

**Law No. (18) of 2007
Establishing Dubai Shopping Festival Office¹**

We, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

After perusal of Law No. (3) of 2003 Establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;

Do hereby issue the following Law:

Article (1)

This Law shall be cited as “**Law No. (18) of 2007 Establishing Dubai Shopping Festival Office**”.

Article (2)

The following words and expressions shall have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai.
Executive Council:	The Executive Council of the Emirate.
Office:	The Dubai Shopping Festival Office.
Supreme Committee:	The Dubai Shopping Festival Supreme Committee.
Executive Director:	The Executive Director of the Office.
General Coordinator:	The General Coordinator of the Office.

Article (3)

By virtue of this Law, a public corporation named “Dubai Shopping Festival Office” shall be established. The Office shall have legal personality, financial and administrative autonomy and the legal capacity required to perform the acts and activities that ensure achievement of its objectives. The Office may enter into contracts with third parties, sue and be sued in its own name, and appoint any other person to represent it for such purpose.

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text shall prevail.

Article (4)

The objectives of the Office shall be to:

1. promote and support the shopping activity in the Emirate during the winter season through holding various types of events and recreational activities in which the public may participate; and
2. promote the tourist and recreational activity during the summer season through launching various events known as "Dubai Summer Surprises."

Article (5)

The Office shall be supervised by a committee known as the "Dubai Shopping Festival Supreme Committee". Such committee shall be comprised of a chairman, a deputy chairman and number of members appointed pursuant to a resolution of the Chairman of the Executive Council. The committee shall set the policies and plans required for the achievement of the objectives of the Office. The Supreme Committee may form subcommittees to assist in the performance of its functions.

Article (6)

The Office shall have an Executive Director and General Coordinator and each shall be appointed pursuant to a resolution of the Chairman of the Executive Council.

Article (7)

The Executive Director shall:

1. undertake the general supervision of the Office, the Festival events and Dubai Summer Surprises;
2. prepare the annual budget of the Festival and Dubai Summer Surprises to be approved by the chairman of the Supreme Committee;
3. manage and represent the Office in its relationships with third parties; and
4. enter into contracts and agreements required to achieve the objectives of the Office.

Article (8)

The General Coordinator shall coordinate with the concerned government departments and entities in the Emirate to ensure the achievement of the objectives of the Festival and Dubai Summer Surprises and that events are held successfully.

Article (9)

The financial resources of the Office shall consist of:

1. appropriations allocated to the Office in the general budget of the Emirate;
2. fees and charges for services provided by the Office;
3. grants and donations received by the Office and approved by the Supreme Committee; and
4. any other resources approved by the Executive Council.

Article (10)

In regulating its accounts and records, the Office shall follow the principles and standards of commercial accounting. The financial year of the Office shall commence on 1 of January and shall end on 31 of December of each year, except that the first financial year shall commence as of the date this Law comes into force and shall end on 31 of December of the following year.

Article (11)

All acts, activities and contracts made or taken by the Office since 1996 to the date this Law comes into force shall be legal and valid as if they were made or taken in accordance with this Law.

Article (12)

The Government of Dubai Human Resources Management Law No. (27) of 2006 shall apply to employees of the Office.

Article (13)

The Chairman of the Executive Council shall issue the bylaws and resolutions required for the implementation of this Law.

Article (14)

The Office shall be exempt from all taxes and local fees.

Article (15)

Any provision in any other legislation shall be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Law.

Article (16)

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force on the day on which it is issued.

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Ruler of Dubai

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