

## Leaflet Trademarks in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

### Duration

The duration of a trademark in Saudi Arabia is 10 years from the filing date according to the Islamic calendar (equivalent to approximately 9 years and 8 months according to the Gregorian calendar). The registration is renewable for like periods of 10 Islamic years each.

### Compulsory use

A trademark becomes vulnerable to cancellation by any interested party who can establish that the trademark was not actually used for a period of 5 years in succession, unless the owner of the mark presents a reasonable excuse to justify non-use of the mark.

### Marking

Marking of goods distributed under the trademark or on the packaging of those goods is not compulsory in Saudi Arabia. Nevertheless marking e.g. by means of the internationally established sign ® or the words "Registered Trademark" is commonly used. The use of such marking in respect of unregistered trademarks is considered to be an offence in Saudi Arabia.

### License

The recording of a license agreement is not compulsory, but in order to be effective against third parties and to satisfy the use requirements it is recommended to record the license agreement at the Trademark Office. The use of a trademark by the licensee will be considered as a use by the owner and it will help the owner when filing a cancellation action by any interested party and for proceeding before the courts. Please contact us if you intend to grant a license under your trademark in Saudi Arabia.