

## SAUDI ARABIA (SA)

### I. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE

#### 1. National Legislation

##### a. Industrial Property

###### Patents:

- Law No. M/38, May 1989.

###### Trade Marks:

- Law No. M/5, January 1984.

###### Industrial Designs:

None.

##### b. Copyright and Related Rights

###### Copyright:

- Law No. 11/M, December 1989.

###### Relate

As above, under Copyright.

##### c. Other Country-Specific Legislation or Activities

###### Miscellaneous

- Publication Law No. M/17, 1982.

##### d. Sources for Information on National Laws

International Organizations Department  
Ministry of Commerce  
Riyadh 11162

Tel.: (966.1) 401.12.77  
Fax: (966.1) 405.33.14

**Capital:** Riyadh  
**Population:** 21,408,000



#### 2. Membership of International Bodies

##### a. Membership of WIPO Treaties:

- WIPO Convention, since May 1982
- Paris Convention (Industrial Property), since March 2004.
- Berne Convention (Literary and Artistic Works), since March 2004.

##### b. WTO: Observer.

##### c. Membership of other bodies/treaties: UCC.

- Member of UCC since April 1994.
- Member of the Patent Office of the Gulf Cooperation Council, since its inception December 1992.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

### 1. Industrial Property

#### Supervisory Ministry:

*For Patents:*

King Abdulaziz City for Science and  
Technology (KACST)

P.O. Box 6086

Riyadh 11442

*Title of Head:* President of KACST

*For Trade Marks:*

Ministry of Commerce

Riyadh 11162

*Title of Head:* Minister of Commerce

Tel.: (966.1) 403.55.67

Fax: (966.1) 405.62.92

405.33.14

#### Industrial Property Office:

*For Patents:*

General Directorate of Patents

King Abdulaziz City for Science and  
Technology (KACST)

As above, under Supervisory Ministry.

*Title of Head:* Director General of Patents

Tel.: (966.1) 488.33.44

488.34.44

481.33.39

(Director General)

Fax: (966.1) 481.38.30

(Director General)

*For Trade Marks:*

General Directorate of Internal Trade

Trade Mark Section

Department of Internal Trade

Ministry of Commerce

As above, under Supervisory Ministry.

*Title of Head:* Director General of Internal Trade

Tel.: (966.1) 401.22.22

ext. 1322

Fax: (966.1) 403.84.21

405.33.14

### 2. Copyright and Related Rights

#### Supervisory Ministry:

Ministry of Information

P.O. Box 8752

Riyadh 11492

*Title of Head:* Minister of Information

Tel.: (966.1) 442.56.55

Fax: (966.1) 403.27.80

405.33.14

#### Copyright Office:

General Administration of Copyright

Ministry of Information

As above, under Supervisory Ministry.

*Title of Head:* Director General

Tel.: (966.1) 442.56.55

Fax: (966.1) 403.27.80

435.75.95

#### Collective Management Societies:

None.

### III. AUTHORITIES ENFORCING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### Industrial Property Tribunal

*Contact point for patents:*

Committee for Appeal

As above, under Industrial Property Office  
(for Patents).

*Title of Head:* Chairman of Committee for  
Appeal.

E-mail: [patents@kacst.edu.sa](mailto:patents@kacst.edu.sa)

#### Copyright Tribunal

Copyright Department

Ministry of Information

As above, under Copyright Office.

#### Other

General Directorate of Internal Trade

As above, under Intellectual Property Office  
(for Trade Marks)

### IV. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TEACHING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Law Department

College of Administrative Science

King Saud University

Riyadh

Tel.: (966.1) 476.44.35

Fax: (966.1) 467.04.01

### V. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY STATISTICS

Applications filed and/or registered for 2007:

		Patents	Trade Marks	Industrial Designs
Applications by:	residents	128		
	non-residents	642		
Grants to:	residents	17		
	non-residents	257		