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NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA: THE IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS OF THE COMMERCIAL COURTS LAW

Notifying Member	KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	The Implementing Regulations of the Commercial Courts Law
Subject matter	Enforcement
Nature of notification	[] Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation[X] Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/SAU/22 1464 00 e.pdf https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/SAU/22 1464 00 x.pdf
Notification status	 [X] First notification [] Amendment or revision to notified legal text [] Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	Not applicable
Brief description of the notified legal text	
The Saudi Ministry of Justice has approved implementing regulations for the Law of Commercial Courts, aiming to enhance the commercial judiciary, fast-track decisions, and boost the business environment in Saudi Arabia.	
The regulations provide for a special agreement between the parties and the organization of court panels according to the type of cases. They also define the works of court assistants, controls of employing the private sector, and expansion of expert witnesses to include merchants. The regulations also set forth e-litigation procedures, the jurisdiction of commercial courts, mediation and adjudication procedures, case management, and the quorum of judicial panels.	
They also provide for grievances and appeals, the judgments and decisions requiring pleadings, the duration of small claims, and the rules of class actions.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English, Arabic
Entry into force	27 June 2020
Other date	Publication: 17 April 2020

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Notification details

Submission date of notification	3 February 2022
Other information	
Agency or authority responsible	Ministry of Justice Saudi Arabia

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