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## Lebanon Trademark Registration Costs and Registration Procedures

The legal basis of Lebanon trademark is the Law No. 14/87 of May 4, 1987 on Duties and Fees due for the Publication of Trademarks and Patents in the Official Gazette in Lebanon. Lebanon is a member of the Paris Convention and the Madrid Agreement. Lebanon adopts first-to-use basis for trademark protection. A trademark registration is valid for 15 years from the date of application and could be renewed for 15 years before the expiry date.

### 1. Lebanon Trademark Registration Fees

Services	Fees (USD)
<b>Step 1: Pre-filing Search</b>	
First class (word mark)	150
Each additional class (word mark)	100
Each class (device mark)	290
(1) Pre-filing search is not compulsory in Lebanon. (2) Pre-filing search is limited to the database of the Lebanese Official Gazette. It is not possible to conduct a search in respect of trademark applications under consideration or those not published yet. (3) Pre-filing search report is delivered in 15 working days by email.	
<b>Step 2: Trademark Registration Request</b>	
Each application	620
(1) Fees cover both our service fees and official filing fees. (2) Fees for trademark registration request listed above cover no more than 20 items of products or services in each class. Each item in excess of 20 will be charged with an extra fee of USD10. (3) Minimum publication fee for USD210 has been included. Publication fee of a trademark registration varies according to the number of lines to be published (USD10 per line).	
<b>Step 3: Final Registration/Certificate</b>	
First class	700
Each additional class	450

Note:

- (1) The fixed fees quoted above apply only to trademark applications which are unopposed and proceed without complication.
- (2) All fees quoted above do not include translation, super-legalization of the Power of Attorney and delivery fees.
- (3) Fee for claiming priority is USD40.

## 2. Calculation of Registration Costs

### Example 1: One mark one class

If you want to have your trademark "ABC" registered in Class 25 (clothing, footwear, headgear), that is, one mark one class, the total fees for trademark pre-filing search, registration request and certificate are:

Pre-filing search: USD150  
Request for registration: USD620  
Final registration/Certificate: USD700  
**TOTAL: USD1,470**

### Example 2: One mark two classes

If you want to have your trademark "ABC" registered in Class 25 (clothing, footwear, headgear) and Class 26 (lace and embroidery, ribbons and braid; buttons, hooks and eyes, pins and needles; artificial flowers), that is, one mark two classes, the total fees for trademark pre-filing search, registration request and certificate are:

Pre-filing search:  $150 + 100 = \text{USD}250$   
Request for registration: USD620  
Final registration/Certificate:  $700 + 450 = \text{USD}1,150$   
**TOTAL: USD2,020**

### Example 3: Two marks one class

If you want to have your trademarks "ABC" and "DEF" registered in Class 25 (clothing, footwear, headgear), that is, two marks one class, the total fees for trademark pre-filing searches, registration requests and certificates are:

Pre-filing searches:  $150 + 150 = \text{USD}300$   
Request for registrations:  $620 + 620 = \text{USD}1,240$   
Final registrations/Certificates:  $700 + 700 = \text{USD}1,400$   
**TOTAL: USD2,940**

The costs illustrated in the examples above are based on the assumption of a smooth application, that is, no objection being raised by the Office of Intellectual Property of Lebanon. Also, the costs stated above exclude translation, super-legalization of the Power of Attorney, courier charges for sending the Power of Attorney and delivery of Certificate of Registration upon acceptance of registration.

It is further assumed that the number of items of products included in each class is no more than 20. Each additional item after the first 20 is charged at a fee of USD10.

### **3. Materials Required for Filing of Trademark Application in Lebanon**

- (1) A Power of Attorney (to be provided by Kaizen) signed by the applicant, notarized before a notary Public and legalized up to Lebanese Consulate in applicant's country.
- (2) A duly completed trademark search/registration order form (to be provided by Kaizen).
- (3) A soft copy of the trademark in JPEG format.
- (4) A very brief description of the trademark.
- (5) A copy of identity proof of the applicant (passport for individuals and Business Registration Certificate/Certificate of Incorporation for companies).
- (6) A certified copy of the home registration or an application has to be filed within three months from the filing date when priority is claimed (extra charge will be charged for filing priority claim documents).

### **4. Lebanon Trademark Application Procedures**

- (1) Kaizen acknowledges the information including the specimens of mark, its goods/services and registration details, then provides the latest quotation, preliminary advice and classifies your goods/services;
- (2) After the quotation has been confirmed, client will be required to complete our Trademark Search/ Registration Order Form and send it back to Kaizen by email, fax or post;
- (3) Once receipt of the payment for pre-filing search, Kaizen will conduct the pre-filing search (if requested). The search report will be sent to client within 15 working days (based on the duration of the official search);
- (4) Client could refer to our analysis and suggestion in the search report and decide whether to file the application. Kaizen will file trademark application to the Office of Intellectual Property of Lebanon upon receipt of your payment and instruction;
- (5) The Office of Intellectual Property of Lebanon will examine your trademark application within one week with respect to form and if prior rights exist. If prior rights exist, the application will not be rejected directly, it would be necessary to sign a Notice of Similarity as an acknowledgement of taking note of the cited trademark registration (extra charge will be charged for that);

- (6) Once your trademark has been accepted, the publication fee and registration fee will be paid and the trademark would be deemed registered;
- (7) The registration of a trademark is completed within two weeks and the certificate of registration will be issued within three weeks from the registration date. We will review and send the certificate to you.
- (8) The trademark registration is published in the Lebanese Official Gazette within four months for informational purposes. There is no opposition procedure at the Office of Intellectual Property of Lebanon.

### 5. Time scale

Currently it takes around **3 - 10** months to get a trademark registered in Lebanon in a smooth case.

### 6. Payment Term and Payment Method

Our fees for each stage of an application are to be invoiced and settled before the commencement of each stage of service. If a China or Taiwan Value-Added Tax invoice is required, 7% or 5% additional charge will be incurred.

We currently accept cheque, cash, TT and credit card through Paypal (5% additional charge will incur for paypal). [Please click here for payment methods.](#)

### 7. Refund Policy

No refund of fees will be made after the commencement of services. For example, if we have conducted a pre-filing search and found an identical mark is already in the register, the application will not be proceeded, the fees for pre-filing search will not be refunded. If we have already filed an application and the application is failed, there will not be any refunded of fees.

In case you have paid our fees for all three stages of an application and the search result indicates that an identical mark is already in the register, the application will not be proceeded. The fees for services not performed, i.e., filing for application and issuing of certificate of registration will be refunded, after deducting bank wiring charge.