

Official Gazette of the State of Qatar

History and Development

The legal status of the State of Qatar was started with issue of Law No . 1 of the year 1961 to establish an official gazette for the Government of Qatar .

That Law Was issued by the ruler of Qatar Sheikh Ahmad Bin Ali Bin Abdullah Al Thani on 02/-01/1961 (AD) corresponding to 15/07/1380 (H) .

The Law consisted of three Articles as follows :

Article 1

A Government Official Gazette shall be made, and all legislation issued after entry into force of this Law shall be published in it in order to inform all the people of the promulgation of any new legislation .

Article 2

The promulgation of any new legislation shall be considered to be known across Qatar thirty days after it is published in the Official Gazette, and this period may be reduced or extended by expressly stating in the new legislation, without prejudice to the previous applicable rules with regards to the earlier legislation .

Article 3

All competent authorities should implement this Law within their competence, and shall work according to it from the date on which it is published in the Official Gazette.

The State of Qatar has been improving its legislation in line with the rapid changes it witnessed during its travel from that time until now . Then the Ministry of Justice decided to collect the monthly published issues of Official Gazette in order to make a legislative collection combining those issues. So, it published a legislative collection from 1961 to 1990 in seven volumes, and another collection from 1991 to 1995 in

three volumes . Thereafter, it started publishing the legislative collection every year until now .

For the convenience of the public dealing with the legislation – whether it is judicial or security authority , private or public sector or individuals – the ministry of justice decided to make "legal codes "for the specified laws , considering the need to use those laws on an effective and daily basis thereby , the ministry of justice published sixteen laws printed in booklets . the same procedure is going on for the other laws also .

One of the most important things developed by the ministry and which is related to the investment is "collection of the investment legislation " which was compiled in a single booklet , for the purpose of convenience for the concerned people in this area . At the same time the ministry of justice didn't neglect historical side of the legislation; therefore , it published a collection of repealed laws in tow big volumes .

Later on , the work of the ministry of justice improved in the area of publishing Official Gazette , and it became the competent authority , under the Emiri Decree No.25 of the year 2014 , for authorization of translation of the laws in to the English language for the requiring department So , the competent department in the Ministry decided to appoint Cadre of translation experts inthis area.

The Ministry of Justice provides all government authorities, institutions , public department and all other sectors , with the required numbers of the issues of Official Gazette , legislative collection or legal codes for a nominal fee , through either the direct delivery from the department center in the Ministry of Justice or sending it by normal post . Moreover , all the legislation is available on Qatar legal portal " ALMEEZAN" and the website of the Ministry of Justice .

It is expected to complete a new amendment to the law so that the electronic organization of the legislation can be implemented along with publishing the monthly issue of the Official Gazette .