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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: The Implementing Regulations   
of the Commercial Courts Law

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| **Notifying Member** | | **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** |
| **Details of the notified legal text** | | |
| **Title** | | The Implementing Regulations of the Commercial Courts Law |
| **Subject matter** | | Enforcement |
| **Nature of notification** | | [  ] Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation  [X] Other law or regulation |
| **Link to legal text[[1]](#endnote-1)** | | <https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/SAU/22_1464_00_e.pdf>  <https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/SAU/22_1464_00_x.pdf> |
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| **Brief description of the notified legal text**  The Saudi Ministry of Justice has approved implementing regulations for the Law of Commercial Courts, aiming to enhance the commercial judiciary, fast-track decisions, and boost the business environment in Saudi Arabia.  The regulations provide for a special agreement between the parties and the organization of court panels according to the type of cases. They also define the works of court assistants, controls of employing the private sector, and expansion of expert witnesses to include merchants. The regulations also set forth e-litigation procedures, the jurisdiction of commercial courts, mediation and adjudication procedures, case management, and the quorum of judicial panels.  They also provide for grievances and appeals, the judgments and decisions requiring pleadings, the duration of small claims, and the rules of class actions. | | |
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