

ETHIOPIA

Kindly be advised that there are no statutory industrial property laws in Ethiopia; however, the rights of owners are protected under Article 674 of the Ethiopian Penal Code of 1957. The said Article stipulates that importers and traders selling products bearing counterfeit trademarks can only be found guilty if proven that they have acted with full knowledge that the trademark applied to the goods sold by them was indeed counterfeit.

In order to establish such knowledge, it is imperative to publish cautionary notices regarding trademarks and patents and to have cuttings thereof deposited with the Ministry of Domestic Trade, who issues the relevant registration certificate.

Thus trademarks and patents can be protected by publishing cautionary notices in both English and Amharic newspapers in Addis Ababa and, thereafter, depositing cuttings of the notices with the Ministry of Domestic Trade along with the following documents:

Requirements

- 1 A power of attorney duly legalized up to the Ethiopian Consulate.
- 2 A legalized copy of the home registration or any foreign registration of the trademark, together with its English translation.
- 3 Prints of the mark.

CHARGES FOR FILING ONE TRADEMARK IN ONE CLASS

SR NO.	ITEM	Official Charges (USD)
1	Filing an application including Publication of Cautionary notice up to registration	450.00
2	Search for a trademark	30.00

* All charges are subject to change due to increase in official fees or fluctuation of currencies.

SOURCE

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