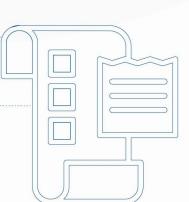
### Standards to Consider When Issuing or Amending a New Law



### **Importance** Of The Law

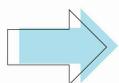
Regulations in Saudi Arabia are issued by the legislature, which is represented by the Council of Ministers and the Shura Council, and the top of the law hierarchy is the basic law of governance, and the basic law of governance stated in Article V. that those kinds of laws are issued by royal decrees.



## Who issues and study laws in Saudi Arabia

The laws in Saudi Arabia are issued and studied by two authorities:





# Ministers

- © Council of Ministers law stated that the Laws are issued and amended by royal decrees after study by the Council of Ministers, and the regulations are examined and voted on each article and the total votes are then taken.
- The Shura Council law stated that the laws are issued and amended by royal decrees after studying them in the Shura Council.





### What are most important standards to be considered in studying new laws and their amendments



There are standards that must be taken into consideration when preparing, studying, and drafting laws or amending them in Saudi Arabia, these standards were mentioned in the decision of the Council of Ministers number (713) in 1437 Ah, and these standards must be taken into consideration by government entities as the following:



1-If the proposal contains a new idea of a law or regulation and what is in its ruling, the government authority will submit an integrated vision of it, including:

- Finally, new or amended law should be presented to the Council of Political and Security Affairs, and the Council will take the initial direction and return it to the authority to complete what is necessary.



2-The government authority submits an explanatory memorandum that contains the following:

- The authority's power for the legislation proposal.
- The objectives and key elements of the legislation proposal.
- The reasons and the purpose why the authority set it up.
- Clearly explain every article proposed.
- Determining Saudi Arabia's obligations in any international agreements affecting the legislation proposal and to which the Kingdom is a party.
- Provide a benchmark study that covers and include the international experience of the legislation and what they have benefited and the most prominent articles in that legislation.
- Statement that explains the financial, economic, functional, social and health impacts to be produced after the implementation of the proposal and its impact on the public and private sector.
- Develop a table outlining the laws, regulations, royal orders, royal decrees, and council of ministers decisions that would result in conflict or cancellation with the legislation proposal.

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