of Law No. 68 of 1980, the Commercial Code.
3. Law No. 64 of 1999, governing Copyrights and Related Rights (issued as Law No. 5 of 1999 on 6 June 1999, during the period of dissolution of Parliament. Reissued by the new Parliament as Law No. 64 of 1999 on 29 December 1999, and published in Official Gazette No. 445 of 9 January 2000).
4. Law No. 4 of 1999, amending certain Provisions of Law No. 4 of 1962 concerning Patents, Designs and Industrial Models (issued 25 May 1999, and published in Official Gazette No. 414 of 1999).

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5. Law No. 3 of 1999, amending certain Provisions of Law No. 68 of 1980, the Commercial Code (issued 25 May 1999).
 6. Law No. 2 of 1998 ratifying Kuwait's accession to the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organisation (Instrument of Accession lodged 14 April 1998, and Convention entered into force in Kuwait on 14 July 1998).

Subordinate, Associated and Superseded Legislation

7. Ministerial Act No. 127 of 2000, establishing the Directorate of Intellectual Property in the Ministry of Information.
8. Ministerial Order No. 106 of 2000, granting judicial authority to designated Ministry of Information Officials.
9. Ministerial Order No. 8 of 1995, establishing the Trade Mark Register (issued 8 January 1995, and published in Official Gazette No. 190 of 15 January 1995).
10. Law No. 16 of 1986, ratifying the Arab Agreement for the Protection of Authors' Rights (published in Official Gazette No. 1657 of 1986).
11. Law No. 68 of 1980, the Commercial Code (published in Official Gazette No. 1338 of 1980)
12. Law No. 67 of 1980, the Civil Code (promulgated in Official Gazette No. 1335 of 1981).
13. Ministerial Order No. 15 of 1965, the Implementing Regulations for Law No. 4 of 1962 governing Patents, Designs and Industrial Models (published in Official Gazette No. 555 of 5 December 1965).
14. Law No. 4 of 1962 governing Patents, Designs and Industrial Models (issued 9 April 1962, and published in Official Gazette No. 373 of 15 April 1962).

15. Law No. 3 of 1961, the Printed Matter and Publications Law (published in Official Gazette No. 312 of 1961).
16. Implementing Regulations for Law No. 2 of 1961, for the Control and Register of Trade Marks (published in Official Gazette No. 317 of 5 March 1961).
17. Law No. 2 of 1961, the Commercial Law (published in Official Gazette No. 311 of 1961).

3. Oman

Main Current Dedicated Intellectual Property Laws, Regulations and Orders

1. Ministerial Decision No. 73/2005, the Implementing Regulations for Royal Decree No. 82/2000, the Patents Law (issued 10 September 2005, and published in Official Gazette No. 799 of 17 September 2005).
2. Royal Decree ratifying the Sultanate's accession to the WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) and the WIPO Performances and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT). (Instrument of Accession lodged 20 June 2005, and Treaties entered into force in Oman 20 September 2005).
3. Royal Decree No. 56/2005 endorsing the Agreement on the Preservation of non-materialist Cultural Heritage signed in Paris on 30 November 2003 (issued 22 June 2005).
4. Royal Decree No. 24/2005 establishing the Functions of the Ministry of Heritage and Culture and its organisational structure (issued 26 February 2005).

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5. Ministerial Decision No.62/2005, the Implementing Regulations for Royal Decree No. 38/2000 on the Protection of Trademarks (issued 25 June 2005, and published in Official Gazette No. 795 of 16 July 2005 or No. 798).
 6. Ministerial Decision No. 35/2004, the Implementing Regulations for Royal Decree 92/2000 on the Protection of New Plant Varieties (issued 10 May 2004 and published in Official Gazette No. 768 of 2004).
 7. Royal Decree No. 37/2001 ratifying the Sultanate's accession to the WIPO Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) (issued 1 May 2001 and published in Official Gazette No. 694 of 1 May 2001). (Instrument of Accession lodged on 27 July 2001, and Convention entered into force in Oman on 27 October 2001).
 8. Royal Decree No. 112/2000 ratifying the Sultanate's accession to the Protocol Establishing the World Trade Organisation (issued 15 November 2000). (Protocol entered into force in Oman 20 November 2000).
 9. Royal Decree No.92/2000, the Law on the Protection of new Plant Varieties (issued 8 October 2000).
 10. Royal Decree No. 82/2000, the Patents Law (issued 23 September 2000).
 11. Royal Decree No. 41/2000, the Law on the Topographies Rights of Integrated Circuits (issued 21 May 2000, and published in Official Gazette No. 672 of 3 June 2000).
 12. Royal Decree No. 40/2000, the Law on the Protection of Geographical Indications (issued 21 May 2000, and published in Official Gazette No. 672 of 3 June 2000).
 13. Royal Decree No. 39/2000, the Law on the Protection of Industrial Designs (issued 21 May 2000, and published in Official Gazette No. 672 of 3 June 2000).

