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In a recent development, enacting the Law No. 324, the Lebanon Intellectual Property Department has introduced increase in the official fees pertaining to all intellectual property matters and has shortened the length of trademark protection period. This law has become effective on February 15, 2024.

As a result, official fees for filing, registration, renewal, and recordal of intellectual property rights have been increased. This increase applies to both the existing as well as the new applications.

The primary change, however, is that trademarks registered on or after February 15, 2024, would only have a 10-year protection period instead of a 15-year one. Trademarks registered prior to this date will still be valid for 15 years and will be converted to 10-year validity term upon their renewal.

For more details in this regard, please get in touch with us.

Saudi Arabia Increases Design Protection Period to 15 Years

Saudi Arabia has for some time been embracing rapid changes in the Intellectual Property protection and enforcement arena. Keeping up with this trend, by virtue of the Royal Decree No. (M/45) dated 10/03/1445 AH (25 September 2023), the Saudi Arabian Council of Ministers has lately approved various amendments to Saudi Law on Patents, Layout-Designs of Integrated Circuits, Plant Varieties, and Industrial Designs.

The amended law entered into force on October 3, 2023. Concerning industrial designs, the following two changes are of key significance:

- The length of protection period for industrial designs has been extended from 10 years to 15 years. This holds true for all applications submitted on or after October 3, 2023, as well as for all cases filed before this date and which are still active.
- Harmonization with the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs to allow protection through an international design application under the Hague Agreement.

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