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Highlights of April IP News



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Qatar Issues Clarification on Classes Under Nice Classification

In line with the update of procedures and in keeping with international developments in the field of trademark registration, we are pleased to inform you that the Nice Classification 13th Edition has been officially adopted in Qatar.

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Egypt - Update of Official IP Fees and Introduction of New Services

The Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority has issued Decisions No. 64 and 65 of 2026, revising the official fees and introducing new services. These changes entered into force on 05 April 2026.

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Algeria - Strict Deadline for Amendments (INAPI Practice Change)

The Algerian Patent Office (INAPI) has recently implemented a significant change in its practice concerning amendments to PCT applications entering the national phase.

According to INAPI, and in line with Article 26 of Ordinance No. 03-07 on patents, as well as Articles 28 and 41 of the PCT and Rules 52 and 78, amendments are only permitted within the prescribed legal deadlines.

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Qatar - Launch of New Intellectual Property E-Services by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI)

We are pleased to share that Qatar's Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) has furthered its digital transformation by launching five new e-services for copyright and neighboring rights as of April 2026.

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Iraq - Baghdad: Updated Official Trademark Fees

Following the approval of a legislative decision to revise official fees for certain trademark procedures, the Iraqi Trademark Office has introduced an updated fee structure.

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