

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

Is copyright protected in Lebanon?

Yes.

What types of items are protected by copyright law in Lebanon?

- ✓ **Literary works**, including novels, instruction manuals, computer programs, song lyrics, newspaper articles and some types of database;
- ✓ **Dramatic works**, including dance or mime;
- ✓ **Musical works**;
- ✓ **Artistic works**, including paintings, engravings, photographs, sculptures, collages, architecture, technical drawings, diagrams, maps and logos;
- ✓ **Layouts or typographical arrangements** used to publish a work, for a book for instance;
- ✓ **Recordings** of a work, including sound and film;
- ✓ **Broadcasts** of a work;

What types of items are not protected by copyright law in Lebanon?

- ✓ Daily news;
- ✓ Laws, legislative decrees, decrees and decisions issued by all public authorities and official translations thereof;
- ✓ Judicial decisions of all kinds and official translations thereof;
- ✓ Speeches delivered in public assemblies and meetings. The authors of speeches and presentations shall enjoy the sole right of collecting and publishing such lectures and presentations;
- ✓ Ideas, data and abstract scientific facts;
- ✓ Artistic folkloric works of all kinds. However, works inspired by folklore shall enjoy protection.

What is the length of protection of a copyright in Lebanon?

For the rest of the author's life + 50 years after his death.

How long does a copyright take to be registered?

Approximately (2) weeks.

What kind of sanctions does your copyright law provide against infringers?

Civil & Criminal

Must Assignment agreements be recorded?

Not compulsory, but recommendable. No consequences.

Must license agreements be recorded?

Not compulsory, but recommendable. No consequences.

TO PROTECT YOUR COPYRIGHTS, PLEASE CONTACT US.