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We, Faisal Bin Al-Hussein, the Deputy of his Majesty,
King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. In
accordance with Article (31) of the Constitution, and in
Pursuance of the Decision of the Senate and the House
of Representatives. Do hereby approve the following
Law and order the same to be promulgated and
supplemented to the State's laws.

# Law No. (10) For the Year 2005 Chambers of Industry Law

# Article (1)

This Law is called (the law for the Chambers of Industry For the year 2005, and shall become operative from the date of its publishment in the official Gazette.

# Article (2)

The following terms and expressions, wherever mentioned in this law shall have the meanining assigned therefore here under-unless the context states otherwise:

Ministry: The Ministry of Industry and Trade.

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**Chamber:** The Jordan Chamber of Industry.

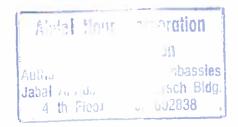
**Council:** The Chamber of Board of Directors.

Chairman: The Chairman of the Board of Directors.

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<u>Chambers of Industry:</u> Any chamber of Industry provided for in article (22) of this law.

<u>Industrial Sector</u>: All companies and institutions operating in one type or more of industry as is defined by the Cabinet upon the Minister's Recommendation.

Industry: Any activity aimed at of transformation of materials through various production means into a new product whereby a basic alteration in their form, components, type or nature is obtained, including the chemical operations, mixing, cutting, formulation, assembling, packing & wrapping which would result in changing the Tariff Subsidiary Article stated in the Customs Controlling Bylaw; or the added value should not be less than a certain percentage to be determined for each Industrial Sector and its subsidiaries under instructions issued by the Minister. And it includes as well mining and electricity activities.

Industrial Institution: Any individual company or institution established mainly for industrial purposes and is active in a certain industrial sector and has a registered capital for the sum of thirty thousand dinars or more, and employing more than ten Jordanian laborers subscribed in the Social Security Establishment, or any other institution established mainly for industrial purposes defined by the Minister as an industrial institution based on the volume of its exports and the amount of its registered capital.

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<u>Vocational Institution</u>: Any Individual Company or Institution established mainly or industry, and has a registered capital less than thirty thousand dinars or less than ten Jordanian laborers subscribed to the Social Security Establishment.

# Article (3)

- A chamber shall be established in the Kingdom called (The Jordan Chamber of Industry) and shall enjoy a corporate entity, and shall be financially and managerially independent, and has the right under this capacity to appropriate movable and immovable assets, and carry out all legal actions required for achieving its objectives including the conclusion of contracts, borrowing and accepting the subsidies contributions, and donations. It shall also have the right to litigate, and shall be represented by any advocate it may authorizes for this purpose.
- b) The situation of this Chamber shall be in the City of Amman.

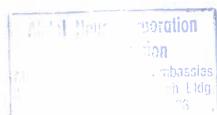
# Article (4)

The Chamber is aimed at achieving the following:

- a) Participating in planning the general policy for industry, and in setting up the strategy and the plans required for executing the same.
- b) Participating in promoting and developing the National Industry.
- c) Protecting interests of all Industrial and vocational Institutions.



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- d) Fostering of cooperation among chambers of industry as well as between these Chambers and the Arab and Foreign Unions and chambers of industry.
- e) Seeking to foster the potentials of the chambers of industry and coordinate their efforts.

# Article (5)

The chamber shall assume the following duties, in order to achieve its objectives:

- a) Representing the industrialists and chambers if industries before any official or non-official authority inside and outside the Kingdom.
- b) Participating together with the relevant authorities in holding industrial and economic conferences, as well as in the local Arab and International Activities that have industrial and economical character, and organize the same.
- c) Conducting studies and researches related to the national industry, publish and update the same.
- d) Collecting, classifying and updating informations and statistics relevant to the National Industry and provide the industrialists with the same, and establish an Information Center to provide the most updated programs related to Industry and Economy in cooperation with the Jordanian Arab and International Information Centers, and in coordination with the Chambers of Industry and Trade.





- e) Presenting any suggestions relevant to the operative legislations and to the draft laws and regulations relevant to industry and economy
- f) Providing technical advice and industrial and economical technology and seek help from experts and economists for this purpose.
- g) Arranging for resolving any disputes arising among the chambers of Industry, or between the same and industrialists, or any other Jordanian or Non-Jordanian authorities amicably or through arbitration.
- h) Any other duties related to its objectives.

# Article (6)

The chamber shall consist of a General Assembly and a Board of Directors.

# The General Assembly

# Article (7)

The General Assembly of the Chamber shall constitute of the industrial institutions subscribed to the chambers of Industry, and had paid up financial dues payable by the same according to the provisions of these law and the regulations issued there under.

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# Article (8)

The General Assembly of the Chamber shall exercise the following powers:

- a) Discussing the General Policies for the Chamber and take the decisions required therefore.
- b) Approving the annual draft budget of the Chamber.
- c) Approving the annual report on the activities of the Board of Directors, as well as the final accounts and balance sheet of the Chamber.
- d) Appointing certified auditors to examine the chamber's accounts, and determine thier remunerations.
- e) Practicing managerial and financial control over the Board of Directors' Activities.
- f) Discussing matters presented to it by the Board and taking the necessary decision in its concern.

# Article (9)

a) The General Assembly shall convene at least once each year, and the quorum for its meetings shall be deemed present by the majority of attending members who paid up the fees for their membership. If the said quorum is not present within one hour from the time determined for the meeting, such meeting shall be delayed for not more than fifteen days from the date determined for the first meeting. It shall be satisfied to publish the invitation for such meeting in two local daily newspaper two times. The quorum for the second







meeting shall be deemed present regardless of the number of the attending members. The General Assembly shall take its decisions in its ordinary meeting by at least the majority votes of attending members.

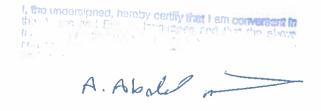
b) Invitation for the meetings of the General Assembly shall be served by registered mail and by publishing the same in two local daily newspapers for one time at least before thirty days from the date of such meeting, provided that such invitation shall include the agenda for such meetings.

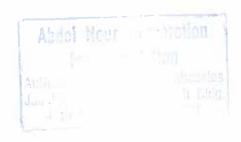
# Article (10)

- a) The General Assembly shall convene under the presidency of the Chairman of the Board or his first deputy in case of both absence.
- b) Voting in the meetings of the General Assembly shall be made in public.

# Article (11)

- a) It shall be permissible to invite the General Assembly for an extra ordinary meeting to discuss certain issues, but it shall not be permissible in this case to discuss any matter other than those for which the meeting was convened unless such matters are either related thereto or branched from.
- b) The invitation of the General Assembly for the extra ordinary meeting shall be made upon an invitation either from the Chairman or his Deputy in case of his absence in any of the two following cases:





- **1-** If the Board of Directors considers that to be necessary.
- 2- Upon a written request made by at least (25%) of the number of members of the General Assembly, and in such case the Board of Directors shall invite the General Assembly to meet within twenty working days from the date of its receiving of this request, provided that such invitation shall include the agenda for such meeting.
- c) The General Assembly shall take its decision in its extra ordinary meeting by at least (75%) majority of votes of the present members.

# Article (12)

If the Extra Ordinary Meeting is not capable of covering all the issues listed in its agenda, there the Chairman may, by agreement of members present at such meeting, postpone the same to another date to be determined during the session without the need to make a new invitation for the General Assembly according to the practices adhered to this law.

# The Chamber Board of Directors

# Article (13)

a) The Chamber Affairs shall be assumed by a Board of Directors constituting of a number of members not less than five members in the following manner:





- 1- The chairman of each chamber in addition to a member elected by its Board of Directors in case the number of the industrial institutions is not less than certain limit to be determined under a regulation issued in pursuance of the provisions of this law.
- 2- One additional representative or more to be elected by the BOD of the Chamber of Industry representing a number of industrial institutions exceeding the limit referred to in item (1) of this clause provided that such number is determined under the regulation referred to in item (1) of this clause.
- 3- One member of each industrial sector to be elected by the industrial institutions registered in this section.
- **4-** One member representing the professional institutions.

b)

1- If the industrial institutions referred to in item (4) of clause (9) of this article shall be elected in a Board of Directors meeting for this purpose upon an invitation made in the Chairman and by presence of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chambers of Industry; and in such case the decision shall be taken by at least the majority of votes of the present members without giving the Chairman the right to vote.

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**2-** In case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

# Article (14)

- a) The term for the Board of Directors shall be for four years.
- b) In its first meeting, the Board of Directors shall elect from among its members, its chairman and his first and second deputy in addition to its secretary and cashier and a deputy for the latter.

# Article (15)

The Board of Directors shall assume the following duties and powers:

- a) Proposing the policy and its work plan for the Chamber and controlling its applyings.
- b) Managing the Administrative and Financial Affairs of the Chamber.
- c) Managing to achieve the objectives and duties of the Chamber the Board of Directors recommendation.
- d) Inviting the General Assembly to convince and discuss the Board of Directors recommendations.

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- e) Taking care of the interests of the industrialists and defend their rights.
- f) Approving the instructions related to the Administrative Financial Affairs of the Chamber including those related to personnel and supplies.
- **g)** Cooperating with the relevant authorities in preparing the draft legislations related to industry and economy.
- h) Constituting the committees required for the execution of the provisions of this law as well as the regulations issued thereunder.
- i) Any other issues that answer the objectives of the chambers and the industrial section within the Kingdom.

# Article (16)

The Board of Directors shall meet upon an invitation from its chairman or his deputy in case of his absence once every month, or upon a written request presented by ten members of the Board; and the quorum for its meetings shall be present when offended by the majority of its members provided that the chairman or his deputy is among those members, and shall take its decision by at least the majority of the present members, and the breaching member shall confirm his breach in writing explaining the reasons behind such breach.

#### Article (17)

In case of expiry of the term of the Board of Directors and election of a new Board of Directors was impossible for any reasons determined by the Minister, the present Board of Directors shall remain operative until a new Board of Directors is elected not later than six months in pursuance of the provisions of this law, and the regulations and instructions issued thereunder.

#### Article (18)

The member of the Board of Directors shall fulfill the following requirements:

- a) He shall be a Jordanian National with full Civil Capacity.
- b) He shall not be convicted for any or more offence against honor and morals, or convicted for bankruptcy unless he has been reinstituted.
- c) He shall have paid up all the fees and subscription lectured by him for the chamber of industry he is subscribed to.
- d) He shall be a Chairman for the Board of Directors of an industrial which is a member in the General Assembly of the Chamber, or a Chairman of the Administration body of such institution, or one of the proprietors thereof, or a member in its Board of Directors or administrative body.

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# Article (19)

- a) In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors due to the member's death, resignation, bankruptcy, of the industrial institution he represents, or when an absolute judgment is issued against him for committing any crime or offence against honor and morals, or when he is not capable to attended three consecutive sessions without any legitimate excuse, or when he does not fulfill any of terms for membership, then he shall be replaced by the person who falls next to him in the number of votes he won in the election, for he period remaining from the term of the Board of Directors. If this is not feasible for any reason whatsoever, then the Minister shall elect a replacement for him for the period remaining the term of the Board of Directors.
- b) If the Board of Directors is incapable of securing its quorum or has been dissolved by virtue of a decision taken by the cabinet upon the recommendation of the Minister and in pursuance of the public interest, then the Ministry shall constitute a temporary committee to run the chamber's affaires and take the measures required for electing a new Board of Directors not later than ninety days from the date the Board of Directors is not capable of securing the required quorum or the date of its dissolution.

The Minister may extend this period for a maximum of ninety days as he may deem proper.



# Chamber's Financial & Administrative Affairs

#### Article (20)

- a) The Fiscal year of the Chamber starts on the first day of January of each year, and ends on the thirty first day of December of the same year.
- b) As from the first fiscal year of the chamber it starts from the date of its establishment according to the provisions of this law, and ends on the thirty first day of December of the year.

# Article (21)

The financial resources of the chambers consist of the following:

- a) Certain percentage of the revenues of the chamber, of Industries to be determined and the method of collection thereof is defined under the regulations issued under this law.
- b) Returns from investment of its assets.
- c) Gratuities, subsidies, donations and any other resources accessible by it provided that the same are approved by the Cabinet if from any source other than Jordanian.
- d) Fees for nomination for elections.



# **Chambers of Industry**

#### Article (22)

- a) The chambers of Industry within the Kingdom are constituted in the following manner:
  - 1- Chambers established under the chambers of Industry & Trade Law No. (41) of 1949 as is shown hereunder:
  - \* Amman Chamber of Industry.
  - \* Irbid Chamber of Industry.
  - \* Zarqa Chamber of Industry.
  - 2- Any Chamber of Industry established in any Governorate by virtue of a decision taken by the Cabinet upon the recommendation of the Minister, provided that number & size of the present industrial institution as well as the financial solvency expected for the Chamber of Industry shall be taken into account.
- b) Notwithstanding the provisions of article (23) this law, the Minister shall for regulatory purposes, issue instructions required for defining the relation between the Chambers of Industry and this Chamber.



#### Article (23)

The Chambers of Industry shall enjoy corporate entity and financial and administrative independence, and may under this capacity appropriate movable and immovable assets, and carry out all legal action necessary for achieving its objectives including the collusion of contracts, borrowing and receiving subsidies, gratuities and donations.

It shall also have the right to litigate and authorize any attorney for this purpose to act on its behalf in any judicial proceedings.

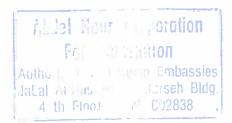
# Article (24)

- a) The Geographic zone for the jurisdiction of the Chambers of Industry established or to be established within the Governorate under the provisions of this law, shall be determined by virtue of a decision issued by the cabinet upon the recommendation of the Minister.
- b) The Chambers of Industry may open offices for them within the area of their Geographic jurisdiction according to a regulation issued for this purpose under the provisions of this law.

# Article (25)

a) The aim of the Chambers of Industry is to achieve, within their space jurisdiction the following:





- **1-** Taking care of the interests of all industrial and vocational institutions subscribed thereto, and represent the same before the chamber.
- **2-** Strengthening cooperation among members of the Chambers of Industry.
- 3- Contributing for promoting local industrial products.
- b) The Chambers of Industry shall for the purpose of achieving their objective, assume the following duties and powers:
  - 1- Issue Certificates of Origin for industrial products and approve the invoices therefore as well as the signatures, guarantees and commercial documents.
  - **2-** Participating in and executing vocational training and training required for the development of industry and industrial and professional institutions.
  - 3- Participating in promoting the investment in the Kingdom.
  - 4- Participating in serving the local community.
  - 5- Seeking to resolve disputes arising among their members, or between those members and the industrialists of members of the other chambers of industry either amicably or through arbitration.



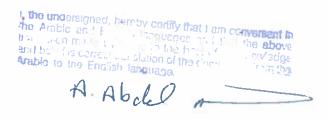
# Article (26)

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- 1- Subject to the provisions of clause (b) of this article, both the industrial and professional institutions must subscribed to the chambers of industry within the jurisdiction of which the factory of any of these institution is located. These institutions shall be deemed one member regardless of the number of factories they own within the Kingdom.
- 2- Nevertheless, it is permissible for both the industrial and vocational institutions whose main office is located within the jurisdiction of a chamber of industry different from the location of the factory or factories they own, to choose either the membership in the chamber of industry within whose jurisdiction the main office of these institutions is located, or the membership in one chamber of industry within whose jurisdiction one of the factories of the latter is located.
- b) The vocational institutions shall not share in the discussion of any of the internal issues of the jurisdiction powers of the General Assembly of the chamber of Industries subscribed to it including the right to elect and vote.

# Article (27)

- a) Each chamber of industry consists of a General Assembly and Board of Directors.
- b) The General Assembly of each chamber of Industry consists of the industrial institutions subscribed to it and have paid up the financial dues incurred on them.

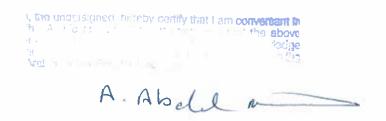




- c) The General Assembly of each chamber of industry shall assume the following duties and powers:
  - 1- Elect its Board of Directors.
  - 2- Discuss the annual report of its Board of Directors.
  - 3- Approve the final accounts and Balance sheet.
  - **4-** Appoint a certified auditor for the purpose of auditing its accounts.
  - 5- Review the requests and suggestions presented by the members of the General Assembly of the chamber of industry, provided that the same are submitted to its Board of Directors at least ten days before the date for covering its meeting.
  - **6-** Administrative and financial control over the activities of its Board of Directors.

# Article (28)

- a) The Board of directors of each chamber of Industry constitutes nine members elected by its General Assembly according to the provisions of this law and the regulations issued thereunder.
- b) The term for the session of the Board of Directors of the chamber of industry shall be for four years from the date of electing such Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall, in its first meeting, elect a chairman for the Board of Directors of the chamber of industry and a deputy for him, as well as a secretary and cashier.





#### Article (29)

The Board of Directors of the chamber of industry shall assume the following duties and powers:

- a) Managing the administrative and financial affairs of the chamber of industry.
- b) Preparing the organizational structure for the chamber of Industry and refer the same to its General Assembly for approval.
- c) Seeking to achieve the objectives of the chamber of industry and execute its duties.
- d) Preparing the draft annual budget balance sheet, fail accounts and annual report and referring the same to its General Assembly for approval.
- e) Appointing the staff of the chambers of Industry and determine their salaries and the terms for their recruitment and termination of their services.

# **General Terms**

# Article (30)

- a) The terms pertaining to membership of the Board of Directors shall apply to membership of the Board of Directors of the chambers of Industry.
- b) The provisions and terms pertaining to vacation of membership of Board of Directors, non presence of quorum and dissolution shall apply to the Board of Directors of the chambers of industry.

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- c) The provisions pertaining to the meetings of the General Assembly of the chamber shall apply to the meetings of the General Assembly of the chambers of Industry.
- d) The provisions pertaining to the meetings of the Board of Directors shall apply to the meetings of the Board of Directors of the chambers of Industry.
- e) The provisions pertaining to the commencement and end of the fiscal year of the chamber shall apply to the chambers of Industry.

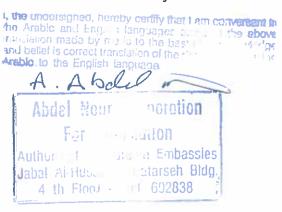
# **Transitional Terms**

#### Article (31)

The Minister shall constitute committees for the management of this chamber and the chambers of industry until the date of conducting the elections provided for in this law not later than six months from the date of effecting its provisions.

# Article (32)

The Minister shall act as the competent authority for the affairs of this chamber and the chambers of Industry.



# Article (33)

The cabinet shall issue the regulations required for implementing the provisions of this law including the following:

- a) Fees for membership of the chambers of industry.
- b) Issues pertaining to the Board of Directors of this chamber and the chambers of industry.
- c) Determining of the financial resources for this chamber and chambers of industry.
- d) Determining of the fees for certifying the invoice, certificates of origin, guarantees and other certificates and documents collected from both the industrial and professional institutions equal one quarter of those collected from the industrial institutions.
- e) Method of finance management and all other related matters.
- f) Provisions and procedures related to any elections conducted in pursuance of the provisions of this law including the nomination therefore and terms thereof.

# Article (34)

The Minister shall issue the instructions required for implementing the provisions of this law and the same shall be published in the Official Gazette.

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# Article (35)

- a) The terms pertaining to the chambers of Industry stipulated in the Chambers of Industry & Trade law No. (41) of 1941 and the amendments thereto shall be nullified, and the terms of any other legislation shall have no effect so far as such terms are contradictory to the provisions of this law.
- b) From the date of effecting this law, this chamber shall replace the Amman Chamber of Industry or any other Chamber of Industry any legislation provides for representing the same before any public or private authority.

# Article (36)

Both the Prime Minister and Ministers are trusted with the execution of the provisions of this law.

Executed on 21/2/2005

Faisal Jon Al-Hussein



The Prime Minister and the Minister of Defense
Faisal Akef Al-Fayez

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