

We, Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, by virtue of Article (31) of the Constitution and based on the resolution of the upper and lower Houses of Parliament, we ratify the following law and order that it be issued and added to the State's Laws:

**Law No. (22) for the year 2008**  
**Royal Jordanian Commission Law for Films**

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**Article (1):** This law shall be cited (Royal Jordanian Commission Law for Films for the year 2008) and shall come into force as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Definitions**

**Article (2):** The following words and expressions, wherever they appear in this law, shall have the meanings designated therefor below unless the context indicates otherwise:

The Commission	: Royal Jordanian Commission Law for Films.
The Board	: Board of Commissioners of the Commission.
Chairman	: Chairman of the Board.
Director	: Director General of the Commission.
Person	: Natural or Judicial Person.
Production projects	: Activities and works created and/ or implemented inside the Kingdom, totally or partially and related to production of films, Cinema, TV, radio, advertisement or production of photographic or electronic games or two or three dimensions cartoon or electronic games.

## **Creation of the Commission & its Objectives and Duties**

**Article (3):** A Commission shall be created in the Kingdom under the name (Royal Jordanian Commission for Films), which shall have an independent financial and administrative judicial personality. In such capacity, it may own movable and immovable property and carry out all legal acts necessary for achieving its objectives, including the conclusion of contracts and acceptance of grants, gifts, donations and aids. I shall have the right to litigate and to delegate the public civil prosecutor or any lawyer to act on its behalf in judicial procedures.

**Article (4):** The situs of the Commission shall be in Amman and, it may establish branches or open offices anywhere inside the Kingdom and abroad by a resolution from the board.

**Article (5):** The aim of the Commission is to achieve the following:

- a- To promote the Kingdom as an investment attraction center for implementation of production projects.
- b- To create an investment environment for developing and upgrading motion picture, TV, radio, advertisement industry and all activities associated with production projects.
- c- To support the activities, efforts and programs that aim to develop and promote production projects, in particular as a pioneering export industry.

**Article (6):** To achieve its objectives, the Commission shall assume the following duties:

- a- Carry out any activities for the purposes of promoting the Kingdom as an investment attraction hub.
- b- Conclude agreements and contracts for developing activities related to production projects inside the Kingdom and abroad, including investment projects related to infrastructure of production projects inside the Kingdom.

- c- Provide, train and qualify necessary technical staff to carry out the activities related to production projects.
- d- Establish or contribute in companies related to the objectives of the Commission.
- e- Conduct researches and studies, compile information and prepare statistics related to the activity and connected to production projects with the aim to upgrade and develop these projects.
- f- With due observance of the applicable legislations, and for achieving its objectives, the Commission shall cooperate and coordinate with competent official bodies, including recruitment of persons, technicians, experts and knowledgeable, Arabs and foreigners, to work in production projects. This shall include issuance of entry visas, work permits and granting entry permits for different locations inside the Kingdom, including tourist, archeological and other sites with the aim to implement production projects.
- g- Purchase own, rent and lease to others technical and technological equipment and machines needed for production products.

### **Commission Management**

- Article (7):** a – The Commission shall be managed and its affairs shall be supervised by a board of commissioners, the number of which shall not be less than five and not more than eleven members including the chairman and his deputy.
- b- The board chairman and his deputy shall be appointed by a venerable Royal decree.
  - c- Board members shall be appointed from among experienced and qualified persons by a decision of the chairman for a period of four years renewable. Any of them may be replaced in the same manner.

- d- The board may decide to add honorary members to the Commission from experienced and qualified Jordanians or from non-Jordanian nationality holders.

Article (8): In performing its duties, the board shall exercise the following powers:

- a- Draw up the general policy of the Commission and develop the plans and programs necessary for the implementation thereof.
- b- Draw up the plans and strategies that guarantee promotion of the Kingdom as an investment attraction center and implement such plans and strategies through production projects.
- c- Ratify the contracts in which the Commission is a party.
- d- Form necessary committees to help the board perform its duties from its members and/ or others and specify the duties of each committee thereof in its formation decision.
- e- Set the organization structure of the Commission.
- f- Develop training and rehabilitation rules and programs of technical staff of the Commission and production projects.
- g- Prepare annual budget of the Commission and submit it to the Cabinet for approval.
- h- Appoint certified auditor for the Commission and fix his fees.
- i- Define the bank or banks with which the Commission shall deal.
- j- Prepare the Commission's annual report, annual budget, and final accounts for the expiring fiscal year and submit it to the Cabinet for approval.
- k- Prepare draft executive regulations pertaining to the Commission.

- 1- Coordinate and cooperate with any entity from the public sector or private sector or any Arabic or foreign body for the purpose of achieving the Commission's objectives.

Article (9): The board shall meet upon a written invitation from its chairman or his deputy in his absence. The presence of its absolute majority of its members shall form the quorum for its meetings provided that the chairman or his deputy shall be among them. The board shall take its decisions with the majority votes of its members as a minimum.

Article (10): A director general shall be appointed for the Commission by a decision from the board under which his salary, allowances and all his financial rights shall be determined and his services shall be terminated in like manner.

Article (11): a- The director general shall assume the following duties and powers:

- 1- Execute the public policy of the Commission as set by the board.
- 2- Implement the decisions issued by the board.
- 3- Supervise the executive staff of the Commission in a manner that would guarantee good progress of its work.
- 4- Represent the Commission before third parties and all bodies.
- 5- Sign agreements and contracts in which the Commission is a party after approving them from the board.
- 6- Prepare annual draft budget of the Commission and present it to the board.
- 7- Prepare the annual report on the activities of the Commission and its annual budget and final accounts for the expiring fiscal year for presentation to the board.
- 8- Any other duties assigned to him by the board.

- b- The director general may delegate his powers, totally or partially, to his deputy in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's work provided that the delegation shall be in writing and specific.

### **Budget of the Commission and its Financial Resources**

Article (12): The Commission shall have an independent budget. Its fiscal year shall begin on the first of January of each year and expire on the thirty first of December of the same year.

Article (13): The financial resources of the Commission shall consist of the following:

- 1- Provisions allocated therefor in the general budget of the State.
  - 2- Aids, gifts, donations and grants given to the Commission.
  - 3- Proceeds of movable and immovable property owned by the Commission.
  - 4- Returns of production projects and investment projects set up by the Commission or in which it participates.
- b- Surplus of Commission's which exceeds its need shall be transferred to the public treasury by a decision from the board for carrying out its duties.

### **General Provisions**

Article (14): The Commission shall be exempted from all taxes, fees and revenues of different kinds, including income tax, general sales tax, customs duties and revenue stamps duties on its dealings.

Article (15): a- The board shall set the basics and standards for rehabilitation of production projects for the purposes of obtaining any of the exemptions, facilities and privileges needed for completion of such projects, including the taxes, fees and revenues referred to in Article (14) of this law in

addition to issuance of different types of licenses and permits and registration and licensing requirements for production projects and employees working therein pursuant to the provisions of any other legislation. The board shall submit these basics and standards to the Cabinet for approval.

- b- After the Cabinet approves the rehabilitation basics and standards referred to in section (a) hereof, the board shall, as the case may be, issue the decisions necessary for granting production projects any exemptions, facilities or privileges required for project completion. For this purpose, the board may issue any regulatory instructions needed for implementing such basics and standards in cooperation and coordination with the competent official authorities.

Article (16): The board shall set the instructions related to the following:

- a- Basis and procedures for appointing the executive staff of the Commission and regulating its different affairs.
- b- Regulate the administrative, financial and technical affairs of the Commission.
- c- Organize the board's meetings.

Article (17): The Cabinet shall issue necessary regulations to implement the provisions of this law.

Article (18): The Prime Minister and the ministers are instructed to implement the provisions of this law.

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