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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE

“ Somali Trade Mark Law No. 3 of 22nd January 1955, As amendment by law No. 33, of 18 January 1975, and Law No. 3, of December 1987 ”

Trade Mark Registration Procedure : --

What is the Procedure for Applying for a Trade Mark in Somalia (Domestic / Foreign Trade Marks)	
Step 1	A person who intends to apply for the registration of a trade mark shall carry out a search to ascertain whether the trademark exists in the register (No Search Payment)
Step 2	A Trade Mark application is then filed upon payment of application fees. The application should contain the mark proposed to be used, the class of goods or services, the name, address and the signature of applicant. If the applicant is a foreign company, a Power of Attorney must be submitted.
Step 3	The application is then examined to determine its inherent registrability and conflict with prior existing registrations /applications.
Step 4	If accepted, the application will be advertised in the local Gazette / IP website for 35 days.
Step 5	If there is no opposition after the expiration of 35 days of the advertisement, the Registrar shall upon payment of the prescribed fee by the applicant enter the Trademark in the register and issue a Certificate of registration. (\$700 Domestic TM),
How Long is a Trade Mark Valid For ?	
A.	A trademark is valid for Ten years (10 years) from the filing date of the application and may be renewed indefinitely for successive,

Who May Apply for a Trade Mark ?

- A. Any person or corporation who is the owner of a mark used, or proposed to be used, by him/her in Somalia, may make an application for the registration of a mark in this country,

Can I Appoint Someone to Apply on My Behalf ?

1. Applications may be made either by the **Owners of Marks** or by Agents in the names of on behalf of the owners. The agent must have letter of Power of Attorney,

Trade Mark Fee	
Sub Category	Amount (Foreign Applicant) USD
Registration Fees	\$ 700

Required Documents : --

- A. Copy of the Passport or ID -- Card
- B. Business Licence and Company Profile (If a Foreign Companies It's Required Business Licence from the Original Country)
- C. Trade Marke Registration Request Letter
- D. Trade Mark Verification From Notary
- E. Trade Mark PNG photo with Professional Description
- F. Power of Attorney (**Only the Representative**)
- G. The Trade Mark is Required to Register the Original Country (**Only the Foreign Companies**)

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