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**Ministry of Industry and Commerce**

**Decision No. (51) of 2024 regarding the Permission to practice Certain Commercial Activities through a Virtual Commercial Store**

Minister of Industry and Commerce:

Having reviewed the Commercial Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (7) of 1987, as amended,

Legislative Decree No. (27) of 2015 regarding the Commercial Register,

Implementing Regulation of Legislative Decree No. (27) of 2015 regarding the Commercial Register, issued by Decision No. (126) of 2016 and amended by Decision No. (68) of 2018, particularly Article (27) thereof,

Decision No. (128) of 2016 regarding the Fees for Commercial Register, amended by Decision No. (81) of 2019,

Decision No (152) of 2016 regarding the Permission to Practice of Commercial Activities through a Virtual Commercial Store,

Decision No. (93) of 2018 regarding the Fees for Performing Commercial Activities,

Decision No. (11) of 2021 regarding the Regulation of the Activities of a Cook (Chef) through a Virtual Commercial Store,

Decision No. (12) of 2021 regarding the Regulation of Online Sales through Virtual Commercial Stores, as amended by Decision No. (61) of 2021,

And upon the submission of the Undersecretary of the Ministry,

Hereby Decides:

Article One

It is permitted to engage in the commercial activities listed in Table No. (1) attached to this decision through a virtual commercial store, in accordance with the assessment of the competent directorate at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, based on the nature of the activity for which the licence is required.

Article Two

The following conditions must be met by those requesting a licence to engage in any of the commercial activities listed in Table No. (1) attached to this Decision:

1- They must be of Bahraini nationality.

2- They must commit to conducting the commercial activity solely through a sole proprietorship.

3- They must provide a permanent correspondence address.

Article Three

When engaging in the activity of a cook (chef) through a virtual commercial store, the licence holder must adhere to the following:

1- Ensure complete cleanliness at all stages of food preparation, and observe food safety, including its components, methods of preparation, and storage.

2- Display the Commercial Registration Number on the main page of the cook's (chef’s) virtual activity platform or website.

3- Conduct sales activities directly to consumers or by contracting with restaurants, hotels, or any other entities.

Article Four

The licence holder engaged in online sales through a virtual commercial store must have an operational website for the virtual commercial store.

Furthermore, the licence holder is prohibited from dealing in any of the products listed in Table No. (2) attached to this Decision while conducting online sales through a virtual commercial store.

Article Five

Licence holders conducting any of the activities listed in Table No. (1) attached to this Decision are prohibited from obtaining permits to recruit foreign labour for the licensed activity.

Article Six

The following decisions are hereby repealed:

1- Decision No (152) of 2016 regarding the Permission to Practice of Commercial Activities through a Virtual Commercial Store.

2- Decision No. (11) of 2021 regarding the Regulation of the Activities of a Cook (Chef) through a Virtual Commercial Store.

3- Decision No. (12) of 2021 regarding the Regulation of Online Sales through Virtual Commercial Stores.

Article Seven

The Undersecretary of the Ministry shall implement provisions of this Decision, and it shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Minister of Industry and Commerce

Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro

Issued on:

26 Muharram 1446 AH

Corresponding to:

1 August 2024

Table No. (1)

Commercial Activities Permitted to be Conducted through a Virtual Commercial Store

Number

Activity Code

Activity Name

1

13-1

Manufacture of Textiles - Workshop

2

14104

Tailoring, Sewing and Stitching of Clothes

3

4321

Electrical Installations

4

43221

Installation and Maintenance of Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Systems

5

43223

Installation of Sanitary Ware

6

45205

Car Washing and Polishing

7

47736-1

Trade/Sale of Handicrafts, Antiques, Art Exhibitions, Stamps, Coins, Luxury Items, and Equestrian Supplies

8

47736-2

Trade/Sale of Handicrafts, Antiques, Art Exhibitions, Stamps, Coins, Luxury Items, and Equestrian Supplies - Handicraft Activities

9

4791

Online Sales

10

56291

Food Delivery Services

11

582

Software Publishing

12

591

Film, Video, and Television Programme Production Activities

13

592

Activities of Publishing Audio Recordings and Music

14

6201

Computer Programming Activities

15

6202

Computer Consulting Activities and Management of Computer Facilities

16

6311

Data Processing and Web Hosting Activities and Related Activities

17

6312

Operation of Markets, Websites, or Portals

18

702

Management Consulting Activities

19

70209

Public Relations Activities

20

71202-1

Quality and Product Testing and Certification - Management Systems Consulting

21

71206

Performance Testing for Vehicles

22

721

Experimental Research and Development in Natural Sciences and Engineering

23

722

Experimental Research and Development in Social Sciences and Humanities

Number

Activity Code

Activity Name

24

73101

Advertising and Promotion

25

732

Market Research and Opinion Polls

26

741010

Activities in Fashion, Clothing, Footwear, and Jewellery Design

27

741011

Jewellery Design Activities

28

74102

Interior Decoration Activities

29

74103

Graphic Design Activities

30

74109

Other Specialised Design Activities

31

74901

Translation Activities

32

749032

Agricultural Engineering Consulting

33

742-1

Photography Activities

34

7490901

Chef Activities

35

7721

Rental of Recreational and Sports Goods

36

7810

Recruitment and Selection Activities for Senior Executive Positions

37

7990

Arrangement and Organisation of Tourist Tours

38

79902

Ticket Sales Activities for Theatrical, Sports, and Other Entertainment Events (Excluding Airline Ticket Sales)

39

79903

Visitor Assistance Services

40

79904

Medical Coordination for Treatment Abroad

41

813

Activities Related to the Service and Maintenance of Beautification Sites

42

823-1

Organisation of Conferences and Trade Exhibitions

43

8292

Packaging and Packing Activities

44

8292-2

Packaging and Packing Activities - Food Packaging

45

8292-4

Packaging and Packing Activities - Cosmetics or Herbal Products

46

8299-1

Other Support Services for Businesses

47

8299-2

Other Support Services for Businesses - Government Transaction Clearance

Number

Activity Code

Activity Name

48

854101

Sports Education (Football, Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Swimming, or Any Other Sport)

49

854103

Horse Riding Instruction

50

854105

Martial Arts Instruction

51

854106

Fitness/Yoga Instruction

52

85421

Arts and Drama Instruction

53

854953

Training Programme Design

54

85499

Other Educational and Training Activities

55

855

Educational Support Activities - Educational Services for Students Abroad

56

90001

Production of Live Theatrical Performances and Other Events

57

90003

Sculptors, Painters, Cartoonists, Engravers, and Others

58

931901

Producers and Contractors Organising Sporting Events

59

9511

Repair of Computers and Related Equipment

60

9512

Repair of Communication Equipment

61

9521

Repair of Consumer Electronic Equipment

62

9522

Repair and Maintenance of Household and Garden Equipment

63

9523

Repair of Shoes and Leather Goods

64

9524

Repair of Furniture and Household Furnishings

65

9529

Repair of Other Personal and Household Goods

66

960111

Ironing of All Types of Clothing Including Fur and Textiles

67

9602901

Beauty Expert and Hair Stylist

68

96093

Animal Care (Care, Training, etc.)

69

960931

Consulting in Animal Training

70

9609901

Personal Shopper

71

960991

Coordination and Organisation Activities for Personal Events

Table No. (2)

Products Prohibited to be Transacted Within the Online Sales Activity through a Virtual Commercial Store

Number

Products

1

Food and Beverages

2

Medical Devices and Products

3

Pharmaceutical and Medical Goods

4

Industrial Chemicals

5

Petroleum and Gas Products

6

Tobacco Products

7

Fertilisers, Soil Improvers, and Pesticides

8

Sale of Live Animals

9

Waste and Scrap

10

Heavy Machinery

11

Weapons

12

Other Products Requiring Approvals from Relevant Official Authorities