

Decree No. (23) of 2014
Establishing the
Supreme Legislation Committee in the Emirate of Dubai¹

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;

Law No. (27) of 2006 Concerning Management of the Government of Dubai Human Resources and its amendments; and

Law No. (32) of 2008 Establishing the Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department,

Do hereby issue this Decree.

Article (1)

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

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 of Dubai.

Government Entities: Departments, authorities, and public corporations, including free zone authorities and Government councils in the Emirate of Dubai.

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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 will prevail.

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SLC: The Supreme Legislation Committee established pursuant to this Decree.

Legislation: Laws, decrees, regulations, bylaws, resolutions, instructions, and regulatory orders issued by the Government and its affiliated entities.

Article (2)

1. Pursuant to this Decree, a permanent committee named the “Supreme Legislation Committee in the Emirate of Dubai” is established. The SLC will have the duties, functions, and powers vested in it pursuant to this Decree, and will be affiliated to the Chairman of the Executive Council.
2. The SLC will have exclusive jurisdiction over all matters related to Legislation in the Emirate, and will represent the Government and Government Entities with respect to federal legislation and foreign treaties. For these purposes, the SLC may seek the assistance of representatives from specialised Government Entities or experts and specialists, as it deems appropriate, to perform or participate in performing these duties.
3. The Chairman of the Executive Council will issue a resolution forming the SLC and setting its terms of reference.

Article (3)

The legislative duties and functions of the Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department will be transferred to the SLC. In particular, the SLC will have the duties to:

1. consider and revise, in terms of form and content, all draft regulatory Legislation proposed by the Government and by Government Entities, provide opinion and advice regarding them, and prepare or approve draft Legislation;
2. make proposals and recommendations with respect to the amendments and updates that must be made, from time to time, to the Legislation in force in the Emirate;
3. form technical committees comprising members of legal staff and specialists employed by Government Entities or by any other entity to consider Legislation in the Emirate and other related matters;
4. represent the Emirate in committees formed to consider and draft federal legislation;
5. issue bylaws and explanatory memoranda for the local Legislation in force in the Emirate;
6. issue and publish reasoned legal opinions with respect to interpretation of the provisions of the Legislation in force in the Emirate;

7. provide legal opinion and advice with respect to inquiries submitted to the SLC by the Government or by Government Entities in relation to legislative provisions;
8. issue regulations to monitor the compliance of Government Entities with the Legislation in force, follow up implementation of Legislation by Government Entities, prepare periodic reports on the same, and submit copies of these reports to the Chairman of the Executive Council;
9. represent the Emirate in committees formed to consider and negotiate conventions, treaties, or memoranda of understanding with foreign entities, and give opinion on the same before acceding to, signing, or ratifying them;
10. coordinate the organisation of training programmes and courses with Government Entities to ensure the sound legal understanding proper application of the Legislation in force in the Emirate;
11. publish the Official Gazette of the Government and manage its website;
12. translate into foreign languages the Legislation which the SLC deems necessary or useful to be translated;
13. maintain the original copies of all Legislation issued by the Ruler;
14. compile, maintain, and archive all Legislation issued by the Government or by Government Entities in the Emirate; and
15. perform any other duties related to the work of the SLC.

Article (4)

The Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department must, within three (3) months from the date on which this Decree comes into force, provide the SLC with all matters related to the SLC's duties and functions stipulated in this Decree.

Article (5)

The Department of Finance will allocate the financial resources required for the work of the SLC to enable it to perform its duties.

Article (6)

The Chairman of the Executive Council will issue the regulations, bylaws, and resolutions required for the implementation of this Decree.

Article (7)

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

Article (8)

This Decree comes into force on the day on which it is issued, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Ruler of Dubai

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