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**We, Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,**

After perusal of the Law No. (8) of 1997 Regulating Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, its Executive Regulations, and the amendments thereto;

And the Law No. (3) of 2003 on Establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;

And the Law No. (13) of 2011 Regulating the Conduct of Economic Activities in the Emirate of Dubai and the amendments thereto;

And the Law No. (4) of 2013 on the Notary Public in the Emirate of Dubai and the amendments thereto;

And the Law No. (5) of 2021 Concerning the Dubai International Financial Centre;

And the Law No. (20) of 2021 Establishing the Department of Economy and Tourism in the Emirate of Dubai;

And the Decree No (10) of 1994 Regulating the Fees of Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry and its amendments thereto;

And the Decree No (22) of 2009 Concerning Special Development Zones in the Emirate of Dubai;

And the legislation establishing and regulating free zones in the Emirate of Dubai;

**Do hereby issue this Law:**

## **Title of the Law**

### **Article (1)**

This law shall be cited as the “**Law No. (1) of 2022 Establishing Dubai Chambers**”.

## **Definitions**

### **Article (2)**

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Law, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

State: The United Arab Emirates.

Emirate: The Emirate of Dubai.

Ruler: His Highness the Ruler of Dubai.

Government: The Government of Dubai.

Executive Council: The Executive Council of the Emirate.

Department: The Department of Economy and Tourism in the Emirate.

Dubai Chambers: Dubai Chambers established under this Law.

Subsidiary Chambers: Dubai Chamber of Commerce, Dubai International Chamber, Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy, whose provisions and functions are regulated under this Law.

Honorary Chairman: The Honorary Chairman of Dubai Chambers.

Board: The Dubai Chambers’ Board of Directors.

Director General: The Director General of Dubai Chambers.

Advisory Councils: The Auxiliary Councils for Subsidiary Chambers.

Government Entity: It includes government departments, public bodies and institutions, councils and governmental authorities including the authorities

supervising special development zones, free zones including the Dubai International Financial Centre, and any other public entity affiliated with the Government.

Competent Entity: The Department or Government Entity concerned with licensing economic activities in the Emirate, including the authorities supervising the special development zones, and free zones including the Dubai International Financial Centre.

## **Establishment of Dubai Chambers**

### **Article (3)**

- a- Under this Law, "**Dubai Chambers**" is established as a non-profit public organization, with legal entity and financial and administrative independence. It shall have the legal capacity to carryout businesses and acts that ensure the achievement of its objectives.
- b- The name "**Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry**" shall be amended wherever it appears in any legislation in force in the Emirate, to become "**Dubai Chambers**".
- c- Dubai Chambers consists of (3) Subsidiary Chambers that support the achievement of the objectives of Dubai Chambers, as follows:
  - 1. Dubai Chamber of Commerce.
  - 2. Dubai International Chamber.
  - 3. Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy.
- d- The Subsidiary Chambers have the legal capacity to the extent necessary to ensure the achievement of the objectives of Dubai Chambers and enable them to conduct legal acts and carryout functions entrusted to them under the provisions of this Law.

## **The Headquarters of Dubai Chambers**

### **Article (4)**

The headquarters of Dubai Chambers shall be based in the Emirate. It may establish branches or offices for it inside or outside the Emirate by a Board resolution.

## **Objectives of the Dubai Chambers**

### **Article (5)**

Dubai Chambers shall endeavor to achieve the following objectives:

1. Representing, supporting and protecting the interests of the business community in the Emirate in a manner that serves achievement of sustainable economic development in it.
2. Contributing to support the efforts of the Emirate aimed at strengthening its position as a center of excellence in the economic field and doing business at all local, regional and global levels.
3. Contributing to support directions of the Emirate in opening up the economy and creating new economic tools, by developing new and promising sectors and attracting various investments in cooperation and partnership with international bodies and organizations, in a manner that serves to improve the economic environment in the Emirate.
4. Contributing to motivate national companies and family businesses to transform into international companies, by creating opportunities to market their products and services globally, or to enter into international partnerships, and contribute to opening new markets for them in the global markets.
5. Growing and developing the business environment in the Emirate, enhancing its attractiveness and competitiveness, and improving the quality of services

provided to the members of Dubai Chambers, in cooperation and coordination with the Department and concerned Government Entities.

6. Enhancing the participation of the private sector in the economic development of the Emirate, by supporting economic and other activities related to it and promoting the social and environmental responsibility of the private sector.
7. Contributing to the development of national leadership cadres administratively and technically in the economic fields and business sector, by encouraging and supporting the establishment of university colleges, institutes and commercial and technical training centers in coordination with the concerned entities.
8. Preserving family businesses and national enterprises, and guiding and empowering them to achieve growth and sustainability, including listing them in the financial markets.

## **Functions of Dubai Chambers**

### **Article (6)**

To achieve its objectives, Dubai Chambers assumes the following tasks and powers:

1. Developing plans, policies and strategies to strengthen the Emirate's position at the regional and global levels in the field of commerce and industry, and promoting the attraction of investments and companies to make the Emirate as a base for their businesses, as well as providing a stimulating and attractive business environment for them, all in coordination with the concerned Government Entities.
2. Developing plans, policies and strategies that contribute to the development of leadership, administrative and technical cadres in the economic fields and business sector, and qualifying them to occupy current and future specialized jobs, proposing the necessary legislation to implement those plans, policies and

strategies, and submitting recommendations and proposals to the Board to take the actions that it deems appropriate.

3. Concluding cooperation agreements and memoranda of understanding with federations, chambers, bodies, and similar organizations to strengthen cooperation and trade relations with them in coordination with concerned Government Entities in the State.
4. Providing the necessary services to the members of Dubai Chambers to enable them to carry out their businesses and activities, protecting their rights, obtaining their opinions and presenting them to the concerned Government Entities to solve the problems, obstacles, challenges and difficulties they face.
5. Issuing the necessary permits for business groups and councils that are formed in the Emirate and that are composed of companies, business owners and experts belonging to a certain nationality, in preparation for granting them the necessary licenses and legal personality from the concerned Government Entities in accordance with the legislation in force in the Emirate and the conditions and procedures approved by the Board in this regard.
6. Receiving visiting trade delegations and missions and sending trade delegations abroad.
7. Organizing and holding local and international trade events, exhibitions, conferences, seminars and panel discussions, or contributing in their organization or participating in them, for the purpose of promoting the economy of the Emirate and its commercial establishments.
8. Reviewing and analyzing the economic situation, assisting decision makers in the Emirate to foresee the future and developing the necessary means and tools to develop the economic sector in the Emirate, and submitting the necessary proposals related to updating the current legislation or proposing new legislation aimed at sustainable economic development, in coordination with the concerned Government Entities.

9. Cooperating and coordinating with local and federal Government Entities, as well as with chambers of commerce, federations, business organizations and professional bodies in various sectors of the economy, with the aim of developing businesses and seeking ways to develop them and addressing common commercial, technical and administrative matters, and exchanging experience and consultation with them.
10. Issuing and publishing magazines, journals and other various commercial and specialized publications and preparing reports and studies in areas related to the functions of Dubai Chambers.
11. Participating in the membership of councils and committees formed by local and federal Government Entities to study and organize issues related to various economic affairs.
12. Forming committees and specialized work teams to provide support and innovative solutions to companies in the areas of marketing and capacity building.
13. Working to strengthen the economic relations of the Emirate with other countries to attract investments and companies to make the Emirate as a base for their businesses, and providing a stimulating and attractive business environment for investors and companies, in coordination with the concerned Government Entities.
14. Preparing economic studies, research and reports that are concerned with evaluating and developing the performance of various economic sectors in the Emirate, and identifying the problems and difficulties they face, and presenting the results they reach to the Department and concerned Government Entities in cases that require that.
15. Owning, managing, investing, selling and mortgaging movable and immovable assets and concluding contracts and agreements of all kinds.



16. Establishing wholly owned companies or investment projects, or contributing in companies and investment projects related to achieving its objectives within or outside the Emirate.
17. Providing advice and consultation to the members of Dubai Chambers on legal or commercial or economic or technical matters, providing them with the available information and guiding them to follow the procedures and means that help them to protect their rights and develop their businesses.
18. Carrying out any other tasks or powers that are necessary to achieve the objectives of Dubai Chambers, mandated by the Ruler or Chairman of the Executive Council.

### **Honorary Chairman**

#### **Article (7)**

Dubai Chambers shall have an Honorary Chairman, appointed by a decree issued by the Ruler.

### **Dubai Chambers Board of Directors**

#### **Article (8)**

- a. The Dubai Chambers shall have a Board of Directors consisting of Chairman, Vice Chairman and membership of Chairmen of the Boards of Directors of the Subsidiary Chambers and a number of members, who shall be appointed by a decree issued by the Ruler, and the term of membership in the Board shall be three (3) years subject to renewal.
- b. The Vice Chairman shall replace the Chairman in his absence, and exercise all the powers entrusted to him. In the event the position of the Chairman of the

Board becomes vacant for any reason, a new Chairman is appointed by a decree issued by the Ruler.

- c. If the term of the Board expires and no new board is appointed for Dubai Chambers, the Board whose term has expired shall continue to exercise its functions until the new board is appointed.

## **Functions of the Board of Directors**

### **Article (9)**

The Board is considered the supreme supervisory authority over the Dubai Chambers and its executive body. It shall assume the task of overall supervision of the fulfillment of the Dubai Chambers' objectives and the facilitation of its affairs. For this purpose, it exercises the following tasks and powers:

1. Adopting the general policy of the Dubai Chambers and Subsidiary Chambers, and their strategic, development, operational and financial plans, and overseeing their implementation.
2. Approving proposals on initiatives, programs, economic plans and investment projects that support and strengthen the Emirate's economy, and increase employment opportunities and invest in them, and submit them to the concerned Government Entities to take what they deem appropriate.
3. Approving the annual budget and financial statement of Dubai Chambers and the institutions and companies owned by it, appointing external auditors and reviewing the reports and remarks they submit at the end of each financial year.
4. Adopting the charter of Dubai Chambers' Board and the Subsidiary Chambers' Boards, provided that this charter includes the mechanism of holding meetings and the quorum for the validity of the meetings, decision making, the duties of the Chairman and Vice Chairman and the members of the Board of Dubai Chambers and Subsidiary Chambers' Boards, cases of loss and forfeiture of

membership and other matters related to the organization of the work of the Board and Subsidiary Chambers' Boards.

5. Approving the organizational structure of the executive body of Dubai Chambers.
6. Adopting regulations and resolutions related to the organization of the work in Dubai Chambers in administrative, financial, technical, contractual and human resources matters.
7. Deciding on common matters between the Subsidiary Chambers and coordinating in relation to their general policies.
8. Approving the establishment and ownership of various companies, institutions and funds that serve the objectives and interests of Dubai Chambers.
9. Approving loan contracts, and accepting endowments and donations in accordance with the legislation in force in the Emirate.
10. Reviewing business reports, activities and achievements of Dubai Chambers and its Subsidiary Chambers, annual reports, financial reports and performance reports, including the companies and institutions it owns.
11. Adopting the regulations, rules and procedures for membership of Dubai Chambers.
12. Forming sub-committees and permanent and temporary working teams, whether from the members of the Board or the Boards of Directors of the Subsidiary Chambers or from the members of Dubai Chambers or its employees, or from experts and specialists, provided that the resolution to form one of these committees or working teams shall specify their functions, their working mechanism and other related matters.
13. Approving plans to establish international branches and representative offices for Dubai Chambers outside the State.
14. Approving the establishment of a specialized chambers or joint chambers with similar chambers or joining the membership of any of the specialized

international organizations or federations after obtaining the special approvals from the concerned Government Entities in the State.

15. Any other tasks or powers necessary to achieve the objectives of Dubai Chambers, mandated by the Ruler or the Chairman of the Executive Council.

## **Functions of the Chairman of the Board**

### **Article (10)**

- a. The Chairman of the Board shall assume the following tasks and powers:
  1. Representing Dubai Chambers before federal and local Government Entities and other international entities.
  2. Convening the Board meetings, approving the agenda of the meetings and approving their minutes, signing the resolutions adopted by the Board and supervising their implementation by the executive body of Dubai Chambers.
  3. Approving the minutes of the meetings of the Board Committees and reviewing the minutes of the meetings of the Boards of Directors of the Subsidiary Chambers to ensure that they do not contradict the resolutions adopted by the Board.
  4. Coordinating and following up with the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors of the Subsidiary Chambers on all common matters between them.
  5. Approving the opening, management and closing of bank accounts of Dubai Chambers and Subsidiary Chambers inside and outside the State, appointing authorized signatories for these accounts and determining their powers in accordance with the financial authority matrix approved by the Board, signing loan contracts and requesting banking facilities in accordance with the resolutions issued in this regard by the Board.
  6. Overseeing the preparation of reports and proposals on the affairs and matters of Dubai Chambers and the resolutions that have been implemented and submitting them to the Board.

7. Any other tasks or powers necessary to achieve the objectives of Dubai Chambers, mandated by the Ruler or the Chairman of the Executive Council.
- b. Except for the powers specified for the Chairman of the Board pursuant to items (2) and (3) of paragraph (a) of this article, the Chairman of the Board may delegate any powers given to him under paragraph (a) of this article to his deputy or to any of the members of the Board or to the Director General, provided that such delegation is in writing and specific.

## **Functions of Dubai Chamber of Commerce**

### **Article (11)**

The Dubai Chamber of Commerce, in coordination with Dubai Chambers and the concerned Government Entities, shall assume the following tasks and powers:

1. Representing and supporting the companies that make the Emirate as their base to carry out their activities, protecting their interests and rights, contributing to the development of their businesses and market their products and services within and outside the Emirate, and acting as a liaison between the government and companies licensed to operate in the Emirate with the aim of improving the business environment in the Emirate.
2. Developing plans and programs to transform local and national companies into international companies, support and market their products and services regionally and globally, and supervising their implementation.
3. Providing support to small and medium pilot projects, and opening the way for their development, merging and turning them into major or global projects.
4. Cooperating and coordinating with the Department and concerned Government Entities in the Emirate regarding the requests submitted by commercial liaison offices, bodies, federations, associations and regional and international non-governmental organizations specialized in the economic, commercial and

professional fields to open their branches and offices in the Emirate, in preparation for issuing the necessary permits for them in accordance with the legislation in force in the Emirate.

5. Collecting and managing information and data related to economic aspects and evaluating the performance of economic sectors in the Emirate, and providing them to the concerned Government Entities to study them and develop appropriate solutions for the development of these sectors and diagnose the problems and difficulties they face.
6. Registering in the approved register of membership of Dubai Chambers natural and legal persons licensed to carry out the activities mentioned in the Guide for the Classification of Economic Activities approved by the Department, and providing them with certificates and documents proving their membership.
7. Organizing and launching initiatives related to corporate social responsibility in line with international standards and practices, and highlighting their role in supporting, serving, developing and sustaining societies.
8. Studying and resolving commercial complaints arising between members of Dubai Chambers or between them and others, using the dispute resolution tools available in the Emirate, and submitting development proposals in their regard to the concerned Government Entities to take what they deem appropriate.
9. Issuing certificates of origin of all kinds for goods and products exported or re-exported from the Emirate in accordance with the rules and procedures approved by it in this regard.
10. Proposing the provision of the necessary facilities for trade services, including services for attesting certificates of origin, contracts, documents and credit ratings issued by other chambers, in particular digital certificates of origin.
11. Attesting signatures, seals, papers, certificates, contracts and other documents relating to commercial transactions required by members of Dubai Chambers in carrying out their businesses, provided that the provisions of the aforementioned Law No. (4) of 2013 are taken into consideration.

12. Forming permanent and temporary working teams, whether from the members of the Board of Directors of Dubai Chamber of Commerce or from others, provided that the resolution to form such teams shall specify their functions, working mechanism and other issues related to them.
13. Any other tasks or powers assigned to it by the Board and related to the achievement of the objectives of Dubai Chambers.

## **Functions of Dubai International Chamber**

### **Article (12)**

The Dubai International Chamber, in coordination with Dubai Chambers and concerned Government Entities shall assume the following tasks and powers:

1. Developing plans, policies and strategies aimed at enhancing and strengthening the Emirate's position as a headquarters for global trade and international companies and investments, and supervising the implementation of these plans once approved.
2. Attracting international talents, businessmen, companies, global investors, heads and managers of international companies and encouraging them to relocate their headquarters to the Emirate and invest in it and join the membership of Dubai Chambers.
3. Proposing incentive programs for international investors who are members of Dubai Chambers, seeking to provide appropriate facilities and privileges to them, and serving as a link for international businesses and projects within and outside the Emirate.
4. Developing an action plan to attract, support and encourage economic, industrial, commercial, technical and logistical initiatives and projects that contribute to the development of the Emirate's overall economy and enhance its global economic position.

5. Adopting initiatives related to the global circular economy and sustainable development by supporting and developing the recycling industries, carbon trading, renewable energy and innovations that improve the global environment and protect the Earth, and supervising their implementation.
6. Developing incentive programs and practical solutions that encourage policymakers and international companies to contribute in supporting the Emirate's economy.
7. Preparing economic studies, research and reports on global trade to know and measure the trade strength of the State in general and the Emirate in particular as well as identifying specific trade strengths and knowledge of the global competitors.
8. Assessing the impact of geopolitical and economic fluctuations, currency fluctuations and the strategic impact of project financing operations on global trade and exploring areas that can achieve the highest commercial and economic returns for the Emirate.
9. Proposing the provision of the necessary facilities for international trade services, obtaining mutual recognition for these services with the global chambers and submitting them to the Board for approval.
10. Proposing and submitting to the Board for guidance, as it deems appropriate, the development of legislation related to international investments, tax legislation and the work force in the private sector that support the economy of Emirate.
11. Any other tasks or powers assigned to it by the Board and related to the achievement of the objectives of Dubai Chambers.



## **Functions of Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy**

### **Article (13)**

The Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy, in coordination with Dubai Chambers and concerned Government Entities shall assume the following tasks and powers:

1. Developing plans, policies and strategies aimed at transforming the Emirate into a global hub for the digital economy and attracting international investments in the digital trade and industry sectors, and supervising the implementation once approved.
2. Developing the necessary plans to support and promote the rapid diffusion of digital technologies in economic and social activities, creating development opportunities, reducing the digital gaps with advanced global economies and embracing modern technologies in a smart manner, and supervising their implementation.
3. Developing the necessary plans to contribute to the incubation of companies and people with technical skills, for the purpose of building a new generation of local digital talents in the Emirate capable of facing the challenges of digitalization and future technologies, and supervising their implementation.
4. Attracting international businessmen, companies and talents specialized in the field of advanced technology, providing them facilities and incentives that encourage them to work in the Emirate, and building a network of specialized local and international relationships with entrepreneurs, technology companies and specialized financing funds.
5. Promoting investment in advanced technology companies around the world and owning stakes in them.
6. Preparing studies, research and reports concerned with evaluating and developing the performance of the digital and digital economy sectors in the Emirate, diagnosing the problems and difficulties they face, and presenting the findings to the concerned Government Entities in cases that require it.

7. Strengthening partnerships with international institutions to develop strategies for digital development in the Emirate to ensure their compatibility with future digital globalization, providing and transferring these strategies to less developed regions around the world.
8. Developing plans, policies and strategies necessary to design a comprehensive approach for Dubai Chambers to benefit from them in developing the digital economy, entrepreneurship, data, trade, competition, taxation, intellectual property and other fields and in various industries.
9. Developing plans and studies aimed at promoting the acceptance and use of digital assets based on "blockchain" technology, through education and working with digital policymakers in the world with the aim of developing an environment that promotes innovation and investment in the field of digital assets and technologies.
10. Accelerating the pace and making efforts to create the best digital infrastructure in the Emirate, developing leadership, administrative and technical cadres in the field of digital economy capable of dealing with information technology, communication and issues related to the internet that affect the digital economy sector locally and globally, in coordination and cooperation with university colleges, institutes and specialized training centers within and outside the State.
11. Supporting the digital transformation of national companies in the Emirate, providing market data extraction and analysis services to various sectors, providing digital advisory support to members of Dubai Chambers, and providing them with professional training and professional, legal and digital advisory.
12. Contributing to raising awareness on the security of networks and information.
13. Increasing the digital competitiveness of national companies and supervising their digital transformation plans.
14. Launching projects, conferences and studies related to the digital economy.

15. Any other tasks or powers assigned to it by the Board and related to the achievement of the objectives of Dubai Chambers.

## **Boards of Directors of Subsidiary Chambers**

### **Article (14)**

- a. Each Subsidiary Chamber shall have an independent board of directors consisting of a Chairman, Vice Chairman and number of experienced and competent directors appointed by a decree issued by the Ruler and the term of membership in the boards of directors of the Subsidiary Chambers is three (3) years subject to renewal.
- b. If the term of office of the board of directors of a Subsidiary Chamber expires and the board of directors has not been reformed or a new board of directors is appointed, in this case the board of directors of the Subsidiary Chamber whose term has expired shall continue to exercise its functions until the board of directors is reformed or a new board of directors is appointed.
- c. The boards of directors of the Subsidiary Chambers shall be subject to the supervision of the Board and their work shall be governed by the Charter approved by the Board.
- d. The boards of directors of the Subsidiary Chambers shall be responsible for implementation of the functions of the Subsidiary Chambers as determined by this Law and the resolutions issued pursuant thereto and the legislation in force in the Emirate, and in particular, they shall assume the following tasks and powers:
  1. Approving the general policy, plans, strategies and fund allocations for Subsidiary Chambers and submitting them to the Board for adoption.
  2. Supervising the implementation of the adopted general policy of the Subsidiary Chambers and their strategic, development and operational plans

in accordance with the provisions of this Law and the resolutions issued thereunder.

3. Approving the projects, programs and initiatives of the Subsidiary Chambers.
4. Proposing initiatives, programs, economic plans and investment projects that support and strengthen the Emirate's economy, increase employment opportunities and invest in them, and submitting these proposals to the Board for approval in preparation for referring them to the concerned Government Entities to take the necessary decisions in their regard.
5. Discussing and giving opinion on issues and matters related to policies and legislation regulating various economic affairs that are referred to Dubai Chambers by the concerned Government Entities.
6. Studying the proposals of the business community and the recommendations of the Advisory Councils on economic issues related to their activities, businesses and the challenges faced by them, and submitting those proposals and recommendations to the Board for their approval in preparation for referring them to the concerned Government Entities to take the necessary decisions in their regard.
7. Any other tasks or powers assigned to it by the Board that are related to achieving the objectives of Dubai Chambers and enabling the Subsidiary Chambers to exercise their functions entrusted to them under this Law and the resolutions issued pursuant thereto and the legislation in force in the Emirate.

## **Advisory Councils of Subsidiary Chambers**

### **Article (15)**

- a. In each of the Subsidiary Chambers there shall be a supporting council for the boards of directors, called the "Advisory Council". It shall consist of a chairperson and a number of members with experience and competence in

practicing business and their appointment, tasks, functions, working and meeting mechanism are determined by a resolution of the Board.

- b. The Advisory Councils shall submit their recommendations and proposals to the boards of directors of the Subsidiary Chambers that they assist, so that the board of directors of the Subsidiary Chambers can study and decide on them in accordance with the provisions of this Law.
- c. The Advisory Council shall assume the following:
  - 1. Providing support to the boards of directors of the Subsidiary Chambers that they assist, by putting forward initiatives and providing the necessary advice on the work plans and projects of the Dubai Chambers and the Subsidiary Chambers.
  - 2. Transferring the knowledge and experience of the members of the Advisory Councils, for the purpose of enabling the Subsidiary Chambers to benefit from the information, experience and data of other Chambers and global markets and benefiting from them in overcoming the challenges and difficulties facing the Emirate's economy and doing business in it.
  - 3. Submitting proposals on projects and initiatives put forward by the Subsidiary Chambers, as well as submitting proposals and legislative amendments that boost the Emirate's economy, investment and local added value, and develop its economic tools.
  - 4. Contributing to opening the communication channels between the Dubai Chambers and Subsidiary Chambers, and between investors around the world and international companies and institutions.
  - 5. Any other advisory tasks assigned to it by the Board or the boards of directors of the Subsidiary Chambers and related to the achievement of the objectives of Dubai Chambers.

## Membership of Dubai Chambers

### Article (16)

- a. Every person licensed by the Department to carry out any of the economic activities specified in the Guide for the Classification of Economic Activities approved by the Department in this regard, whether commercial or industrial or agricultural or professional or service activities, shall be a member of Dubai Chambers.
- b. Membership of Dubai Chambers shall be in accordance with the regulations, rules and procedures adopted by the Board in this regard.
- c. Dubai Chambers may establish a special register of symbolic membership for large international companies, whether operating in the Emirate or abroad.
- d. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Article, owners of micro and small enterprises, and simple professions and handicrafts, as identified in agreement with the Department, shall be exempted from the mandatory membership of Dubai Chambers and they may join voluntarily if they so wish.
- e. Economic, commercial and industrial establishments licensed in Special Development Zones and free zones, including the Dubai International Financial Centre, may become members of Dubai Chambers after obtaining approval of the authorities supervising those zones.
- f. If a member of Dubai Chambers carries out his activity in one or more branches within the Emirate in addition to his head office, he must register each of his branches with Dubai Chambers and include each branch in its membership.
- g. Membership of Dubai Chambers is mandatory for subsidiary companies that are licensed under a trade name different from the main license of the parent company, provided that the word (subsidiary) is written next to the trade name in the license and that each subsidiary company joins the membership of Dubai Chambers.

## **Suspension of Membership**

### **Article (17)**

- a. The Director General or his assignee may suspend the membership of any member of Dubai Chambers and deprive him from obtaining its services, in any of the following cases:
  1. Not renewing of membership and not paying of the annual fee within (3) three months of its due date without a justification accepted by the Dubai Chambers while continuing to operate.
  2. Non-cooperation in resolving commercial complaints filed against him before the Dubai Chambers, if requested to do so.
  3. Submitting documents that contain false information to the Dubai Chambers or concealing important documents from it.
- b. Dubai Chambers shall notify the member in writing of the decision to suspend his membership in accordance with the provisions of this Article and to deprive from obtaining the services it provides.
- c. A member whose membership in Dubai Chambers has been suspended and who has been deprived from obtaining its services shall have the right to file a written grievance to Dubai Chambers against the decision to suspend membership and deprive from its services, and this grievance shall be decided in accordance with the regulation adopted by the Board in this regard.

## **Lapse of Membership**

### **Article (18)**

- a. The membership of Dubai Chambers shall lapse by a decision of the Director General or his assignee, in any of the following cases:
  1. Bankruptcy of the member.
  2. Cancelling the license issued to the member by the competent entity.

3. Evidence of submitting forged papers or documents to Dubai Chambers to obtain any of its services.
  4. Not renewing the membership and not paying annual membership fee within (3) three years of its due date without a justification acceptable to the Dubai Chambers while continuing to operate.
  5. Death of the owner of the establishment if the member was a sole proprietorship unless the heirs decide to continue it.
  6. Dissolution and liquidation of the company.
  7. Forging certificates and documents of Dubai Chambers or using them for fraudulent purposes or using them in a manner contrary to the purpose for which they were issued.
- b. A member whose membership has lapsed in the Dubai Chambers may be re-registered if the reasons that caused the lapse of membership no longer exist, in accordance with the provisions and controls set by the Board in this regard.

## **Fees and Service Charges**

### **Article (19)**

- a. The Board shall approve the fees and charges for the services rendered by Dubai Chambers and the Subsidiary Chambers, except for the fees for membership of Dubai Chambers and the fees for the issuance of certificates of origin which shall be approved in accordance with a resolution issued in this regard by the Chairman of the Executive Council, and Dubai Chambers shall collect these fees and service charges by it or by the authorized entities by it, in accordance with the rules and procedures adopted by the Board in this regard.
- b. The fees and service charges shall be considered immediately payable, and the Dubai Chambers may exempt a member of it from membership renewal fees or any part thereof in accordance with the cases and conditions determined by a resolution issued by the Board in this regard.



## **Executive Body of Dubai Chambers**

### **Article (20)**

- a. The Executive Body of Dubai Chambers consists of the Director General and a Deputy Director General, and a number of administrative, financial and technical employees.
- b. The Director General and his Deputy are appointed by a resolution issued by the Board.
- c. The Director General shall be directly responsible to the Board and the Boards of Directors of the Subsidiary Chambers for supervising the management of Dubai Chambers and the Subsidiary Chambers, and for the implementation of the tasks and powers entrusted to him under this Law and the resolutions issued pursuant thereto and the legislation in force in the Emirate, as well as the resolutions and regulations in force in Dubai Chambers, and what is assigned or delegated to him by the Board or the boards of directors of the Subsidiary Chambers.
- d. The Executive Body is entrusted with the task of carrying out the operational work of Dubai Chambers and providing administrative, technical and financial support to the Dubai Chambers and the Subsidiary Chambers.
- e. The employees of the Executive Body shall be governed by the regulations, policies and manuals related to human resources affairs adopted by the Board in this regard.

## **Financial Resources of Dubai Chambers**

### **Article (21)**

The Financial Resources of Dubai Chambers consist of the following:

1. Fees of membership of Dubai Chambers, issuance of certificates of origin and fees and financial charges that are collected in return for providing its services.
2. Yields of the Dubai Chambers' investments of its funds.
3. Fees and service charges charged by the institutions and companies owned by Dubai Chambers.
4. Grants, gifts, donations, bequests and endowments approved by the Board.
5. Any other resources approved by the Board.

## **Budget, Accounts and Financial Year**

### **Article (22)**

- a. The Dubai Chambers, the Subsidiary Chambers and the institutions and companies owned by it shall have a consolidated annual budget that reflects the true financial position of each of them.
- b. In organizing its accounts and records, Dubai Chambers shall apply the rules and principles of international accounting as adopted by the Board in this regard.
- c. The financial year of the Dubai Chambers begins on the first day of January and ends on the thirty-first day of December of each year, provided that the first financial year begins from the date this Law comes into force and ends on the thirty-first day of December of the following year.

## **Management of the Funds of Dubai Chambers**

### **Article (23)**

- a. The Dubai Chambers shall manage and dispose of its funds and expenses in a manner that ensures the achievement of its objectives and fulfillment of the functions entrusted to it and to the Subsidiary Chambers. These funds and expenses must be legitimate, specific and payable, and the fund allocations shall be available in the annual budget.
- b. The management of the Dubai Chambers' funds, its accounting system, the methods of collection of revenues and receivables, the means of saving, spending or disposing of its funds, the rules for investment of funds and regulating the internal financial control measures shall be subject to the resolutions and financial and accounting regulations adopted by the Board in this regard, while matters not specifically mentioned in this Law or in the regulations adopted by the Board shall be subject to the provisions and standards of international accounting in the public sector.
- c. The funds of Dubai Chambers are considered public funds, and it is not permissible for any entity to recover any debt or obligation to it from the Dubai Chambers by seizure or attachment or sale by auction or possession or any other legal procedure, whether or not a court judgment has been declared on that debt or obligation.

### **External Auditor**

#### **Article (24)**

- a. The Board shall appoint an external auditor at the beginning of each financial year from among the auditors licensed in the Emirate and shall determine his annual fees.
- b. The external auditor shall assume the task of auditing the annual financial statements for Dubai Chambers and the companies and institutions owned by it,

and for this purpose he shall have the right to review all the books, records and documents of the Dubai Chambers and to request the necessary data to carry out his tasks, as well as verify Dubai Chambers' assets and liabilities and submit his final report to the Board.

## **Cooperation with Dubai Chambers and Subsidiary Chambers**

### **Article (25)**

For the purposes of enabling the Dubai Chambers to achieve its objectives and carry out its functions entrusted to it under this Law and the resolutions issued pursuant thereto, as well as the legislation in force in the Emirate, the Government Entities must fully cooperate with the Dubai Chambers and the Subsidiary Chambers and provide it with the data, information, statistics and documents it requires and deems necessary to assist it in achieving sustainable economic development in the Emirate.

## **Transfer and Succession**

### **Article (26)**

- a. As of the effective date of this Law, the following shall be transferred to Dubai Chambers:
  1. Ownership of real estate, movables, assets, devices, equipment, and funds owned by the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
  2. Employees of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, while reserving their acquired rights.
  3. Fund allocations allotted to the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry in its approved annual budget.
- b. Dubai Chambers shall replace the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry in all its rights and obligations.

## **Repeals**

### **Article (27)**

- a. The Law no. (8) of 1997 and its amendments mentioned above are repealed, as well as any provision in any other legislation to the extent that it contradicts with the provisions of this Law.
- b. The fees of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry approved by the aforementioned Decree No. (10) of 1994, as well as the resolutions issued pursuant thereto, shall remain in effect until the Chairman of the Executive Council or the Board approves the list of fees and financial charges for Dubai Chambers, in accordance with the provision of Article (19) of this Law.
- c. The regulations, resolutions and instructions issued to implement the aforementioned Law No. (8) of 1997 shall remain in effect, to the extent that they do not contradict with the provisions of this Law, until regulations, resolutions and instructions are issued to replace them.

## **Issuance of Executive Resolutions**

### **Article (28)**

Except for the resolutions that the Chairman of the Executive Council issues pursuant to the provisions of this Law, the Board shall issue the resolutions necessary to implement the provisions of this Law.

## **Publication and Commencement**

### **Article (29)**

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force on the day of its publication.

**Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum**

**Ruler of Dubai**

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