

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **Trademarks are acceptable if they are?**

Distinctive for the goods and services you provide. In other words they can be recognized as a sign that differentiates your goods or service as different from someone else's.

### **Does Lebanon use the international classification?**

Yes.

### **How long does it take to conduct a trademark search?**

The Search takes three working days.

### **Are there any goods or services for which the mark cannot be registered?**

No.

### **Does the specification of goods in any class limit the protection, or does it give additional protection to all the goods in the class?**

In most cases, it gives it additional protections to all the goods in the class.

### **Is Multi-Class application available in Lebanon?**

Yes.

### **Can priority be claimed under the Paris Convention?**

Yes.

### **What is the term of protection of a trademark in Lebanon?**

15 Years from the day of paying the Official Fees.

### **In case a trademark is not renewed in due time, and another company registers it, can the original Owner oppose the registration?**

The original Owner can oppose based on priority.

### **Is it required to use the Trademark for maintaining the registration in force?**

No.

### **Is it possible to assign a Trademark?**

Yes.

## **Can the trademark application be opposed and what is the opposition period?**

There are no opposition procedures at the Lebanese IP Protection Office. However, a Trademark registration can be cancelled by third parties within **(5)** years from the registration date.

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