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**KOSOVO'S NEW LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS
RELATED TO ECONOMY, FINANCE AND BUSINESS**

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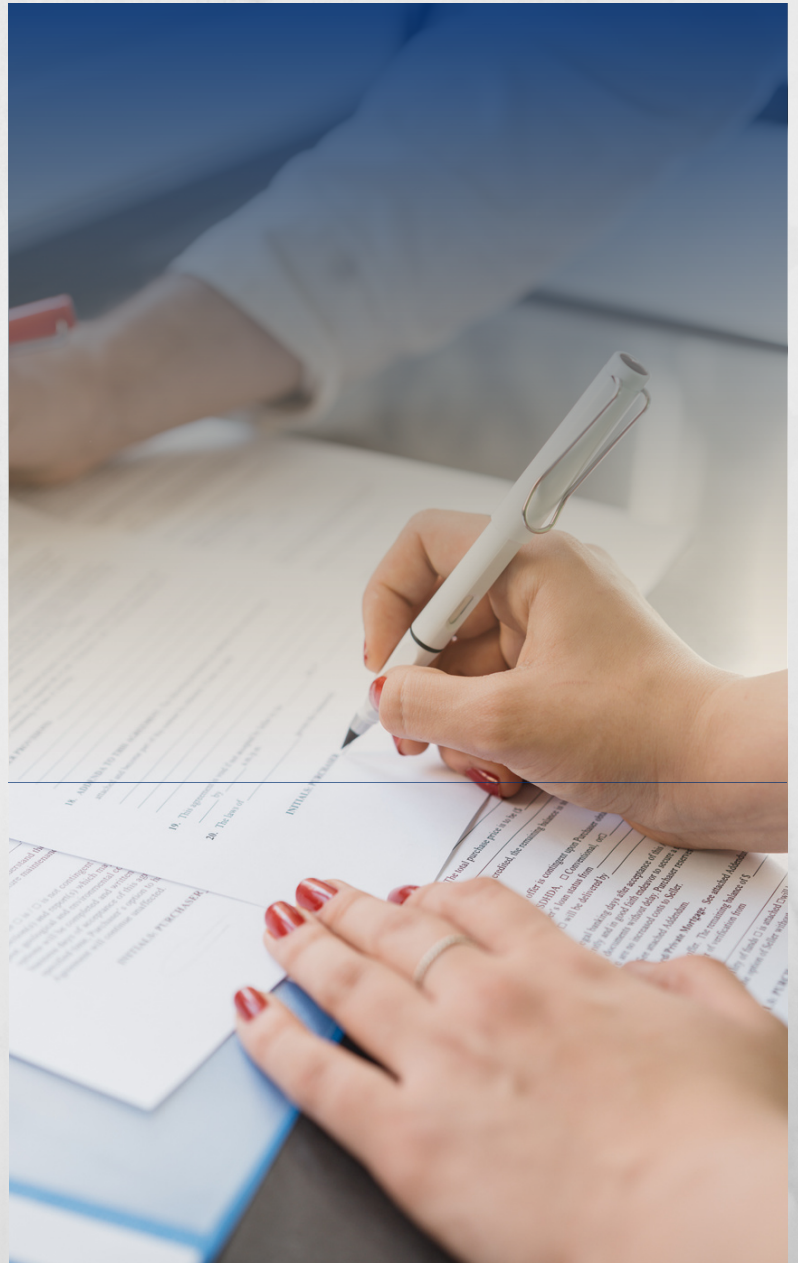
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INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Administrative Instruction No. 08/2023 on the Procedure for Registration of Trademark - 8 August 2023

The Administrative Instruction defines the procedures for trademark registration with the Industrial Property Agency and it applies to all entities subject to such registration procedure. Chapter II establishes the content of the application form and the procedure for the formal examination of the application. Within three months from the date of the publication of an application, third parties, who are not parties to the registration procedures, may submit written observations to the Agency claiming that the trademark should not be registered due to violation of the Law on Trademarks.

The Administrative Instruction also establishes the procedure of reviewing objections, which shall suspend for at least two months to give way to a mediation procedure among the parties, according to article 22. Further, the Administrative Instruction lists the content of the trademark certificate, as well as changes in the Trademark Register.



GOVERNMENT DECISIONS

Decisions of date 9 August 2023

Decision No. 10/154 on approving the Concept Document in the field of product market supervision. The Concept Document proposes the adoption of a new Law on inspecting the product compliance with harmonized standards, and it identifies several gaps in the current law including the insufficient technical requirements for product and conformity assessment, joint activities for promotion of the compatibility of products and market supervision, lack of coordination, and the lack of a national strategy on market supervision.

The new law is expected to serve the principle of promoting sustainable economic growth, to ensure a free market and efficient market supervision. Its provisions are also going to address the obligations of economic operators for some groups of products and clarify the competencies and measures of relevant authorities for market supervision. Some of the specific objectives are raising awareness among businesses and consumers/end-users on the product compatibility and safety and ensuring the latter by encouraging the use of technical standards.

Decisions of date 23 August 2023

Decision No. 02/156 on approving in principle the increase of the number of certificates for Kosovo's participation in the Council of Europe Development Bank in the amount of EUR 5.089.000, along with the capital payment in the amount of EUR 1.437.134. The decision authorizes the Minister of Finance to undertake all necessary actions to make the payment.

Decision No. 03/156 on approving the allocation of EUR 160,000.00 to implement the Economic Recovery Package, particularly Measure 1.3 - Supporting Women Employment and Measure 5 - Investing in infrastructure and environment.

Decision No. 11/156 on approving the Draft Law on Kosovo's accession to the Convention on Temporary Importation which is expected to facilitate the operation of businesses and institutions.



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