



## **Libya Suspends Trademark Operations Temporarily**

Libya is currently experiencing a temporary suspension of trademark operations due to an administrative transfer of the Trademark Office to the Commercial Registry.

Libya's Council of Ministers approved an administrative transfer recently which effectively meant that the authority over trademark operations was moved from the Ministry of Economy and Trade to the Commercial Registry. This has resulted in the temporary suspension in accepting new trademark applications during the transition period.

It should be noted that the Trademark Department still remains under the Libyan Ministry of Economy and Trade and there are no regulatory changes to this as yet. Hence, this suspension is a short-term measure expected to last a few weeks, with applications due for filing during this time to be processed upon resumption.

We are keeping a close watch on these developments in Libya and any further updates in this regard will be posted in these columns again.