

UAE Trade mark registration Law & Guide

Trade Mark for Registration

According to UAE law **trade mark** is anything which takes a distinctive form whether names, words, signatures, letters, figures, drawings, symbols, titles, tax stamps, seals, pictures, inscriptions, advertisements or packs or any other mark or a combination thereof, used or is intended to be used, either in distinguishing goods, products or services whatever their origin is, or to show that goods or products are owned by the mark owner by virtue of their manufacture, selection or dealing in, or to indicate the performance of a service .Sound is considered a part of the trademark if it if it accompanies thereto.

Procedure for Trade mark Registration in UAE:

Once the application is filed, it is queued to be examined as to the trademark registration.. Accepted applications by the Registrar are published in the Trademark Journal and two local Arabic newspapers. There is 30 days period for filing an opposition by any interested party. In absence of an opposition, the published trademark is registered, and the certificate of registration is issued. Registration Validity: 10 years, renewable for other consecutive periods, each of which is 10 years. Renewal Time: Application for Renewal should be submitted during the last year of the protection period.

There is 3 months grace-period for late renewal upon payment of lateness fine. (Renewal is to be published in the Trademark Journal and in two local Arabic newspapers). Trade/Service mark Use: Not pre-requisite for registration. However, a trademark is vulnerable for cancellation by any interested party, who may prove that the trademark was not actually used for five consecutive years.