

1. Is design protected in Saudi Arabia?

YES.

2. What are the criteria for a design to be registered?

Novelty and distinctiveness.

3. What is the term of protection of a design registration?

10 years from the date of filing the application or 10 years from the date of start of its commercial exploitation anywhere in the world. In any case, the protection period may not exceed 15 years from the date of developing the design.

4. Can a priority be claimed under Paris Convention?

Yes, within 6 months of the filing date of the prior application.

5. What are the requirements to register a design?

- ***A Power of Attorney from the applicant, duly legalized up to the Saudi Consulate;***
- ***A Deed of Assignment from the designer(s), legalized up to the Saudi Consulate;***
- ***A certified copy of the priority document, in case of claiming priority;***
- ***A brief description of the design pointing out the novel aspects thereof;***
- ***A description for each drawing of the design; and***
- ***Three representations of the design.***

6. Is it possible to file the application without the required documents?

The required documents such as POA, Deed of Assignment, Extract from the Commercial Register or Articles of Incorporation & Priority document can be submitted within 90 days from the filing date of the design application.

7. How annuity fees are paid?

The annuity fees are to be paid at the beginning of each calendar year (January 1st) subsequent to the year in which the application was filed.