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## Afghanistan Trademark Registration Costs and Registration Procedures

### 1. Afghanistan Trademark Registration Fees

Services		Fees (USD)
<b>Step 1: Pre-filing Search</b>		
	First class	351
	Each additional class	99
(1) Pre-filing search is not compulsory in Afghanistan. (2) Pre-filing search is limited to the Afghanistan Intellectual Property Office's database only. (3) Pre-filing search report delivered in 15 working days by email.		
<b>Step 2: Trademark Registration Request</b>		
	First class	630
	Each additional class	99
(1) Fees covers both our service fees and official filing fees; (2) Fees for trademark registration request listed above cover not more than 20 items of products or services in each class. Each item in excess of 20 will be charged with an extra fee of USD10.		
<b>Step 3: Final Registration/Certificate</b>		
	Registration fees of a mark application in one class	126
	Obtaining a Registration Certificate from the IPO (no matter how many classes involved)	180

**Note:**

- (1) The fixed fees quoted above apply only to trademark applications which are unopposed and proceed without complication.
- (2) All fees quoted above do not include delivery fees.

**2. Calculation of Registration Costs**

**Example 1: One mark one class**

If you want to apply to have your trademark "ABC" registered in Class 25 (clothing, footwear, headgear), that is, one mark one class, the total fees for both trademark pre-filing search and registration request and certificate are:

Pre-filing search: USD351

Request for registration: USD630

Final registration/Certificate:  $USD126 + 180 = USD306$

**TOTAL: USD1,287**

**Example 2: One mark two classes**

If you want to apply to have your trademark "ABC" registered in Class 25 (clothing, footwear, headgear) and Class 26 (Lace and embroidery, ribbons and braid; buttons, hooks and eyes, pins and needles; artificial flowers), that is, one mark two classes, the total fees for both trademark pre-filing search and registration request and certificate are:

Pre-filing search:  $351 + 99 = USD450$

Request for registration:  $630 + 99 = USD729$

Final registration/Certificate:  $126 + 126 + 180 = USD432$

**TOTAL: USD1,611**

**Example 3: Two marks one class**

If you want to apply to have your trademarks "ABC" and "DEF" registered in Class 25 (clothing, footwear, headgear), that is, two marks one class, the total fees for both trademark pre-filing searches and registration requests and certificates are:

Pre-filing search:  $351 + 351 = USD702$

Request for registration:  $630 + 630 = USD1,260$

Final registration/Certificate:  $126 + 180 + 126 + 180 = USD612$

**TOTAL: USD2,574**

The costs illustrated in the examples above are based on the assumption of a smooth application, that is, no objection being raised by the trademark office or any other third party. Also, the costs stated above exclude courier charges for sending the Power of Attorney and delivery of Certificate of Registration upon acceptance of registration.

It is further assumed that the number of items of products included in each class is not more than 20. Each additional item after the first 20 is charged at a fee of USD10.

### **3. Materials Required for Filing of Trademark Application in Afghanistan**

- (1) A Power of Attorney (PoA) duly signed by the applicant (to be prepared by Kaizen) and legalized up to the Consulate of Afghanistan.
- (2) A duly completed trademark search/registration order form (to be provided by Kaizen).
- (3) A soft copy of the trademark in JPEG format.
- (4) A photocopy of proof of identity of the applicant (passport for individual and business registration certificate/licence for corporation.).

### **4. Afghanistan Trademark Application Procedures**

- (1) Client sends to Kaizen (by email or fax or post) a specimen of the trademark together with the duly completed Trademark Registration Order Form and at the same time make payment for the pre-filing search;
- (2) Kaizen conducts the pre-filing search and prepare search report and email the search reports to clients;
- (3) (If the search results indicate that the application is likely to be accepted and clients decide to proceed) Client sends us the Photocopy of identity proof (passport copy for individual and Certificate of Incorporation or Business Registration License) and at the same time makes payment for the filing application;
- (4) Kaizen prepares the registration application forms and PoA and sends them to client for execution;
- (5) Clients send the duly signed and legalised PoA (by Afghanistan Consulat) back to us.
- (6) Kaizen submit the application documents to Afghanistan Central Business Registry and Intellectual Property;
- (7) Afghanistan Central Business Registry and Intellectual Property performs examination and other procedures; Publication: Twice in the Official Gazette after the payment of the publication fees. The first time for opposition purposes and the second time for registration.

-Oppositions period: 15 days. If no objection received, it will then issue the Certificate of Registration;

(8) Client makes the final payment for registration/certificate and Kaizen forwards the Certificate of Registration to client.

**5. Time scale**

Currently it takes around **12-18** months to get a trademark registered in Afghanistan in a smooth case.

**6. Payment Term and Payment Method**

Our fees for each stage of an application are to be invoiced and settled before the commencement of each stage of service.

We currently only accept Hong Kong Dollar cheque, cash or TT and credit card through Paypal. **Please click here for payment methods.**

**7. Refund Policy**

No refund of fees will be made after the commencement of services. For example, if we have already performed the pre-filing search and the search results indicate that there is an identical mark already in the register and application for filing should not be proceeded, the fees for pre-filing search will not be refunded. Or we have already filed an application and the application is being objected and refused by the trademark office or any other party, then there will not be any refunded of fees.

In any case you pay us our fees for all three stages of an application, and the search results indicate that the there is an identical mark already in the register and application for filing should not be proceeded, then the fees for services not performed, i.e., filing for application and issuing of certificate of registration will be refunded.