

# February **NEWSLETTER**

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## **Saudi Arabia Approves New Copyright Law to Enhance IP Protection**

The Council of Ministers, chaired by Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman, approved the new Copyright Law as part of ongoing efforts to enhance the protection of creators and raise protection standards in line with modern developments.

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## **One World IP will be attending INTA Annual Meeting 2026 in London**

We are pleased to announce that One World Intellectual Property will be participating in the INTA Annual Meeting 2026 in London, England, at Booth #202 from May 2 – 6, 2026.

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## **Sudan - The Relocation of the Sudan TMO**

We write further to our previous Circular (16/12/2025) regarding the closure of the Temporary Registry office in Port Sudan. This is to advise that the Registrar General of Intellectual Property re-opened in a temporary office in South Khartoum. Please note that this office is not the original head office from before April 2023.

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## **Qatar Trademark Office adopts 13th Edition of Nice Classification**

Starting February 16, 2026 and as part of aligning with international developments in the field of trademark registration, the State of Qatar has officially adopted the Nice Classification – 13th Edition (Nice 13).

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## **Libyan Trademark Office – Update on Trademark Renewal Practice**

The Libyan Trademark Office has introduced a change in practice regarding trademark renewals. All renewal applications will now be accepted for a period of ten (10) years only. It is no longer possible to select a specific number of years for renewal, as was previously permitted.

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## **Overview of Nice Classification in the MENA Region**

The 13th Edition of the Nice Classification came into force on 1 January 2026, introducing refinements across all classes. Adoption across MENA offices, however, remains uneven, leading to varying standards for trademark filings.

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