

TRANSLATION

**Republic of Lebanon
Ministry of Interior and Municipalities
General Directorate for the Political and Refugees Affairs**

Notice of Registration No. 145/A.D.

Establishment of an Association under the name, "Brand Protection Group – Lebanon"

Head Office: Ajaltoun, Caza of Kesrwan

The Minister of Interior and Municipalities,
Pursuant to Decree No. 14323 dated 19/04/2005;
Pursuant to the law on Associations dated 3/08/1909 and particularly the provisions of article 6;
Pursuant to the application submitted by the founders of the Association named "Brand Protection Group – Lebanon" registered with the department of the Political and Elections Affairs under No. 5256/2 dated 15/12/2004;
And after the approval of the relevant authorities;
Pursuant to the recommendation of the Director General for the Political and Refugees Affairs;

Decides as follows

Article One:

License is granted to the Association named "Brand Protection Group – Lebanon".

Head Office:

Ajaltoun, Tallet al Aassafir, Indevco Bldg., Caza of Kesarwan.

Objectives:

- 1- Confront the phenomenon of counterfeiting, smuggling and copying all types of products, and in particular consumer products, in order to preserve the rights of the Lebanese Consumer and to protect same against fraud and illicit competition.
- 2- Ameliorate the marketing services standards of consumer products in order to provide the Lebanese Consumer with better services and products.

- 3- Work and cooperate with the private and public sectors, particularly with the Ministry of Economy and Trade and the Customs, in order to protect consumer products, the Consumer, all other products, and intellectual property rights from any tempering or copying or counterfeiting or smuggling.
- 4- Participate in encouraging, promoting and upholding trade, production, and marketing of consumer products in Lebanon, in a way that guarantees lawful competition aiming at protecting the welfare of Lebanese Consumers and the products, particularly consumer products, and intellectual property rights from the copying, counterfeiting, smuggling and fraud and preserve Lebanon's reputation internationally.
- 5- Organize meetings, seminars, conferences, and lectures to educate the Lebanese Consumer, private and public institutions, with regard to consumer products and the protection of the Consumer from the copying, counterfeiting, smuggling and protecting the intellectual property rights.
- 6- Carry out studies, preparing statistics and research, and publishing the results thereof in any available manner, about various products and economic sectors, particularly commercial, industrial, and agricultural, which are affected by smuggling, forgery, counterfeiting, and illicit competition whether in Lebanon or abroad.
- 7- Exchange studies, research, statistics and expertise with other local, regional, and international organizations and associations, in the fields of marketing services, trade, and industry with regard to products in general and consumer products in particular, and their protection and the protection of the intellectual property rights and any other matter related to the objectives of the Association.

The above provisions should be applied in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations in effect and after the approval of the relevant authorities.

Founding Members:

Messrs.

- Roger Youssef Tanios
- Mohammed Assaad Mehieddine Salhab
- Malek Ahmed Mokhtar Al Rifaii
- Hadi Adel Al Tabchi
- Nasser Rachad Bakar
- Randa Jean Bou Assi
- Kawkab Mehieddine Sinno
- Aouni Joseph Khoros

Representative of the Association towards the Government:

Mr. Roger Youssef Tanios.

Article Two:

The constituent assembly should finalize the registration procedures of the Association and call upon the election of an Administrative Board within a period of one year as of the date of publication of this Notice of Registration in the Official Gazette, failing which this license is considered null and void.

Article Three:

A licensed Association should present to the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities during the first month of every year a list of its members together with a copy of its financial statements for the preceding year and a budget. The election of the new administrative board should be held within one month at least from the expiry of its term of office, otherwise it shall be subject to the provisions of the law published by Decree No. 10830 dated 19/140/1962 as amended and the fines therein.

Article Four:

This Notice of Registration shall be notified wherever needed.

Beirut, 12/7/2005
Minister of Interior and Municipalities

(Signature)
Hassan Akeif Al Sabeh

To be notified to:

- The Directorate General of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers
- The Department for Political and Election affairs (with the file)
- The Mohafazat of Mount-Lebanon
- The Directorate General of General Security
- The Directorate General of State Security
- The Directorate General of Internal Security Forces
- The Ministry of Social Affairs
- The Ministry of Economy and Trade
- Informatics
- The Concerned Parties
- The Official Gazette