

INCREASE IN FILING FEES IN NIGERIA

NOTIFICATION OF INCREASE IN FILING FEES BY THE REGISTRY OF TRADEMARKS, PATENTS AND DESIGN:

On the 2nd of August 2010, The Honourable Minister for Commerce, Senator Jubril Martins Kuye via Proclamation implemented an increase of all payable official fees for the Registration of Trade Marks, Patents, Designs and other Services.

The increase, expected to take effect on the 1st of September 2010, has precipitated an upward review of official filing fees from 100% to about 400% per cent in some cases.

Below is a preview of some of the more significant changes in fees:

TRADEMARKS:

1. Request for Preliminary Advise on Availability of Trade Mark Registration – increased from N500.00 to N1, 500.00.
2. Forms for Registration of Trademarks (Form1, 2 and 3) – increased from N500.00 to N2, 000.00.
3. Statutory Declaration - increased from N2, 000.00 to N8, 000.00.
4. Cancellation of Registered User - increased from N500.00 to N8, 000.00.
5. Application to Intervene in Rectification Proceedings - increased from N5, 000.00 to N20, 000.00.
6. Application for Extension of Time – This is a new addition and is set at N10, 000.00.

PATENTS:

1. Application for Grant of Patent (**Convention Application**) - increased from N12, 000.00 to N22, 000.00.
2. Annual Renewal of Patents - increased from N4, 000.00 to N8, 000.00.
3. Application for Correction of Clerical Errors – increased from N500.00 to N2, 000.00.
4. Change of Name of Patent - increased from N4, 000.00 to N8, 000.00.

Under this head, it could be drawn by implication that the non drastic review in fees may be subject to a low volume of applications in this department.

DESIGNS:

1. Registration of Industrial Designs (Non Textiles) - increased from N6, 000.00 to N16, 000.00.
2. Registration of Textile Design – increased from N7, 000.00 to N18, 000.00.
3. Renewal Design Certificate – increased from N4, 000.00 to N12, 000.00.

We expect that the current increase in official fees by the Honourable Minister of Commerce will lead to improved services from all the relevant Departments.

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