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The worth of the counterfeit goods seized by the Abu Dhabi customs in 2022 and in the first quarter of 2023, was around 2 million, which has been recycled and converted into other usable materials such as bags, clothes, watches, belts, cotton, and sports clothes, in addition to a number of smart devices such as wired and wireless headphones.

¹ <https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303146387>

As per the procedures and after completing legal and environmental requirements, the counterfeit goods which could not be recycled were destroyed.

UAE: In Q1 2023, Dubai Customs handled 112 cases related to counterfeit goods, which amounted to 10 million units, an estimated value of AED 29 million²³

Dubai Customs' commitment to safeguarding intellectual property rights, promoting environmental responsibility, and raising public awareness about the perils of counterfeit goods is commendable.

The foreign trade sector in Dubai is actively pursuing the goals outlined in the Dubai Economic Agenda D33⁴⁵, with the objective of doubling Dubai's economy over the next decade and solidifying its position as one of the world's top three economic cities.

By leveraging smart services and projects, Dubai Customs is facilitating the automation of customs procedures, improving business operations, and boosting commercial returns, all of which are attracting more investments and businesses to the commercial sector.

In the first quarter of 2023, 112 cases of intellectual property disputes were handled, involving 9.6 million counterfeit goods with a total value of AED 28.85 million, completing 24 recycling processes involving 43.78 thousand counterfeit goods.⁶

Dubai Customs also made 502 seizure reports, striving to play its vital role in supporting the national economy by contributing effectively to an attractive investment environment and enhancing the country's position as a leading global business and trade hub.⁷ Dubai Customs has also launched awareness campaigns to educate the public on the risks and dangers of counterfeit goods.

Dubai Customs has registered 350 trademarks and 160 commercial agencies to further support the protection of intellectual property rights, launched awareness campaigns, and aligned its efforts with the leadership's vision of enhancing the country's global standing and competitiveness.

UAE: A trial awaits a man in Dubai for the possession and sale of counterfeit goods⁸

It is not new that the regulatory and administrative bodies in the UAE are stringent about the protection of the intellectual property rights of all individuals.

An individual is currently on trial at the Dubai Misdemeanor Court for the possession and sale of counterfeit products.

As per the procedures, a formal complaint was filed by the trademark agent of the complainant (the trademark owner) with the Department of Economic Development in Dubai, alleging that the accused is selling wire cutters (pliers) under a mark that actually belongs to another party (that is his client). As per the usual practice the complaints reviewed and analyzed by the DED. When found to be admissible, the store

² <https://www.dubaicustoms.gov.ae/en/NewsCenter/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?NewsId=1905>

³ <https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303151062>

⁴ [Dubai Economic Agenda D33 - The Official Portal of the UAE Government](#)

⁵ [Emirates News Agency - Mohammed bin Rashid launches Dubai Economic Agenda 'D33' with total economic targets of AED 32 trillion over next 10 years \(wam.ae\)](#)

⁶ <https://twitter.com/DubaiCustoms/status/1651091313679278083>

⁷ <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2288281/business-economy>

⁸ <https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/crime/dubai-man-faces-trial-for-possessing-selling-counterfeit-products?refresh=true>

of the accused was raided, and the counterfeit goods were found and seized, thereafter resulting in the arrest of the accused.

During the course of interrogation, the accused confessed that he had the counterfeit products with the intention of selling them.

As per the UAE Trademark Law, no party is allowed to offer for sale any products, bearing a mark that is similar in design and shape to an already registered mark, or which belongs to another party (without their consent), which is likely to deceive the average consumer.

UAE: Burj Khalifa gains burjkhalifa.ae domain name⁹

The Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority is the federal telecommunications regulatory agency of the United Arab Emirates since 2003.

Very recently, the Executive Director of Technology Development Affairs at the TRA, Mr. Mohammed Gheyath, discussed the issue of domain name availability for Burj Khalifa, on a radio show in Dubai.

In the ongoing radio show, it was discussed that the domain burjkhalifa.com was not available when searched for, and also that the domain name burjkhalifa.ae could not be found. Upon hearing this, Mohammed Gheyath called into the radio show and announced that TRA has immediately reserved the domain name burjkhalifa.ae for the iconic structure. This action was in the pursuit of the move by TRA comes to protect and encourage the use of the .ae domain name space. The .ae domain name is secured by well-defined policies and regulations by TRA, as compared to the .com domain name.

Gheyath explained that reserving the domain name was meant to protect the rights of the authorized entities entitled to this domain, protect the intellectual property rights, and safeguard the domain from cybersquatters.

Turkey: Türkiye Design Vision 2030 Workshop held¹⁰

The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office held a workshop in cooperation with World Design Organization (WDO) between March 30-31 - April 1, 2023, with respect to policies and strategies regarding designs in Turkey.

The Turkey Design Vision 2030 Workshop was participated by the Deputy Minister of Industry and Technology Mehmet Fatih KACIR, President of Turkish Patent and Trademark Authority (TÜRKPATENT) Cemil BAŞPINAR, Informatics Valley General Manager Ahmet Serdar İBRAHİMCİOĞLU, World Design Organization (WDO) President David KUSUMA.

In the workshop, the topics titled "Turkey's Design Strategy in the Framework of Global Design Trends" and "Design for Unforeseen Conditions" were discussed in detail. The membership of Bilişim Vadisi to WDO was also announced.

Designer Sadik KARAMUSTAFA was awarded the "Turkish Design Advisory Council Honor Award".

⁹ https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/burj-khalifa-gains-burjkhalifa-ae-domain-name?_refresh=true

¹⁰ <https://www.turkpatent.gov.tr/en/news/turkiye-design-vision-2030-workshop>

Oman: Omani students build cooler, water heater that prevents electrocution¹¹

A new, two-in-one appliance that can prevent electrocution has been invented by the TTamayuz Student Company, which is affiliated with the University of Technology and Applied Sciences in Sohar. The appliance is a water heater that can also be used as a cooler and also that can prevent electrocution. The cylindrical water heater which allows a maximum heating temperature of 65 degrees Celsius can also be used as a water cooler in summer with a minimum temperature of 23 degrees Celsius. The consumers can fix the temperatures as per their preferences and requirement.

The smart feature of the appliance is the installed sensors, that disconnect electricity when the appliance is in use. This enables the product to prevent electrocution to its users.

The inventors intend to further develop the product by using solar energy, rather than electricity.

The invention is yet to be patented, but the team is pursuing obtaining the patent for the product, from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry in Oman. They are also working on marketing the product through the available channels and participating in various scientific and technological competitions.

Oman: ROYAL NAVY OFFICER obtains global patent for novel air conditioner¹²

Engineer Lieutenant Humaid bin Said Al Hinai from the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) has registered an international patent with the National IP Office at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, WIPO, and PCT, for his invention of an air-conditioner that runs on the principle of vacuum engineering.

With the aid of this invention, the inventor's aims are eradicating harmful gases which are usually used for such products, which in turn act hazardous to the environment. Hence it is considered to be an environmentally friendly product, which is the need of the hour.

Some important and attractive features of the product are as follows:

- Environment friendly
- Less costly and economical
- Low energy consumption
- Low on maintenance

Currently, the invention is designed to be used in Homes and offices, but the inventor hopes that the said technology may be extended to cars, factories, and other establishments.

The invention is currently in the testing phase and is expected to be rolled out in the commercial markets after successful testing is completed.

2. Additional topics

¹¹ <https://timesofoman.com/article/129363-omani-students-build-cooler-water-heater-that-prevents-electrocution>

¹² <https://www.omanobserver.om/article/1135593/oman/rno-engineer-gets-global-patent-for-novel-air-conditioner>

UAE:

Counterfeit car parts can result in a dangerous failure of essential components while driving (2023.4.6)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/business/fake-parts-threaten-road-safety-and-residual-car-value-in-uae>

Ministry of Health and Prevention (MoHAP) launched a new track-and-trace digital platform to secure healthcare supply chains (2023.4.18)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/healthcare/uae/uae-will-have-digital-hospitals-in-post-pandemic-era>

Counterfeit painkiller tablets hit shelves at supermarkets (2023.4.19)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/fake-panadol-hits-shelves-at-supermarkets>

UAE Celebrates World Intellectual Property Day, focusing on Women's Role in Innovation and Creativity (2023.4.24, 2023.4.25, 2023.4.26, 2023.4.27, 2023.4.28)

<https://www.facebook.com/eipa.ae/photos/pcb.6055366127852138/6055365974518820>

<https://www.facebook.com/eipa.ae/photos/a.3219174614804651/6046283612093723/>

<https://www.dubaicustoms.gov.ae/en/NewsCenter/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?NewsId=1910>

<https://twitter.com/DubaiCustoms/status/1651280005568118812>

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303151031>

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303151060>

Sharjah Animation Conference educates publishers on selling rights for books and illustrated works to animation production houses (2023.4.25)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303150741>

<https://www.sharjahanimation.com/about>

Minister of Economy, held some bilateral meetings in the 13th edition of City Week Forum 2023 in London (2023.4.25)

<https://wam.ae/en/details/1395303150780>

<https://www.cityweekuk.com/>

The Dubai Appeal Court upheld a lower court ruling in a case of slander filed by former Miss Lebanon (2023.4.27)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/ex-miss-lebanon-wins-slander-case>

AI Mawakeb Innovates 2023: A groundbreaking success in fostering innovation and sustainability among students (2023.4.27)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/kt-network/al-mawakeb-innovates-2023-a-groundbreaking-success-in-fostering-innovation-and-sustainability-among>

Four were jailed for currency exchange fraud using counterfeit dollars (2023.4.26)

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/crime/dubai-four-jailed-to-be-deported-for-currency-exchange-fraud>

Saudi Arabia:

General Commission for Audiovisual Media (GCAM) monitored more than 4000, media violations in the Q1 of 2023 (2023.4.11)

<https://twitter.com/gcamsa/status/1645865233838231584>

SAIP's recent prominent indicators (2023.4.13)

<https://externalportal-backend-production.saip.gov.sa/sites/default/files/2023-04/%D9%86%D8%B4%D8%B1%D8%A9%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%84%D9%83%D9%8A%D8%A9%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%81%D9%83%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%A9%20-%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B1%D8%A8%D8%B9%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%94%D9%88%D9%842023%D9%85.pdf>

<https://twitter.com/SAIPKSA/status/1646258073621741568>

<https://youtu.be/1Im6Ab3FxCE>

<https://twitter.com/SAIPKSA/status/1646589783236378625>

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2287721/business-economy>

Saudi-UK partnership ready to grow in all fields (2023.4.19)

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2289736>

King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) launches a satellite to aid Saudi Arabia and other countries with advanced Earth observation research (2023.4.19)

<https://laotiantimes.com/2023/04/19/kaust-launches-satellite-to-aid-saudia-arabia-and-other-countries-for-advanced-earth-observation-research/>

Saudi Arabia focused on Women and Intellectual Property on World IP Day (2023.4.25)

<https://www.saip.gov.sa/en/news/1937/>

<https://twitter.com/SAIPKSA/status/1650951873006825496>

<https://twitter.com/SAIPKSA/status/1651153017343754241>

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Turkey:

The opening of the 8th Istanbul International Invention Fair (2023.4.28)

<https://www.ifia.com/event/isif-2023/>

<https://twitter.com/TURKPATENT/status/1651845693273788418>

Lebanon:

Beating the inflation, bread produced in a solar powered oven (2023.4.23)

<https://www.euronews.com/green/2023/04/23/solar-baking-how-the-sun-is-helping-to-reduce-the-cost-of-bread-in-lebanon>

GCC:

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<https://twitter.com/GCCSG/status/1643938659509366784>

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Worldwide:

Patent Landscape Report: COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics, insights into related patenting activity throughout the pandemic (2023.4.20)

<https://www.wipo.int/edocs/pubdocs/en/wipo-pub-1075-23-en-covid-19-vaccines-and-therapeutics.pdf>

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