

**Middle East Intellectual Property Newsletter Vol. 94**

**Index**

**1. Important topics**

- UAE:** Collective Management Organization Established to Protect Music Royalties  
New Roadmap Accelerates Green IP Registration Process
- Saudi Arabia:** Draft Regulations for Trade Name Law Introduce Fines for Violations
- Qatar:** Executive Regulation on Industrial Designs Now in Force
- Pakistan:** Joins WIPO's Inventor Assistance Program to Support Patent Access
- Iraq:** New Customs Measures Introduced to Streamline Trade and Support Local Industry

**2. Additional topics:**

- Bahrain:** EPO and Bahrain Strengthen Co-operation
- Bahrain & UAE:** Bahrain and UAE Unveil Historic Investment Pact - A New Era of Economic Synergy
- Egypt:** Egypt: Authorities Seize Counterfeit Eyewear Shipment at Ain Sokhna Port.
- Iran:** Creative Industry: Unleashing Iran's Soft Power
- Iraq:** China, Iraq Establish Joint Research Lab to Ensure Energy Stability
- Jordan:** 16 Patents, 718 Trademarks Registered in First 2 Months – Ministry
- Kuwait:** KISR Secures US Patent for Innovative Project  
Kuwait Court Lifts 20-Year Trade Ban, Ends Local Monopoly
- Lebanon:** Supplier of Illegal Streams Sentenced to Prison
- Lebanon & Saudi Arabia:** Lebanon Readies 22 Deals for Signing with Saudi Arabia During High-Level Visit
- Morocco:** Morocco Leads Africa in Intellectual Property but Faces Challenges in Innovation and Enforcement
- Oman:** Oman Records Nearly 14% Rise in Commercial Registrations in 2024  
Consumer Protection Authority Seizes Over 115,000 Products for Violations
- Pakistan:** Great news: WIPO's Inventor Assistance Program (IAP) is now available in Pakistan.  
Intellectual Property Is the Greatest Strength of Any Artist

**Inventor Assistance Program Launched in Pakistan to Empower Entrepreneurs**

**KU Researchers Secure Patent for Innovative Impedance Meter**

**USTR Report Links Pakistan's Internet Restrictions, PECA Law to Trade Barriers**

**What Is the Validity Period of a Registered Trademark in Pakistan?**

**Pakistan's Path to Becoming an Inventive Nation**

**Pakistan & Egypt: Pakistan, Egypt Pledge to Deepen Cooperation**

**Qatar: India-Qatar: Emerging Diplomatic Relations**

**Qatar's Executive Regulation on Industrial Designs and Models Protection**

**Qatar's Office to WTO Hosts Panel and Workshop on Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution**

**Saudi Arabia: How Saudi Arabia Is Composing a New Future for Its Music Industry**

**Saudi Arabia's New Commercial Registration Law: Impacts and Next Steps for Business Owners**

**Saudi Arabia and Morocco Emphasize Keenness on Strengthening Cooperation Across Various Realms**

**JPO Provided PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Training Program for SAIP Examiners for the First Time**

**Saudi Arabia Ranks Among Top Countries in Global IP Index With 55% Score Surge**

**More Than 7,900 Websites Blocked and Over 22,900 Online Content Seized for Violations in 2024**

**Saudi Arabia Advances in 2025 Global Intellectual Property Index**

**Türkiye: Trademark Law in Türkiye: Key Developments and Predictions - 2025**

**Turkish Defense Journalist Ipek Ipek Seeks International Patent for Electric Aircraft System**

**Turkish Melon Registered as Geographically Indicated Product by EU**

**Turkish Trademark Cancellation Procedures Clarified**

**Legal Consciousness and Cultural Intimacy in Turkey's Intellectual Property Reform**

**UAE: JPO Provided Examination Practice Training Program for UAE's Ministry of Economy for the First Time**

**Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development Issues a Resolution to Regulate Establishment and Licensing of Endowment Companies**

**Ministry of Economy Signs Cooperation Agreement With Nissan Middle East to Strengthen Intellectual Property Protection and Promote Innovation and Creativity**

**Corporate Migration Into the Free Zones in the UAE: A Strategic Legal Perspective**

**UAE Strengthens Copyright Protections Through Strategic Agreements**

**Abu Dhabi Customs Launches New Customs Center at Sir Bani Yas Airport**

**Dubai Customs Thwarts Smuggling of 10.8 Million Counterfeit Items in 2024**

**ADGM Courts and Dubai Courts Sign Memorandum on Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments**

**Unlocking the Potential of Plant Variety Rights in the UAE**

**Strengthening the Fight Against Counterfeiting in MEA: Open House to Be Held in Dubai on April 24, 2025**

**Emirates Music Rights Association (EMRA) Granted First Collective Management License in the UAE**

**UAE: New Law to Ensure Musicians' Rights Over Revenue**

**United Arab Emirates University Honors 2024 Patent Recipients**

**UAE Announces Initiatives to Enhance Intellectual Property Protection for Circular Economy Technologies and Broader Patent Registrations**

**LLM Programs in Intellectual Property (IP) Law - United Arab Emirates**

**Yemen: Customs Authority Meeting Discusses Tasks of Merger Committee**

## **News**

### **1. Important topics**

#### **UAE: Collective Management Organization Established to Protect Music Royalties<sup>1</sup>**

The United Arab Emirates has officially licensed its first Collective Management Organization (CMO) for music rights, a move aimed at streamlining royalty collection and reinforcing the protection of intellectual property in the creative sector.

Announced by the Ministry of Economy, the Emirates Music Rights (EMR) society will be responsible for collecting and distributing royalties on behalf of composers, producers, performers, and other rights holders. Businesses that use music commercially—such as shopping malls, broadcasters, radio stations, and hotels—will now be required to obtain licenses through EMR and compensate creators accordingly.

Previously, music rights holders in the UAE had to pursue royalties independently, often resulting in inconsistent enforcement and unpaid usage. The new licensing framework addresses this gap, allowing for more efficient rights management while aligning with international best practices.

---

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/new-law-musicians-rights-revenue>

The initiative is part of the UAE's broader strategy to expand the contribution of the creative industries to the national economy, targeting a 5% share of GDP by 2031. The introduction of EMR is seen as a foundational step toward developing a more structured and transparent system for copyright-based revenue.

### **UAE: New Roadmap Accelerates Green IP Registration Process<sup>2</sup>**

The UAE Ministry of Economy has introduced a new roadmap for Green Intellectual Property (Green IP), aimed at encouraging innovations that support sustainability and the circular economy.

As part of the roadmap, the approval process for green and sustainability-related patents will be reduced from 1-2 years to just 3 months, or 6 months in certain cases. This accelerator program also offers fee waivers for eligible applicants, further encouraging participation from individuals, companies, universities, and research institutions.

The initiative seeks to raise green patents to 8 percent of total patent registrations in the UAE and aligns with national efforts to strengthen the IP ecosystem, foster green innovation, and enhance the country's performance in the Global Innovation Index.

The Ministry of Economy will collaborate with local environmental stakeholders and WIPO to implement the roadmap, ensuring that green innovations receive both fast-track registration and strong legal protection.

### **Saudi Arabia: Draft Regulations for Trade Name Law Introduce Fines for Violations<sup>3</sup>**

The Saudi Ministry of Commerce has published draft executive regulations for the Trade Name Law, which was approved by the Council of Ministers in September 2024.

The draft sets fines of up to SR 15,000 (around USD 4,000) for merchants using reserved or registered trade names belonging to others or names that violate public order, contain political or religious content, or resemble famous trademarks.

Merchants are required to register their trade names in the commercial register and ensure proper display of the name on business documents and premises. The draft also outlines fees for trade name services, including SR200 to reserve an Arabic name and SR500 for English names.

The Ministry is seeking public feedback on the draft through the Istila'a platform before finalizing the regulations.

### **Qatar: Executive Regulation on Industrial Designs Now in Force<sup>4</sup>**

Qatar has taken further steps to solidify its intellectual property regime with the issuance of Ministerial Decision No. 129 of 2024<sup>5</sup>, enacting the long-awaited Executive Regulation for Law No. 10 of 2020 on the Protection of Industrial Designs and Models. The regulation provides the legal and procedural framework for the registration, enforcement, and commercialization of industrial designs in the country.

In line with international treaties, including the Locarno Agreement, the regulation clarifies definitions, eligibility, and classification requirements. Applicants may submit up to 100 designs per application, provided they fall under the same classification. The regulation also allows for deferred publication upon

---

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.khaleejtimes.com/business/uae-to-cut-patent-approval-time-for-green-initiatives-from-2-years-to-3-months?refresh=true>

<https://www.wam.ae/en/article/bi2e97l-uae-launches-new-roadmap-for-%25E2%2580%2598green-intellectual>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/649066>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.instagram.com/p/DIOl1wvUYI/?img\\_index=5](https://www.instagram.com/p/DIOl1wvUYI/?img_index=5)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.lexismiddleeast.com/law/Qatar/MinisterialDecision\\_129\\_2024](https://www.lexismiddleeast.com/law/Qatar/MinisterialDecision_129_2024)

request and introduces clear procedures for opposition, appeals, and renewals. The maximum term of protection is 15 years.

Design owners benefit from exclusive rights, including protection against unauthorized use and the ability to assign or license their designs. The regulation further outlines the mechanisms for recording transfers and licenses, as well as enforcement tools such as injunctive relief and criminal sanctions. Compulsory licensing provisions may apply in cases of public interest.

This development reflects Qatar's commitment to enhancing legal certainty, encouraging innovation, and aligning with global IP standards.

#### **Pakistan: Joins WIPO's Inventor Assistance Program to Support Patent Access<sup>6</sup>**

Pakistan has joined the World Intellectual Property Organization's Inventor Assistance Program (IAP), becoming the tenth country to participate in the initiative aimed at helping under-resourced inventors and small businesses obtain patent protection.

The program offers pro bono legal assistance through volunteer patent attorneys and agents, supporting applicants in navigating the patent process. Alongside Pakistan, the IAP is currently available in Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Kenya, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, Singapore, and South Africa.

The initiative is part of ongoing global efforts to broaden access to the intellectual property system and encourage innovation in developing and emerging economies.

#### **Iraq: New Customs Measures Introduced to Streamline Trade and Support Local Industry<sup>7</sup>**

Iraq's General Authority of Customs has announced a series of new procedures aimed at improving the import and export environment across the country. The measures are designed to align customs operations with legal standards while supporting economic growth and domestic production.

According to an official statement, the reforms include the introduction of modern electronic systems to accelerate customs clearance, minimize delays, and reduce the risk of smuggling. These efforts also aim to enhance transparency, limit the circulation of non-compliant goods, and ensure fair treatment of traders. The initiative is part of a broader strategy to strengthen Iraq's economy by regulating imports, boosting local manufacturing, and increasing state revenues. The measures have been welcomed by experts in the trade and economic sectors, who see them as a positive step toward reducing corruption and improving public services.

With continued implementation, Iraqi authorities anticipate greater market stability and increased confidence among importers, traders, and investors operating within the country's customs framework.

## **2. Additional topics**

### **Bahrain:**

EPO and Bahrain strengthen co-operation

<https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-and-bahrain-strengthen-co-operation> (03-03-2025)

---

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/wipo\\_wipo-wipoiap-patent-activity-7315669890835615744-npf5](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/wipo_wipo-wipoiap-patent-activity-7315669890835615744-npf5)

<sup>7</sup> <https://ina.iq/eng/39017-customs-authority-implements-new-measures-to-improve-import-and-export-environment.html>

**Bahrain & UAE:**

Bahrain and UAE Unveil Historic Investment Pact - A New Era of Economic Synergy.

<https://www.tamimi.com/news/bahrain-and-uae-unveil-historic-investment-pact-a-new-era-of-economic-synergy/> (10-04-2025)

**Egypt:**

Egypt: Authorities Seize Counterfeit Eyewear Shipment at Ain Sokhna Port.

[Egypt: Authorities Seize Counterfeit Eyewear Shipment at Ain Sokhna Port - Welcome ATB | Best Intellectual Property services](#) (05-04-2025)

**Iran:**

Creative industry: Unleashing Iran's soft power.

<https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2025/03/01/743711/The-important-of-creative-industry-in-Iran%E2%80%99s-future-> (02-03-2025)

**Iraq:**

China, Iraq establish joint research lab to ensure energy stability.

<https://www.ecns.cn/business/2025-04-07/detail-ihegevh5359882.shtml> (07-04-2025)

**Jordan:**

16 patents, 718 trademarks registered in first 2 months – Ministry.

<https://jordantimes.com/news/business/16-patents-718-trademarks-registered-first-2-months-%E2%80%94-ministry> (10-03-2025)

**Kuwait:**

KISR secures US patent for innovative project.

<https://kuwaittimes.com/article/25322/kuwait/other-news/kisr-secures-us-patent-for-innovative-project/> (10-03-2025)

Kuwait Court Lifts 20-Year Trade Ban, Ends Local Monopoly.

<https://www.arabtimesonline.com/news/kuwait-court-lifts-20-year-trade-ban-ends-local-monopoly/> (11-03-2025)

**Lebanon:**

Supplier of illegal streams sentenced to prison.

<https://www.premierleague.com/news/4272371> (24-03-2025)

**Lebanon & Saudi Arabia:**

Lebanon readies 22 deals for signing with Saudi Arabia during high-level visit.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2593461/business-economy> (13-03-2025)

**Morocco:**

Morocco leads Africa in intellectual property but faces challenges in innovation and enforcement.  
<https://en.yabiladi.com/articles/details/164253/morocco-leads-africa-intellectual-property.html> (17-04-2025)

**Oman:**

Oman records nearly 14% rise in commercial registrations in 2024.  
<https://timesofoman.com/article/157011-oman-records-nearly-14-rise-in-commercial-registrations-in-2024> (17-04-2025)

Consumer Protection Authority seizes over 115,000 products for violations.  
<https://timesofoman.com/article/155869-consumer-protection-authority-seizes-over-115000-products-for-violations> (10-03-2025)

**Pakistan:**

Great news: WIPO's Inventor Assistance Program (IAP) is now available in Pakistan.  
[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/wipo\\_wipo-wipoiap-patent-activity-7315669890835615744-npf5](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/wipo_wipo-wipoiap-patent-activity-7315669890835615744-npf5) (09-04-2025)

Intellectual property is the greatest strength of any artiste.  
<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/1304910-intellectual-property-is-the-greatest-strength-of-any-artiste> (25-04-2025)

Inventor Assistance Program launched in Pakistan to empower entrepreneurs.  
<https://www.radio.gov.pk/08-04-2025/inventor-assistance-program-launched-in-pakistan-to-empower-entrepreneurs> (08-05-2025)

KU Researchers Secure Patent for Innovative Impedance Meter.  
<https://kashmirilife.net/ku-researchers-secure-patent-for-innovative-impedance-meter-386887/> (29-03-2025)

USTR report links Pakistan's internet restrictions, Peca law to trade barriers.  
<https://pakistanlivenews.com/ustr-report-links-pakistans-internet-restrictions-peca-law-to-trade-barriers/> (05-04-2025)

What Is The Validity Period Of a Registered Trademark In Pakistan?.  
<https://hamzaandhamza0.wordpress.com/2025/03/17/what-is-the-validity-period-of-a-registered-trademark-in-pakistan/> (17-03-2025)

Pakistan's Path to Becoming an Inventive Nation.  
<https://propakistani.pk/perspective/pakistans-path-to-becoming-an-inventive-nation/> (12-03-2025)

**Pakistan & Egypt:**

Pakistan, Egypt pledge to deepen cooperation.

<https://mettisglobal.news/pakistan-egypt-pledge-to-deepen-cooperation/> (10-03-2025)

**Qatar:**

India-Qatar: Emerging Diplomatic Relations

<https://theguardian.com/opinion/india-qatar-emerging-diplomatic-relations/> (28-02-2025)

Qatar's Executive Regulation on Industrial Designs and Models Protection.

[https://www.instagram.com/p/DIOI1wvUYI/?img\\_index=1](https://www.instagram.com/p/DIOI1wvUYI/?img_index=1) (09-04-2025)

Qatar's Office to WTO Hosts Panel and Workshop on Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution.

<https://pressarabia.qa/qatars-office-to-wto-hosts-panel-and-workshop-on-intellectual-property-dispute-resolution/> (03-03-2025)

**Saudi Arabia:**

How Saudi Arabia is composing a new future for its music industry.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/arts-culture/music-stage/2025/03/23/how-saudi-arabia-is-composing-a-new-future-for-its-music-industry/> (23-03-2025)

Saudi Arabia's new commercial registration law: impacts and next steps for business owners.

<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=4402f273-0545-423f-8f87-706be1a57d73> (04-03-2025)

Saudi Arabia and Morocco emphasize keenness on strengthening cooperation across various realms.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/649911/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-and-Morocco-emphasize-keenness-on-strengthening-cooperation-across-various-realms> (06-03-2025)

JPO Provided PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Training Program for SAIP examiners for the first time.

<https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/ugoki/202503/2025031702.html> (17-03-2025)

Saudi Arabia ranks among top countries in global IP index with 55% score surge.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/651090/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-ranks-among-top-countries-in-global-IP-index-with-55-score-surge> (20-04-2025)

More than 7,900 websites blocked and over 22,900 online content seized for violations in 2024 .

<https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/650279> (19-03-2025)

Saudi Arabia advances in 2025 Global Intellectual Property Index.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2597785/business-economy> (20-04-2025)



## **Türkiye:**

Trademark Law In TÜRKİYE Key Developments And Predictions - 2025.

<https://www.mondaq.com/turkey/trademark/1607590/trademark-law-in-t%C3%9Crk%C4%B0ye-key-developments-and-predictions-2025> (07-04-2025)

Turkish defense journalist Ipek Ipek seeks international patent for electric aircraft system.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/corporate-news/turkish-defense-journalist-ipek-ipek-seeks-international-patent-for-electric-aircraft-system/3511292> (16-03-2025)

Turkish melon registered as geographically indicated product by EU.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/culture/turkish-melon-registered-as-geographically-indicated-product-by-eu/3520648> (26-03-2025)

Turkish Trademark Cancellation Procedures Clarified.

<https://turklegal.com.tr/en/news/turkish-trademark-cancellation-procedures-clarified.html> (16-03-2025)

Legal Consciousness and Cultural Intimacy in Turkey's Intellectual Property Reform.

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/390591000\\_Legal\\_Consciousness\\_and\\_Cultural\\_Intimacy\\_in\\_Turkey's\\_Intellectual\\_Property\\_Reform](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/390591000_Legal_Consciousness_and_Cultural_Intimacy_in_Turkey's_Intellectual_Property_Reform) (09-04-2025)

## **UAE:**

JPO Provided Examination Practice Training Program for UAE's Ministry of Economy for the first time.

<https://www.jpo.go.jp/e/news/ugoki/202503/2025031703.html> (17-03-2025)

Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development Issues a Resolution to Regulate Establishment and Licensing of Endowment Companies.

<https://agip-news.com/news.aspx?id=76001&lang=en> (16-03-2025)

Ministry of Economy signs cooperation agreement with Nissan Middle East to strengthen intellectual property protection and promote innovation and creativity.

<https://menafn.com/1109319782/Ministry-of-Economy-signs-cooperation-agreement-with-Nissan-Middle-East-to-strengthen-intellectual-property-protection-and-promote-innovation-and-creativity> (16-03-2025)

Corporate Migration Into The Free Zones In The UAE: A Strategic Legal Perspective.

<https://www.mondaq.com/corporate-and-company-law/1597366/corporate-migration-into-the-free-zones-in-the-uae-a-strategic-legal-perspective> (17-03-2025)

UAE Strengthens Copyright Protections Through Strategic Agreements.

<https://evrimagaci.org/tpg/uae-strengthens-copyright-protections-through-strategic-agreements-240958> (01-03-2025)

Abu Dhabi Customs launches new customs center at Sir Bani Yas Airport.

<https://economymiddleeast.com/news/abu-dhabi-customs-launches-new-customs-center-at-sir-bani-yas-airport/> (07-03-2025)

Dubai Customs thwarts smuggling of 10.8 million counterfeit items in 2024.

<https://www.wam.ae/en/article/15gb1f5-dubai-customs-thwarts-smuggling-108-million> (06-03-2025)

ADGM Courts and Dubai Courts Sign Memorandum on Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments.

<https://natlawreview.com/article/adgm-courts-and-dubai-courts-sign-memorandum-reciprocal-enforcement-judgments> (20-03-2025)

Unlocking the Potential of Plant Variety Rights in the UAE.

<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=b96c710f-dbc8-42f0-ab97-2c96868b3a09> (27-02-2025)

Strengthening the Fight Against Counterfeiting in MEA: Open House to be Held in Dubai on April 24, 2025.

<https://newspatrolling.com/strengthening-the-fight-against-counterfeiting-in-mea-open-house-to-be-held-in-dubai-on-april-24-2025/> (15-04-2025)

Emirates Music Rights Association (EMRA) granted first collective management license in the UAE .

<https://www.musicbusinessworldwide.com/emirates-music-rights-association-emra-granted-first-collective-management-license-in-the-uae/> (14-04-2025)

UAE: New law to ensure musicians' rights over revenue.

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/uae/new-law-musicians-rights-revenue> (10-04-2025)

United Arab Emirates University Honors 2024 patent recipients.

<https://www.mediaoffice.abudhabi/en/education/united-arab-emirates-university-honours-2024-patent-recipients/> (09-04-2025)

UAE announces initiatives to enhance intellectual property protection for circular economy technologies and broader patent registrations.

<https://www.twobirds.com/en/insights/2025/uae-announces-initiatives-to-enhance-intellectual-property-protection-for-circular-economy-technolog> (28-03-2025)

LLM Programs in Intellectual Property (IP) Law - United Arab Emirates.

<https://llm-guide.com/schools/united-arab-emirates/concentration/intellectual-property-ip-law> (11-03-2025)

## Yemen:

Customs Authority Meeting Discusses Tasks of Merger Committee.

<https://www.saba.ye/en/news3446091.htm> (04-03-2025)

[Commissioned by JPO]  
Middle East Intellectual Property Newsletter Vol. 94

[Author]  
Saba Intellectual Property

**SABA**  
INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY

[Published by]  
Japan External Trade Organization Dubai Office

**JETRO**  
JAPAN EXTERNAL TRADE ORGANIZATION

Published in May 2025  
All Rights Reserved

This newsletter was written by Saba Intellectual Property and reviewed by JETRO Dubai. In addition, this newsletter is based on information available at the time of creation and may change due to subsequent revisions to laws. The information and comments posted are at the discretion of the author and our office, but we do not guarantee that the general information is correct. Unauthorized reprinting, redistribution, or posting on other websites of the content of this newsletter is prohibited.

Furthermore, JETRO strives to make the information provided as accurate as possible, but it is the reader's responsibility and judgment to confirm the accuracy of the information provided, etc.

JETRO is not responsible for any disadvantages caused by using the information supplied through this document.