

**MINISTERIAL DECISION**  
**No     /99**  
**ON PATENT PROTECTION**

**By virtue of the Unified Economic Agreement of the AGCC states signed in Riyadh on 15 Muharram 1402 H, corresponding to 11 November 1981.**

**And in implementation of the Resolution of the AGCC Supreme Council on the amendments to the GCC Patent Law at its 20<sup>th</sup> session held on 27 –29 November 1999 in Riyadh.**

**And with reference to the Ministerial Decision No 219/93 promulgating the Patent Law of the AGCC States.**

**And in pursuance of the public interest:**

**Decided**

**Article (1):** The attached Patent Law of the AGCC states is adopted as the Patent Law of the Sultanate of Oman, with the following changes:

Article 2/1 of the AGCC Patent Law shall be read with the deletion of the words “or codes in the GCC states.”

Article 3/1/2 of the AGCC Patent Law shall be read with the deletion of the words “ Plans, principles and methods for the exercising of commercial businesses.”

With reference to Articles 12/1 and 13, local working is considered to be satisfied by importation.

Article 18 of the AGCC Patent Law shall be read with the deletion of the second sentence.

With respect to Articles 19 to 22 of the AGCC Patent Law, those

provisions which are in conflict with the provisions of Article 31 of the TRIPS Agreement shall have no effect .

Article 31 of the AGCC Patent Law shall not apply to the Sultanate of Oman and shall be considered as redundant.

**Article (2):** The AGCC Patent Office in Riyadh is recognized as the patent office of the Sultanate of Oman, both for issuing and examining patents for Oman.

**Article (3):** Patents issued by th AGCC Patent Office in Riyadh shall be recognized and enforceable in the Sultanate of Oman. The substantive provisions of the AGCC Patent Law would govern the scope of such patents.

**Article (4):** The law and regulations of the Sultanate of Oman on enforcement of intellectual property rights, in conformity with Part III of the TRIPS Agreement, shall apply to patents issued by the AGCC Patent Office in Riyadh .

**Article (5):** Ministerial Decision No 219/93 is hereby cancelled.

**Article (6):** This Decision shall by published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force as from the date of its publication.

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**Sultanate of Oman**

