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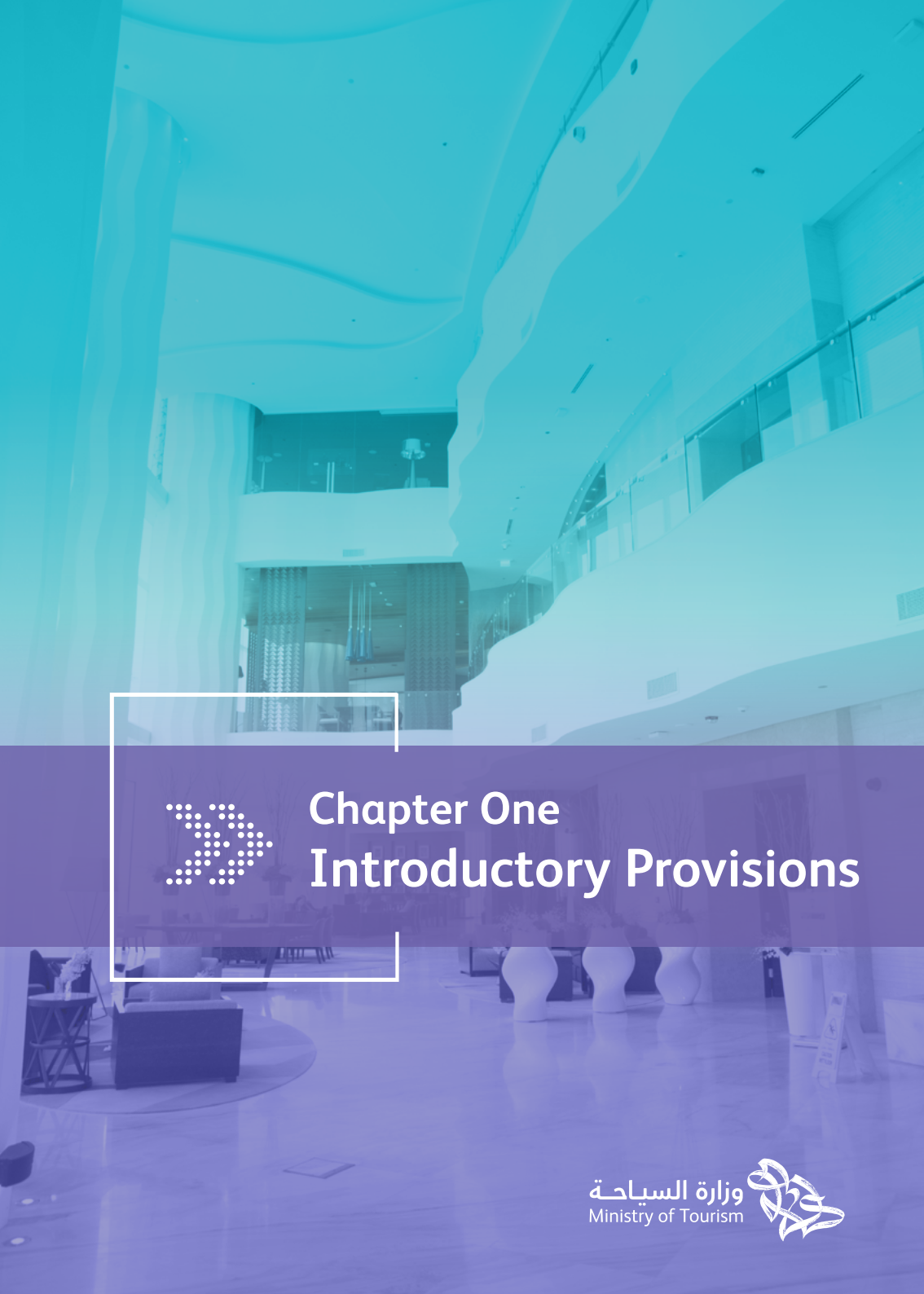
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Chapter One
Introductory Provisions

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Article 1

In these Regulations, the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

- **Law:** Tourism Law
- **Regulations:** Trial Activities Regulations.
- **Ministry:** Ministry of Tourism.
- **Minister:** Minister of Tourism.
- **Trial Activity:** An activity which does not fall under the competence or supervision of a specific agency, and which is mainly related to tourism.
- **Permit:** A fixed-term document issued by the Ministry approving the practice of an activity in accordance with the provisions of the Law and its Regulations.
- **Authorized Person:** Any person with a natural or legal capacity who has obtained a permit to practice a trial activity.
- **Evaluation Plan:** Procedures and mechanisms for evaluating a trial activity.
- **Exit Plan:** Procedures and mechanisms for exiting a trial activity.
- **Tourist:** Any person with a natural capacity who, for the purpose of tourism, lawfully stays for a period of no less than one night outside his regular place of residence, or makes use of one or more tourist, complementary, and specialized services.
- **Procedural Guide:** A document that includes instructions, guidelines, criteria, or others to specify the detailed procedures complementary to these regulations in accordance with the provisions of the Law and its Regulations.
- **Official Address:** The address registered in the permit, the national address, or the contact information of the activity practitioner, whatever their types, as obtained by the Ministry.

Article 2

These Regulations set up rules for regulating the practice of trial activities, and specify controls, conditions, and procedures for obtaining the permit, in addition to the ongoing obligations to be observed, and the general provisions.



Chapter Two
Approval and Authorization

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Article 3

The Ministry may approve and authorize the practice of a trial activity for a specified period, for the purpose of evaluating such activity and deciding on its regulation. A trial activity may not be practiced without obtaining a permit, nor after the expiry or cancellation thereof, nor during its suspension period.

Article 4

Any person applying to the Ministry for the practice of a trial activity for the first time shall submit the following documents:

1. A study comprising the best international practices related to the activity, if any;
2. An economic feasibility study for the activity;
3. An evaluation plan, provided that it includes the implementation stages, schedule, and methods to achieve the targeted results of the activity; and
4. An exit plan, provided that it includes the potential final stages.

The applicant shall fill out the application form prepared by the Ministry.

Article 5

The Ministry shall study the application for the practice of a trial activity in light of the following criteria:

1. Whether the activity supports the objectives of the General Strategy for the Development of National Tourism;
2. The innovative nature of such activity;
3. The added value of the trial activity to the tourist and tourism sector; and
4. Whether the trial activity has a potential to grow and attract investments.

The Ministry may, whenever required, seek the assistance of a technical expert or specialist from within or outside the Ministry to provide advice or opinion on the trial activity. It may also request the applicant for permit to provide additional information on the trial activity and to respond to its inquiries.

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Article 6

The Minister, or his designee, shall issue a decision, based on the study prepared by the Ministry as referred to in Article 5 of these Regulations, approving or rejecting the trial activity, provided that the approval decision includes the following:

1. Name and description of the trial activity;
2. Conditions and requirements for issuing the permit;
3. Practice period of the trial activity, validity period of the permit, and mechanism for renewal thereof;
4. Approval of the evaluation and exit plans related to the trial activity;
5. Additional ongoing obligations for practicing the trial activity, and a table showing the classification of violations and their corresponding penalties; and
6. Persons qualified to practice the trial activity.

Article 7

An applicant for a permit from the Ministry shall provide the following:

1. Applicant's official data;
2. Conditions and requirements for issuing the permit, as specified in the approval decision of the trial activity.

The applicant shall fill out the permit application form prepared by the Ministry.

Article 8

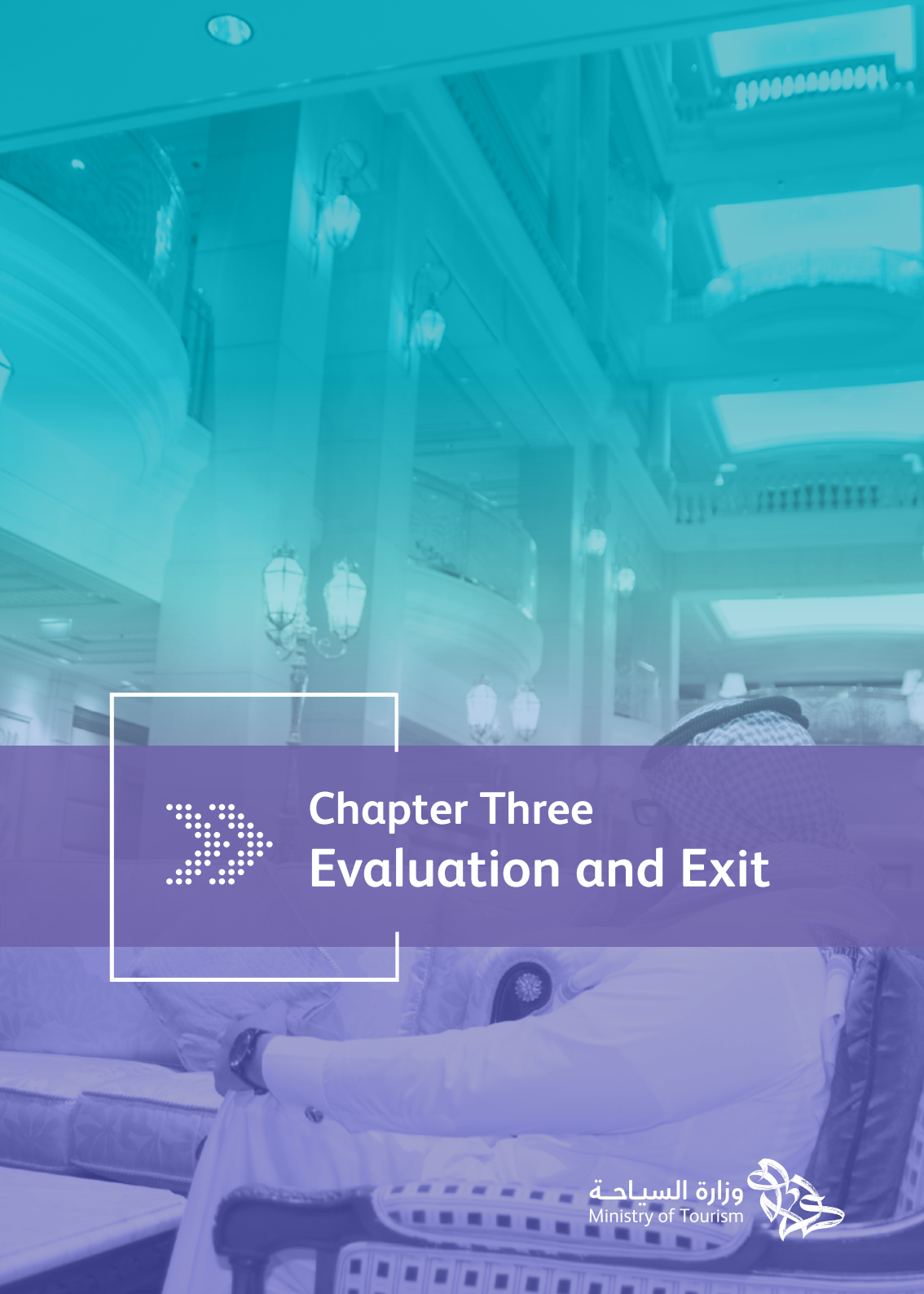
The Ministry shall issue the permit upon the applicant's fulfillment of the requirements for the permit specified in Article 7 of these Regulations and its payment of the permit fees in accordance with the Fees Schedule attached to these Regulations.

Article 9

1. The permit shall contain the authorized person's data, validity and expiry dates of the permit, and any other information determined by the Ministry.
2. The validity period of the permit shall not exceed the period specified in the approval decision of the trial activity.

Article 10

The authorized person shall obtain the Ministry's approval prior to any temporary suspension of the trial activity.



Chapter Three
Evaluation and Exit

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Article 11

The evaluation and exit plans and the additional ongoing obligations approved in accordance with Article 6 of these Regulations shall apply to all authorized persons, and shall be amended whenever the need arises within the practice period of the trial activity.

Article 12

The Ministry shall monitor the trial activity throughout its practice period as per its approved evaluation plan.

Article 13

The Ministry may suspend the trial activity in the following cases:

1. If the activity achieves its expected results, in preparation for its approval as a tourist activity; and
2. If the activity fails to achieve the expected results;

Article 14

The authorized person shall provide the Ministry with reports and results in accordance with the approved evaluation plan for the trial activity.

Article 15

The authorized person shall implement the approved exit plan immediately in the following cases:

1. Upon suspension of the trial activity;
2. Once he is informed of the Ministry's intention not to renew the permit; and
3. In the event that he applies to the Ministry for cancellation of permit.



Chapter Four
Ongoing Obligations

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Article 16

The authorized person shall:

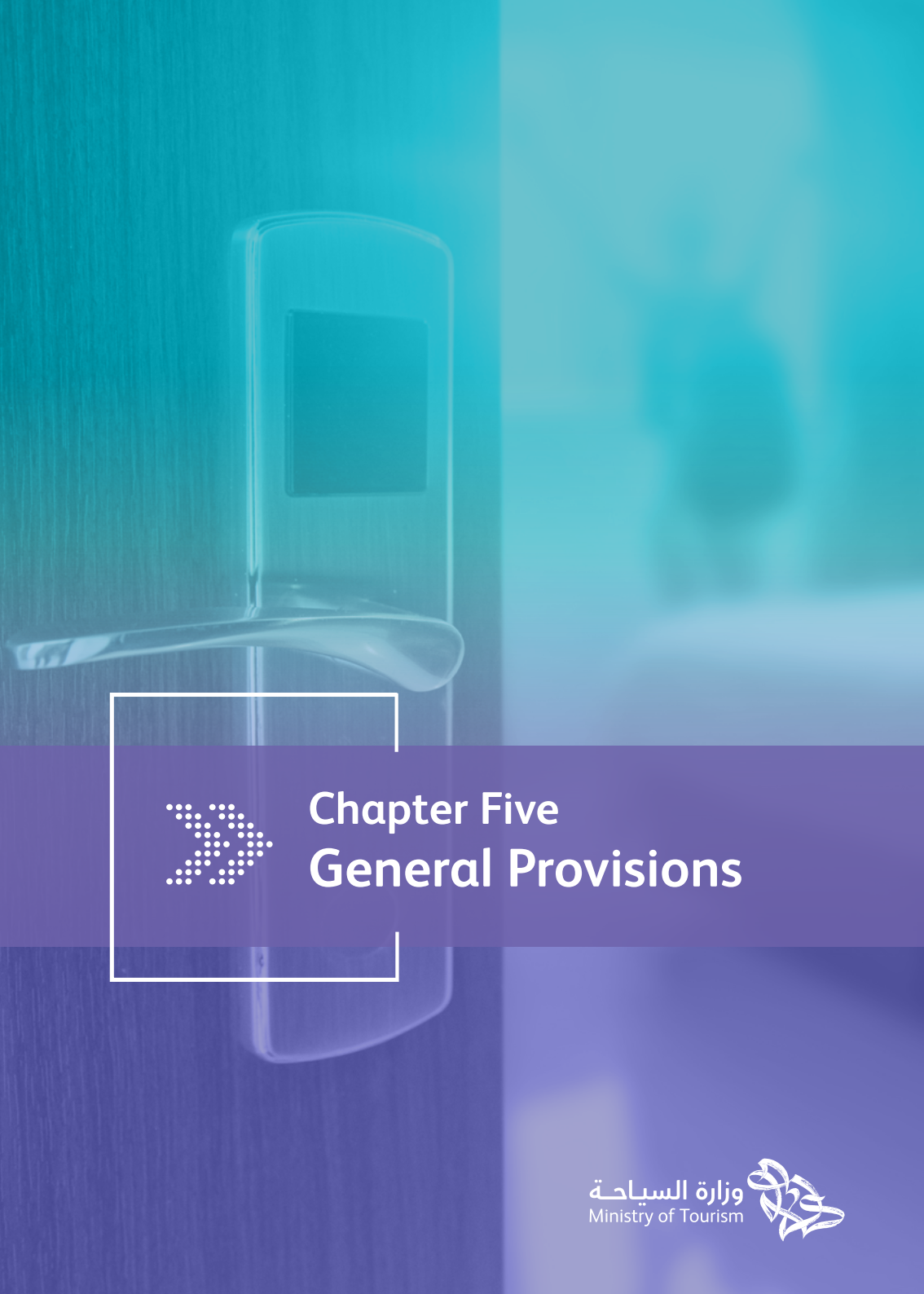
1. Practice the authorized trial activity, and provide any services associated therewith, in accordance with the requirements issued in respect thereof;
2. Implement the approved evaluation and exit plans pursuant to the mechanisms and time periods specified for implementation thereof;
3. Provide the Ministry, upon request, with any information or data by any means that the Ministry deems appropriate and within the period specified thereby;
4. Update all its information and that of the trial activity in the Ministry's electronic system immediately after any change thereof;
5. Comply with the permit requirements throughout its validity period;
6. Prevent other persons from using the permit;
7. Abide by the decisions, instructions and circulars issued by the Ministry;
8. Allow inspectors to perform their duties, and cooperate with them and facilitate their work;
9. Avoid using the Ministry's name and logo in any promotional or marketing activity, except after obtaining the Ministry's approval; and
10. Use data and information corresponding with the permit upon publication or announcement thereof.

Article 17

To ensure the tourist's safety and security, the authorized person shall comply with the laws and the instructions of the competent authorities with respect to security, health, and environmental aspects, safety means, first aid, evacuation, etc., and shall take all necessary measures and procedures therefor.

Article 18

To ensure transparency regarding the prices of services delivered, the authorized person shall set, announce to tourists, and abide by a price list of these services in both the Arabic and English languages, in accordance with the controls set by the Ministry, provided that said list includes legal fees and taxes.



Chapter Five
General Provisions

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Article 19

1. The practitioner of a trial activity shall be subject to inspection in accordance with the Law, its Regulations, and the procedural guides set by the Ministry for this purpose.
2. Penalties shall be implemented against any violation of the provisions of these Regulations in accordance with the Schedule of Violations and Penalties referred to in Article 16(5) of the Law.

Article 20

Without prejudice to relevant laws, the Ministry may seek the assistance of specialized technical companies or agencies to carry out certain tasks entrusted thereto under the Law and its Regulations, provided that they have sufficient trained technical personnel and experience as per the tasks assigned thereto as determined by the Ministry, in accordance with the provisions of the Law and its Regulations.

Article 21

The procedural guides required to implement the provisions of these Regulations shall be issued pursuant to a decision of the Minister, or his designee, upon the recommendation of the Ministry, and shall be updated in the same manner.

Article 22

Any correspondence sent by the Ministry to the stakeholders at their official addresses shall be deemed an official notification.

Article 23

These Regulations shall be issued pursuant to a decision of the Minister. They shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force as of the effective date of the Law.

Fees Schedule for the Activity of Trial Activities

Service	Fees (SAR)
Permit Issuance	No fees


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