

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION NO. 234 OF 1992, ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS HELD IN THE STATE OF KUWAIT

The Minister of Commerce and Industry,

Having perused the Commercial Law No. 68 of 1980 and the Law of Business Concerns and Shops Licences No. 32/1969, and the Law organizing Commercial Agencies No. 36/1964, and the Law on Supervision and Control of Precious Metals and Valuable Stores No. 23/1980 and the Commercial Companies Law No. 15 of 1960; and pursuant to the Decree promulgated on 7th Zul Hija, 1406 H. corresponding to 12th August, 1986, duly organizing the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, with specification of its functions and powers; and

The Ministerial Resolution No. 28 of 1976 on the general rules and regulations organizing the holding of fairs and exhibitions in the State of Kuwait by certain States and Corporations; and the Ministerial Resolution No. 13 of 1977 concerning the rules governing the organization of Jewellery and Gold-works exhibitions; and

The Ministerial Resolution No. 56 of 1982 concerning holding of Jewellery and Gold-works exhibition; and

Pursuant to the requirements of public interest; hereby decides the following :-

Article (1)

The exhibitions stated in this Resolution denote those temporary fairs required to be held for specific period of time in a certain location, meant for the said purpose in the State of Kuwait, at the aim of promoting or introducing a product, or a complete line of products whether national, locally manufactured or of a foreign origin, together with the relevant activities, such as holding of symposia or conclusion of business transactions and dealings in a manner not contradictory to the temporary nature of the relevant exhibition as specified in this Resolution and the administrative resolutions organizing the same.

Article (2)

No trade exhibitions shall be held in the State of Kuwait, unless a permit in writing is obtained from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in accordance with the provisions of this Resolution and the administrative decisions organizing the same.

Article (3)

It is permissible for the following categories to hold trade exhibitions in the State of Kuwait:-

- Those who have secured licences to organize and manage exhibitions for third parties.
- Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Organizations and companies endeavouring to promote and market its national products and/or its business agencies.
- Arab and foreign states of their pertinent organizations or companies, provided that the relevant arrangements are made through a Kuwaiti agent, duly licenced to organize exhibitions for third parties whose business activities are in relationship with the type of the exhibition required to be held.

Article (4)

Trade exhibitions are permissible to be held in the following locations :-

- Locations assigned for exhibitions, for which licences are secured from the competent authorities.
- Hotels

Article (5)

The following shall be observed at the time of observing the necessary application: -

- 1) The application must be submitted within adequate period before the opening date.
- 2) To appropriately identify and fix the exhibition location and date.
- 3) The party licenced to hold the exhibition shall undertake to abide by and implement the provisions of this Resolution and all administrative decisions organizing the same.

Article (6)

Direct sale to public in trade exhibitions held in the State of Kuwait is strictly prohibited, and the foreign exhibiting parties shall undertake to re-export all the materials imported in Kuwait for the said purpose immediately upon expiry of the exhibition period.

Article (7)

Without prejudice to any severe penalty or punishment provided for in the Law, the Ministry shall close down any exhibition held through the administrative procedure applicable in the event of violating the provisions of this Resolution or the administrative decisions organizing the same, and the licenced party shall alone be held responsible for any consequential effects resulting from the closure of the exhibition, without any liability on the part of this Ministry.

Article (8)

- 1) The Inspection Administration of the Supply and Consumer Protection Affairs Division shall have the competence to supervise the implementation of this Resolution

and all administrative decisions organizing the holding of exhibitions. Consequently, the said administration shall be notified of all trade exhibitions approved to be held in the State of Kuwait.

- 2) Coordination and exchange of information in relation hereof shall be organized and maintained between the Foreign Trade Affairs, the Supply and Consumer Protection Affairs and such other departments and staff concerned.

Article (9)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry shall identify the organizing conditions under which the exhibitions shall be held. An administrative decision shall be issued by the competent Under Secretary in this respect.

Article (10)

The Ministry shall have the right to request the consent of any other concerned authorities prior to grant its approval for any exhibition to be held.

Article (11)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry may, for reasons relating to the public interest, exempt certain exhibitions from one or more of the conditions stipulated in this resolution.

Article (12)

Any decisions or stipulations contradictory to the provisions of this Resolution shall be repealed.

Article (13)

All concerned, each within the area of his competence shall implement this Resolution, which shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall be operative immediately published.

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