

## Trademark Filing Proposal

### Important Tips

- ✓ Egypt is a member of the Madrid Agreement for the International Registration of Marks (Since July 1<sup>st</sup> 1952).
- ✓ Egypt adopts NICE Classification 11<sup>th</sup> edition (*Int' classes 01~45*).
- ✓ Protection Period of a TM in Egypt is 10 years as of the application's filing date; renewable for further 10-year periods.
- ✓ The normal time frame for a TM to mature into registration is around 1.5 to 20 years passing a normal registration course without official rejections or third party's oppositions.
- ✓ Priority is acceptable to be claimed in Egypt, provided that the priority claim is within (6) months from the parent application's filing date.
- ✓ Marking is not compulsory in Egypt.
- ✓ Merger, License, Lien, and assignments are **not acceptable** to be recorded against pending applications.
- ✓ Changes of name/address are acceptable to be recorded on pending TM applications.
- ✓ The assignment/ license/ merger/ and also change of names and/or addresses of a registered trademark should be recorded at the Trademark Office, and unless it is published in the Official Gazette it shall not be effective against third parties.



- ✓ Use of trademarks in Egypt is not compulsory for registering or renewing trademark registrations. However, a trademark registration is vulnerable to **cancellation action** if any third party can prove that the subject trademark has not actually been used for a period of 5 consecutive years. Unless the owner proves that non-use of the trademark was for reasonable cause, the trademark registration will be canceled.
- ✓ A single application is acceptable to be filed in the name of more than one applicant (*joint applications*); with the same requirements and quotations as the normal applications.
- ✓ The Trademark Office or any party concerned is entitled to demand cancellation of any trademark registered in **bad faith**.
- ✓ Any infringement or unauthorized use of a registered trademark is punishable under the provisions of the current IP law provisions (i.e., law no. 82/2002).

### Documents Required

- 1- A Power of Attorney duly signed by the applicant, to be legalized up to the Egyptian Consulate at your end (*proposed form attached*).
- 2- A certified copy of the priority document (*just in case it is claimed*).

### Late Submission of documents (at no extra cost):

- A- The POA is acceptable *to be lately submitted within six months from the application's filing date in Egypt, at no extra costs.*
- B- The priority document is acceptable *to be lately submitted within three months from the application's filing date in Egypt, at no extra costs.*

### Total Registration Fees

- Our **total costs** (official fees inclusive) for filing a Trademark application covering **one class** at the Egyptian TM Office (*up to registration*) are USD 320.00.
  - ✓ *Claiming priority costs an extra fee of USD 30.00.*
  - ✓ *Late submission of the POA is attended free of charges.*
  - ✓ *Multi-class applications in Egypt are available. Please review our detailed schedule of charges to ascertain the costs for a multi-class application depending on the number of classes covered.*



**Costs Breakdown:**

Item	Costs in USD
Filing a TM application (including examination)	220.00
Publication on the Egyptian Gazette (after acceptance)	50.00
Registration (after publication's 60 days period)	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>USD 320.00</b>

- Our total costs (official fees inclusive) for filing each simultaneous application covering **each further class** at the Egyptian TM Office (*up to registration*) are **USD 290.00**.

**Costs Breakdown:**

Item	Costs in USD
Filing a TM application (including examination)	200.00
Publication on the Egyptian Gazette (after acceptance)	40.00
Registration (after publication's 60 days period)	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>USD 270.00</b>

**Availability Search**

It is available in Egypt to conduct a preliminary search at the official TM registry in order to ascertain that our proposed mark is free for use & registration in Egypt.

The normal time frame to receive the official results is around 5-7 working days; assuring to do our best to expedite the procedures & receive the results as soon as possible.

**TM Search Fees**

Our **total costs** (*official fees inclusive*) for searching one trademark covering one single class at the Egyptian TM Office are **USD 120.00**. While for searching the same mark in any further class totally costs **USD 100.00**.

-- End of Proposal --

*Thanks for your confidence in our services*

