

CYPRUS TURKISH CHAMBER OF ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS UNION LAW

(Law No. 21/2005)

Regulation Issued Under Article 18

Article 1 – Short Title

This Regulation shall be cited as the "2011 Registration Regulation for Architectural Offices and Architectural–Engineering Offices".

Article 2 – Interpretation

Unless the context otherwise requires:

“Copyright (Authorship Right)” means all rights, powers, and responsibilities granted in relation to a project to the person who prepares and obtains approval for that project through the stages of design, preliminary project, final project, and implementation project.

“Partnership” means a general and/or limited partnership established under Chapter 116.

“Company” means a company established under Chapter 113, the Companies Law.

“Practicing Architect” means an architect who has fulfilled the requirements prescribed by the laws and regulations of the Chamber of Architects and who is authorized to prepare preliminary, final, and implementation projects and to perform control and supervision services.

Article 3 – Purpose

The purpose of this Regulation is to ensure the institutional practice of the architectural profession, the establishment of professional organizations, the enhancement of project services, the provision of professional services in accordance with technical and artistic requirements for the public benefit, and the implementation and supervision of such services.

Article 4 – Formation of Registered Offices

Registered offices are offices established through registration with the Chamber of Architects by practicing architects registered with the Chamber, either individually, in partnership, or in the form of a limited company.

Article 5 – Individual Offices

An Individual Office is an architectural office registered with the Chamber of Architects in which a practicing architect personally provides architectural services.

Individual Offices may employ architects and/or technical personnel.

All rights, responsibilities, and liabilities towards third parties belong to the practicing architect.

Article 6 – Partnership Offices

(1) A Partnership Office is an architectural office established by a practicing architect registered with the Chamber of Architects together with at least one other architect registered with the Chamber, registered under the Collective and Limited Partnerships and Business Names Law, and registered with the Chamber of Architects.

(2) Partnership Offices may employ architects and/or technical personnel. All responsibilities and liabilities toward third parties belong to the partners.

(3) The practicing architect signing the contract for projects prepared by Partnership Offices shall be the sole owner of the copyright relating to that project. The architect signing the project must be a shareholder of the partnership office. The powers of the office may not be transferred to another legal entity.

Article 7 – Limited Company Offices

(1) A Limited Company Office is an architectural office established by a practicing architect registered with the Chamber of Architects together with at least one architect registered with the Chamber, incorporated under the Companies Law and registered with the Chamber of Architects.

(2) Alternatively, a company established by a practicing architect together with his/her parents and/or children may qualify, provided that at least 51% of the shares and management are registered in the name of the practicing architect. Approval of the Executive Board of the Chamber of Architects is required before any shareholder change.

(3) The practicing architect signing the contract for projects prepared by Limited Company Architectural Offices shall be the sole owner of the copyright relating to that project.

(4) The practicing architect signing the contract for architectural projects prepared by Architectural-Engineering Partnership Offices shall be the sole owner of the copyright relating to the architectural project.

(5) Limited Company Architectural Offices shall include in their Articles of Association provisions concerning the execution and development of architectural services. Such companies may not engage in commercial, manufacturing, or industrial activities and may not establish partnerships with companies operating outside architecture and engineering services.

(6) Changes in shareholders of Partnership Offices require the approval of the Executive Board of the Chamber of Architects.

Article 8 – Architectural-Engineering Offices

(1) An Architectural-Engineering Office is an office established by at least one practicing architect registered with the Chamber of Architects and at least one practicing engineer or member registered with a chamber affiliated with the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Engineers and Architects Union, incorporated under either the Companies Law or the

Partnerships Law, and registered with the Chamber of Architects.

(2) Limited company offices shall include provisions concerning architectural services in their Articles of Association and may not engage in trade, manufacturing, or industrial activities.

Article 9 – Registration of Offices

Offices are required to provide:

- (1) Registered office address;
- (2) Names of partners/shareholders and approval documents;
- (3) Name of the office manager;
- (4) Names of architects, engineers, and members employed;
- (5) Number of all other personnel and their specialties, where applicable.

Article 10 – Renewal of Registration

Registration shall be renewed annually by 15 April through updating and submitting the information and documents required under Article 9.

Article 11 – Inspection

Inspection of registrations shall be carried out by the Executive Board of the Chamber of Architects. If a registered office is found to have lost the qualifications required for registration, its registration may be cancelled and/or suspended.

Article 12 – Authority for Implementation

This Regulation shall be implemented by the Chamber of Architects. Disputes arising from its implementation shall be resolved by the Executive Board of the Chamber of Architects insofar as they concern the Chamber.

Article 13 – Repeal

Upon the entry into force of this Regulation, the 1979 Joint Professional Services and Supervision Regulation for Architecture and Civil Engineering and the Registration Regulation for Architectural Offices, Civil Engineering Offices and Architectural-Engineering Offices issued thereunder shall be repealed insofar as they concern the Chamber of Architects.

Article 14 – Entry into Force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.