

# LAW FOR THE PROTECTION OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS

Article 1: In implementing the provisions of

public and illegal competition, such as using an incorrect geographical indicator together with listing the commodity's correct origin translated, or associated with expression such as type, model or counterfeit imitation.

Article 6: Any interested person, in accordance with the provision of article (2), may obtain a judicial writ, from the president of the Commercial Court, or any deputized judge, to take necessary precautionary measures, and in particular, seizure of commodities, products, packing, packaging, etc.

The legal action, the origin of the dispute, should be lodged in front of the competent circuit, Commercial Court, within fifteen days from the date of the writ, otherwise, all traces of the action will be removed.

Article 7: Any person may view the register, as stipulated in article (3) of this law, and obtain printouts, in accordance with the conditions and fees stipulated in the executive bylaws.

Article 8: Applicant may complain against refusing the application to register within thirty days, before a committee to be formed by a ministerial decision, which will also specify procedures' executive bylaws. The committee decision may be appealed before the competent circuit, Commercial Court, within sixty days from being informed of the committee's decision by a registered mail.

Article 9: Any concerned person may request the competent circuit, Commercial Court, to delete the geographical indication, if it was established that it is not qualified for protection as such, in accordance with article (4), may also request to correct the geographical indication to correspond with the truth and reality, in accordance with the procedures stipulated in the bylaws.

Article 10: Previous and continuous use of a geographical indication for a specific country, in Oman, is considered legal, if the use was in good faith, and for a sufficient period, prior to the implementation of this law. This is applicable to trade marks similar or corresponding to a geographical indication, registered in good faith.

Article 11: Punishable by imprisonment for no more than two years and/or a fine not exceeding Rial Omani two thousand, anyone willingly committing any of the acts listed in article (5) of this law.