

LAW FOR THE PROTECTION OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS (TOPOGRAPHIC) DESIGNS

Article 1: In implementing this law "integrated circuit" is every product comprising of elements, provided that at least one element is active, and some, or all the joints are an integral part of the unit and/or on it, in its final or semi final form, some or all of the interconnections are integrally formed in and/or on a piece of material and its purpose is to perform an electronic function.

"Design" synonymous with "topography" is any three-dimensional construction of elements, and some, or all the elements in an integrated circuit, provided that at least one element is active, or this construction is prepared to manufacture integrated circuit.

Article 2: The creator of the original design, being natural or juristic personality, is considered the owner who, together with legal successors, enjoys the protection stipulated in this law, by the registration in a special register, at the competent department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Executive bylaws shall stipulate the procedures for submitting the application, scrutiny and registration. The registration is considered a presumption for ownership until proved otherwise. In the event of several persons creating a single design, all of them shall be the owner.

Article 3: Only the owner has the right to capitalize financially on the design, others are not permitted to import, duplicate, sell or distribute any protected design without a written permission from the owner of the right to capitalize, or his successors.

Article 4: It is not permitted to register a design that has been financially

Article 9: The design owner 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 used tools, products, commodities, etc.

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

Article 10: Whoever is concerned may request the competent circuit, Commercial Court, to delete the design registration, entirely or partially, if it violates the provisions of this law. Competent department at the ministry will cancel the registration upon the submission of a final verdict.

Article 11: Punishable by imprisonment for no more than two years and/or a fine not exceeding Rial Omani three thousand, anyone who has:

1st) Duplicated a registered design without the owner's consent.

B) Imported, sold or distributed a registered design or product incorporating an integrated circuit without the owner's consent.