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UAE, Qatar, Bahrain Extend POA Deadlines

The trademark offices in the UAE, Qatar, and Bahrain have introduced a procedural update aimed at improving service delivery, particularly where applicants face delays in submitting required documents. The change focuses on situations where certain formalities like legalized documents cannot be completed within the usual timeframe.

Under the updated approach, applications that require a Power of Attorney but are unable to meet the initial 90-day deadline may be given additional time, rather than being rejected outright. In practice, the offices appear to be taking a more flexible stance, allowing extensions to help applicants' complete notarization and legalization requirements.

Applicants or their representatives can request further extensions before the current deadline expires. This added flexibility is especially helpful for foreign applicants, who often face longer timelines when dealing with cross-border document formalities.

Overall, the move reflects a broader effort by the UAE, Qatar, and Bahrain to make trademark procedures more practical and responsive, while still maintaining compliance with formal requirements.

