

PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF (GCC) - GC

Jurisdiction - General Information

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The GCC Patent Regulation and the Statute of the GCC Patent Office were approved by the Supreme Council during the 13th summit meeting of the heads of Member States, which was held in Abu Dhabi on September 21 to 22, 1992. As of October 3, 1998, the GCC Patent Office started receiving applications.

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Additional Information

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