

**Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

# **Annual Report 2021**

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**In the name of Allah Almighty the Merciful and Compassionate**







His Highness, the Emir of the State of Kuwait  
**Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah**

May Allah Protect Him





His Highness, the Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait  
**Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah**

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## Introduction

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry works to create a proper business and industrial environment, ensure the flow of goods and services and secure a permanent and continuous strategic stock, in addition to facilitating commercial work procedures, protecting consumers, investigating competition conditions, preventing monopoly and price gouging and guaranteeing goods and services' conformity with Gulf and international standards.

Creating and developing business and industrial environment, ensuring the control of the state's strategic stock and the permanent natural flow of goods and services, simplifying the necessary business-related procedures, maintaining and protecting consumers' rights, enforcing controls that guarantee fair competition in commercial sector for entrepreneurship, preventing monopoly, controlling markets and prices against illegal increases, applying the necessary standards to commercial and service materials and subjecting them to advanced controls, regulations and mechanisms.





## Speech of the Minister of Commerce and Industry



Stemming from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's role in supporting national economy and achieving stability and in implementation of the vision of our wise leadership to raise the name of our beloved country, Kuwait, we are keen to operate according to a clear strategy and specific priorities to uplift our society and develop the Ministry's services in favor of our citizens in the various fields, so as to focus on building a human being capable of contributing to Kuwait's prosperity, achieving progress, security and stability therein.

We also emphasize the rule of law and the significance of providing equal opportunities to all segments of society, in line with regulating laws and resolutions.

We stress our interest in all segments of society, especially Kuwaiti youth, to enable them to access labor market, refine their capabilities and sustain their projects, with a view to create job opportunities for future generations.

However, our foremost vision is the necessity of supporting local industries, revitalizing Kuwaiti economy and strengthening Gulf partnership to provide Kuwait with financial and economic security.

Last, but not least, we beseech Allah Almighty to support everybody's endeavors to serve our beloved country, for Kuwait to assume the position it deserves under the wise leadership of His Highness, the Emir of the State and His Highness the Crown Prince, may Allah protect them.

**Fahad Al-Shariaan**

**Minister of Commerce and Industry**



## Ministry's Vision

Facilitating doing business and sustaining the provision of goods and services to citizens.

## Ministry's Mission

Achieving electronic services and smart applications for practicing business, protecting consumer rights and the state's financial system against suspicious operations with national leaders.

## Values

1. Innovation.
2. Sustainability.
3. Integration.
4. Competitiveness.
5. Excellence and Team Spirit.



## Ministry' Structure

### Minister of Commerce and Industry

Audit and Inspection Offices

Single Window Department

Technical Office

Minister's Office Management

Department of Public Relations and Media

### Undersecretary

Undersecretary Office Management

Assistant Undersecretary for Financial and Administrative Affairs

Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Support and Planning

Assistant Undersecretary International Organizations Affairs and Foreign Trade

Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs and Trade Department

Assistant Undersecretary for Corporate Affairs and Commercial Licensings

Assistant Undersecretary for Control Consumer Protection Affairs

Assistant Undersecretary for Legal Affairs

Financial Affairs Department

Administrative Affairs Department

General Services Department

Information Systems Center

Management Development and Training Department

Planning and Research Department

Economic Reform Programs Implementation Follow-Up Office

Supply Department

Global Organizations Department

Trademark and Patent Department

International Relations Department

Gulf and Arab World Affairs Department

Free Zones Department

Business Service Centers Department

Precious Metals Department

Real Estates Department

Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Department

Joint Stock Companies Department

Individual Companies Department

Commercial Licenses Department

Insurance Department

Small and Medium Enterprises Licensing Department

Technical Staff of the Advisory Committee for Commodities Supervision and Pricing

Studies and Commercial Support Department

Commercial Control Department

Commercial Fraud Suppression and Awareness Department

Commercial Surveys and Price Control Department

Legal Studies Department

Lawsuits and Contracts Department





Part One

# Minister's Office











## **First: Public Relations and Media Department**

### **Department's Achievements in 2021**

1. Publication of (35) Ministerial Resolutions in Official Gazette - Kuwait Al-Youm .
2. Publication of (25) paid advertisements in daily newspapers.
3. Management and development of the Ministry's social media accounts (Twitter and Instagram), promoting the level of interaction with the public and with the Ministry's local events on social media, as well as promoting and announcing the Ministry's achievements through these accounts.
4. Formation the Ministry's official football team, participating in the Ministries League for the second time in its history, with a view to encourage sports activity and community participation by youth in the Ministry.
5. Preparation and issuance of the daily bulletin of the Minister and the Ministry's leaders.
6. Providing social media staff with a special management course (talkwalker), training them on a special screen for social media website.
7. Special social media course through the Council of Ministers.
8. Receipt of the Minister by twelve (12) ambassadors from GCC Member States, sisterly and friendly states.

### **Second: Audit and Inspection Office**

- The main objective of the internal audit function is to provide an independent and objective assurance that aims to add assistive value to the Ministry to achieve its objectives, through developing a clear methodology for evaluating and improving the efficiency of the Internal Control and Governance Department.
- Audit and Inspection Office also reviews information accuracy and integrity, compliance with policies and regulations, asset protection and effective economic use of resources and established operational goals and objectives.
- Civil Service Commission has been addressed to provide the necessary numbers of specialists. Consequently, some cadres have been appointed and trained to carry out inspection and auditing functions.
- Employees appointed to the Audit and Inspection Office are subject to intensive theoretical and hands-on training during the first years of appointment to gain the required experience. This is undertaken in cooperation with the Audit Bureau, Kuwait Association of Accountants and Auditors, as well as consulting firms specialized in preparing customized courses, through the Ministry's Development and Training Department. The following courses have been conducted:

### **Training Courses Table**

#### **Training Program:**

Review and Audit Rules Program

## **Second: Audit and Inspection Office Achievements in 2021**

**First:** The Department has developed a plan according to a strategy and a clear vision to work as an integrated system, activate supervisory work and evaluate the extent of sectors' commitment to carrying out the work entrusted thereto. The following Departments have been audited:

1. Planning and Research Department.
2. Administrative Development and Training Department.
3. Real Estate Department.
4. Precious Metals Department.
5. Commercial Service Centers Department.

*Reports on these Departments have been submitted to the Minister.*

6. Special reports issued based on the Minister's instructions.

**Second:** Preparing the Annual Plan of the Audit and Inspection Department, submitting it the Minister.

**Third:** Preparing responses to the letters received from the Audit Bureau.

**Fourth:** Preparing responses to the memos and notes received from all Departments affiliated with the Ministry.

**Fifth:** Assigning the Department's staff to undertake field visits to some of the Ministry's external departments and centers to carry out tasks entrusted thereto by the Department.

### **Third: Single Window Department**

#### **Incorporation and Licenses Statistics of 2021**

##### **First: Total applications for incorporating individual companies:**

New Applications	Rejected	Approved	Total
0	18143	20409	38552

##### **Applications approved after reviewing:**

Cancelled	Companies Incorporated	Companies Under Incorporation	Approved
4303	12168	3946	20409

##### **Total applications for licensing individual companies:**

Applications in Progress	Total Issued Licenses	Total applications submitted for licenses
1326	26190	25996

##### **Second: Statistics of companies and licenses for mobile vehicles**

##### **Total registered incorporation applications**

New Applications	Rejected	Approved	Total
0	633	424	1057

##### **Applications approved after reviewing:**

Cancelled	Companies Incorporated	Companies Under Incorporation	Approved
193	228	11	424

##### **Mobile vehicle licenses**

Applications under issuance	Issued Licenses	Submitted Applications	Companies Incorporated
63	540	624	228

### Third: Statistics of free micro companies and licenses:

#### Total registered incorporation applications

New Applications	Rejected	Approved	Total
0	923	508	1431

#### Total applications approved after reviewing:

Cancelled	Companies Incorporated	Companies Under Incorporation	Approved
84	329	95	508

#### Micro Business Licenses

Applications in Progress	Issued Licenses	Submitted Applications	Companies Incorporated
23	295	485	329





An aerial photograph of a city skyline at dusk. A tall, dark, curved skyscraper dominates the right side of the frame, its windows reflecting the city lights. The building's top is illuminated with red lights. To the left of the skyscraper, a large body of water is visible, with a bridge and other buildings in the distance. The city below is a mix of modern and older buildings, with roads and parking lots visible. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, indicating the time is either dawn or dusk. White decorative lines are visible in the top left corner of the image.

## Part Two

# Legal Affairs







## **Key Legal Affairs Achievements for the year 2021**

### **Works completed by the Legal Department in the year 2021**

	<b>Lawsuits</b>	<b>No. of Transactions</b>
1	Number of Lawsuits	990
2	Number of Hearings	567
3	Biddings	28
4	Direct Order	11
5	Contract	17
6	Tenders	2
7	Seizure Report	1600
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3215</b>

### **First: Administrative Investigations Supervisor**

	<b>Department</b>	<b>Number</b>
1	Administrative Investigations	86
2	Grievances	147

### **Second: Fatwa and Opinion Monitoring**

#### **1. Fatwa and Opinion Section**

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Number</b>
Undersecretary	35
External Incoming	52
Corporate and Commercial Licenses Sector Undersecretary	293
Commercial Control Sector Undersecretary	60
Others	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>

#### **2. Legal Research and Studies Section**

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Part Three

# Control and Consumer Protection Affairs



### **First: Studies and Commercial Support Department**

The Department conducts inspection rounds and monitors prices through cooperative societies and parallel markets.

This is in addition to keeping an eye on prices in the different seasons to ensure keeping them within limits, monitoring seasons exploitation by outlets, protecting consumers and applying market laws and regulations.

### **Second: Department of Technical Staff of the Advisory Committee for Commodities and Prices Oversight**

#### **Annual statistics of the Department of Technical Staff of the Advisory Committee for Commodities and Prices Oversight from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021**

	Commercial Activity	No. of Statements	Governorates	Procedures
1	Central Markets (Supermarkets)	191	Al-Jahra / Capital / Farwaniya Hawalli / Mubarak Al-Kabeer / Al Ahmadi	Updated on the Website
2	Cooperative Societies	297	Al-Jahra / Capital / Farwaniya Hawalli / Mubarak Al-Kabeer / Al Ahmadi	Updated on the Website
3	Health Requirements	2695	Al-Jahra / Capital / Farwaniya Hawalli / Mubarak Al-Kabeer / Al Ahmadi	
4	Restaurants and Sweets	215	Al-Jahra / Capital / Farwaniya Hawalli / Mubarak Al-Kabeer / Al Ahmadi	
5	Meat Selling Center	102	Al-Jahra / Capital / Farwaniya Hawalli / Mubarak Al-Kabeer / Al Ahmadi	
6	Dates Selling Stores	169	Al-Jahra / Capital / Farwaniya Hawalli / Mubarak Al-Kabeer / Al Ahmadi	
7	Stationary Stores	24	Al-Jahra / Capital / Farwaniya Hawalli / Mubarak Al-Kabeer / Al Ahmadi	Updated on the Website

1. Sending monthly report on monitoring construction materials and foodstuff.
2. Sending reports on health requirements rounds.
3. Meeting with the company organizing the work of the new pricing program to train cooperative societies and central markets.
4. Conducting a training workshop with 12 cooperative societies and 6 central markets to train them on entering prices to the new program.

### **Third: Consumer Protection**

Consumer Protection is one of the effective supervisory entities in the process of protecting society members against exploitation and combating fraud, so as to ensure their safe transactions when purchasing their needs of goods and the services they deal with. This is in addition to improving their intellectual status through awareness and ensuring the right of workers in the commercial sector in a manner that guarantees commercial activities' freedom of practice and fair competition.

In light of the above, the responsibility of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, represented by the Consumer Protection Department, is determined by the laws implemented by that Department:

- Law No. (2) of (1995), and the laws amending it, regarding sale prices.
- Law No. (20) of (1976), and the laws amending it, regarding the suppression of fraud in commercial transactions.
- Law No. (10) of (1979), and the laws amending it, regarding the supervision of trade in goods and setting the prices of some of them.
- Decree No. (23) of (1980) regarding the supervision and control of metals and precious stones.

Stemming from the Ministry's keenness to protect consumers against fraud, and for public interest, Resolution No. (368) of (1988) has been issued to form a committee to study consumer protection laws in order to indicate deficiencies therein or any application problems, as well as to suggest appropriate solutions to remedy or overcome such problems. During the year (1989), the committee has reviewed all aforementioned laws and submitted its proposals on the amendments required thereto.

In addition to the above, the Ministry pays great attention to the efforts exerted to enhance its procedures set for protecting consumers and combating commercial fraud in all forms, through the agencies and centers affiliate thereto, covering various regions, as well as by organizing continuous inspection campaigns on markets, receiving complaints from the public and addressing them pursuant to the legal procedures in place. This is in addition to issuing simplified pamphlets to educate consumers about their rights and duties. The following are the key achievements attained in this regard:

## Discounts and Prices

- Sale activities have recorded a noticeable increase during 2021, estimated at about 13%, with transactions amounted to (1,284), compared to (1,133) transactions in 2020.
- Special Offer transactions (in cooperative societies / supermarkets) have witnessed (451) transactions in 2021, with an estimated increase of about 21% compared to 2020.
- The number of Special Offer transactions (in commercial shops) amounted to (83), with an obvious decrease of about 36% compared to last year.
- Announced sale transactions (goods, services, crafts) recorded (125) transactions, with a significant decrease of about 16% compared to 2020.
- Distribution Offers (coupon, guide, discount brochure, cards for a group of participating stores) witnessed an estimated number of (16) transactions, with a noticeable increase, estimated at 300%, compared to year 2020.
- Twenty-one (21) Distribution Offer transactions (coupon, guide, discount brochure, cards) took place in 2021, with a clear increase of about 110% over last year.
- Five (5) Cashback Offers transactions took place in 2021.
- Seventy-Seven (77) seasonal and emergency offers transactions were conducted in 2021.
- Transactions linking local price to the prices on foreign and international websites and electronic applications amounted to (17) transactions in 2021.
- Free prize withdrawals amounted to (387) transactions in 2021, with an estimated increase of 69% compared to 2020.
- Free gift distribution transactions amounted to (1,956) in 2021, with an estimated increase of 32% compared to 2020.
- General liquidation transactions (commercial license permanent termination and change of the type of commercial activity) amounted to (3) transactions in 2021, with a noticeable decrease estimated at 73%, compared to 2020.

## Discounts and Prices Section's Statistics of Licensure Transactions During 2021 Compared to 2020

Item	Number			Fees (KD)		
	2021	2020	Change (%)	2021	2020	Change (%)
Discounts / Sales	1,248	1,133	13	113,290	62,755	81
Special Offers	451	371	21	55,920	23,805	135
(Cooperative Societies / Supermarkets)						
Special Offers	83	129	-36	6,460	6,365	1
(Commercial Shops)						
Announced Discounts	125	149	-16	13,750	9,210	49
(Goods/Services/Crafts)						
Distribution Offers	16	4	300	3,250	230	1.313
(Discount/Coupon Cards/Guide/ Brochure)						
Participating Group of Shops						
Distribution Offers	125	149	-16	13,750	9,210	49
(Goods/Services/Crafts)						
(Coupon / Guide / Discount Brochure / Cards)	21	10	110	1,250	1,365	-8
Shop Discount - Trading Company						
Cashback Offers	5	-	-	5,000	-	-
Private Liquidation	1	-	-	750	-	-
Seasonal and Emergency Offers	77	-	-	40,701	-	-
Linking local price to prices on foreign and international websites and electronic applications	17	-	-	5,300	-	-
Free Prize Draw	387	229	69	47,175	18,640	153
Distribution of Free Gifts	1,956	1,483	32	241,555	106,975	126
General Liquidation	3	11	-73	150	495	-70
(Permanent termination of commercial license)						
(Change of commercial activity type)						
Group of Licenses + Fees	4,426	3,520	26	534,551	229,840	133

**Consumer Protection Department**  
**Statistics of Vehicles' Recalls and Manufacturing Defects**  
**Year 2021**

Company's Name	Recall Letter	Vehicles Required for Manufacturing Defects
Al Mulla Automobiles	5	2356
Kuwait Automotive Imports Co.	1	238
Al-Ghanim Auto	1	1745
Mohammed Naser Al-Sayer & Sons Est	4	1527
Yusuf Ahmed Al-Ghanim and Sons	4	1527
Mustafa Karam and Sons	2	553
National Agencies Group	3	14340
North Gulf Group	1	8088
Mohammad Saleh & Reza Yousuf Behbehani Co.	4	37529
Zayani	1	104
Ford Al-Ghanim	2	2407
Abdul Mohsin Abdul Aziz Al Babtain	1	3186
Abdul Aziz Saud Al Babtain	1	432
Al-Homaidhi Co. Ltd. (IKEA)	1	Product is withdrawn from the market
Fuso Company	2	644
Öhlins Racing A	1	Product is withdrawn from the market
Mohamed Mahmoud Alshaya	1	Product is withdrawn from the market
Muhammad Saleh Abdullah Al-Marshoud	1	Product is withdrawn from the market
Al-Ghanim Motors	2	3785
Al Mulla and Behbehani	1	1734
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>80878</b>

### **Customs releases and country of origin registration (for imported goods for commercial companies and establishments) during the year 2021**

Country of origin registration during 2021 amounted to two transactions, with a decrease of about 100%.

Customs releases amounted to (5) transactions during 2021.

### **Fourth: Suppression and Awareness of Commercial Fraud Section:**

#### **Customs releases and country of origin registration (for imported goods for commercial companies and establishments) during the year 2021 compared to year 2020**

Transaction	Year 2021	Year 2020	% of Change
Country of Origin Stabilization	2	1	100
Clearances	5	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>600</b>

### **Fifth: Survey Studies and Price Control**

#### **Commercial Surveys and Price Control Department 2021 Achievements**

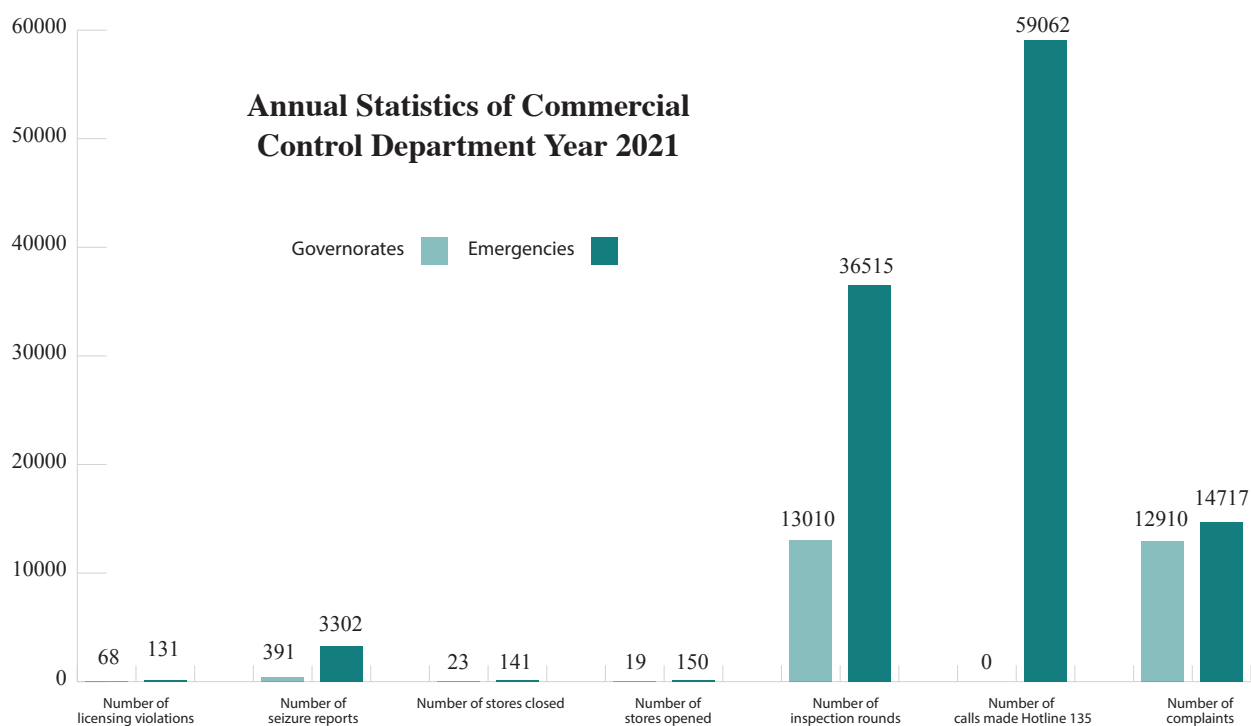
Within the framework of implementing the Control and Consumer Protection Sector's plan, the Department has conducted a comprehensive survey on all commodity prices, including foodstuff, consumer goods, services and handicrafts in cooperative societies, parallel markets, restaurants and commercial stores, amounting to (92) visits. Also, the Department has adopted Wasel program for its internal correspondence with your esteemed Sector. Recently, with the rising of steel's prices, we have undertaken extensive visits to monitor those prices and reported the same to the Sector's Undersecretary.

Further, before and during the beginning of the school year, we have also conducted visits to bookshops in all 6 governorates and parallel markets before the blessed month of Ramadan, so as to ensure that no Ramadan commodity price has specifically increased, yet no increase in prices has been spotted.

## Sixth: Commercial Control

### Annual Statistics of Commercial Control Department (Year: 2021)

	Item	Governorates	Emergencies	Entire Year
1	Number of licensing violations	68	131	199
2	Number of seizure reports	391	3302	3693
3	Number of stores closed	23	141	164
4	Number of stores opened	19	150	169
5	Number of inspection rounds	13010	36515	49525
6	Number of calls made Hotline 135	0	59062	59062
7	Number of complaints	12910	14717	26627
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26421</b>	<b>114018</b>	<b>140439</b>











Part Four

# Companies and Commercial licenses







### **First: Commercial Licenses for Individuals**

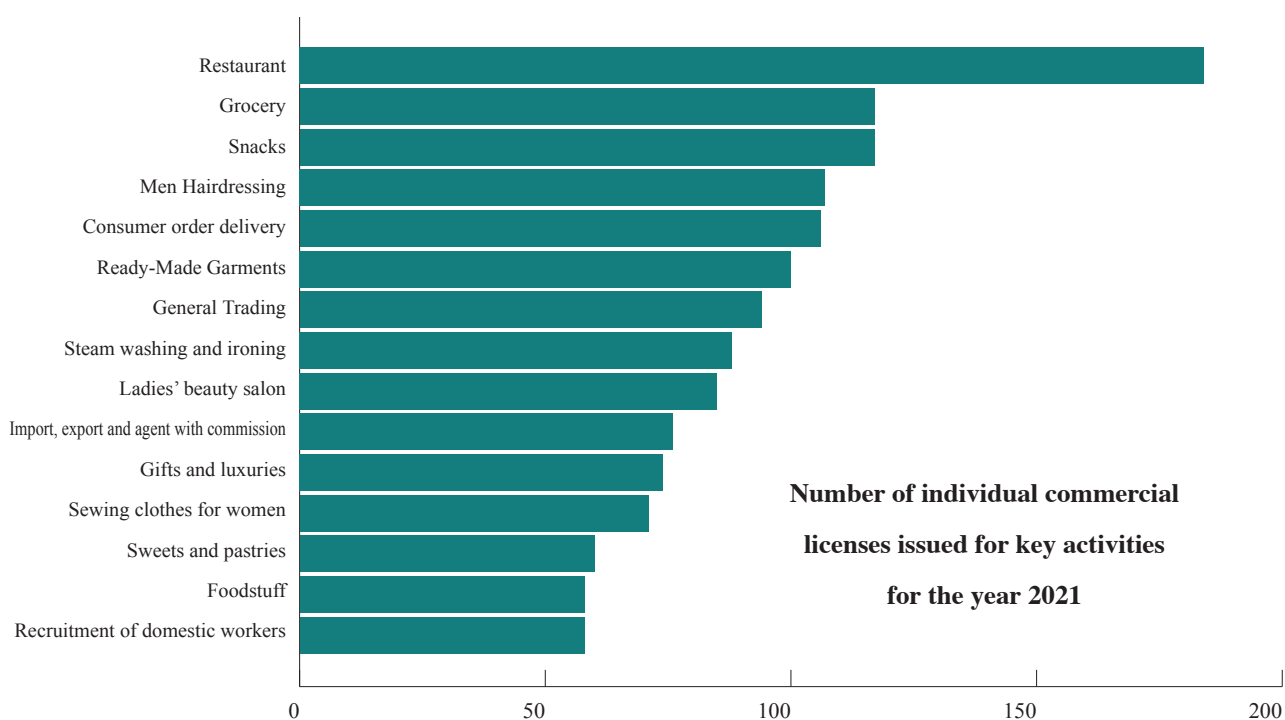
**In 2021, (2,677) commercial licenses were issued to individuals, distributed over (6) governorates.**

Simple Crafts Sector has occupied the first place with (594) licenses, equivalent to 21% of total licenses, followed by Meals Sector with (465) licenses, at a rate of 16%, and then Marketing, Banking and Hotels Sectors have occupied the third place with 14% of total licenses, followed by the other sectors.

Highest share of individual licenses during 2021 was acquired by the Capital, equivalent to (642) of the total licenses. In the second place comes Hawally with a total of (610) licenses, followed by Al-Farwaniyah with a total of (608) licenses. Al-Ahmadi came in fourth place with a total of (421) licenses, while the fifth place was for Al-Jahra with a total of (289) licenses and the sixth and last place was for Mubarak Al-Kabeer with a total of (107) licenses.

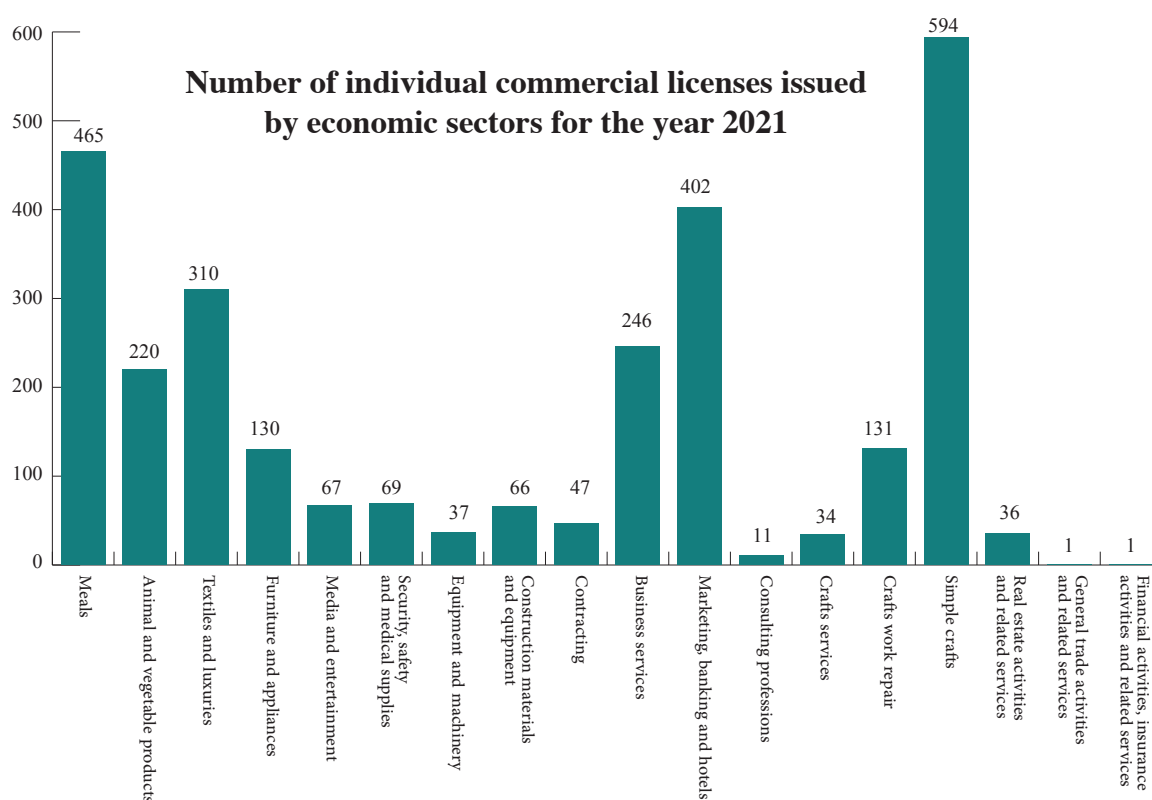
### Number of individual commercial licenses issued for key activities for the year 2021

	Activity	2021	Percentage
1	Restaurant	184	6
2	Grocery	117	4
3	Snacks	117	4
4	Men Hairdressing	107	3
5	Consumer order delivery	106	3
6	Ready-Made Garments	100	3
7	General Trading	94	3
8	Steam washing and ironing	88	3
9	Ladies' beauty salon	85	3
10	Import, export and agent with commission	76	2
11	Gifts and luxuries	74	2
12	Sewing clothes for women	71	2
13	Sweets and pastries	60	2
14	Foodstuff	58	2
15	Recruitment of domestic workers	58	2
16	Other activities	1707	55
	Total	3102	100



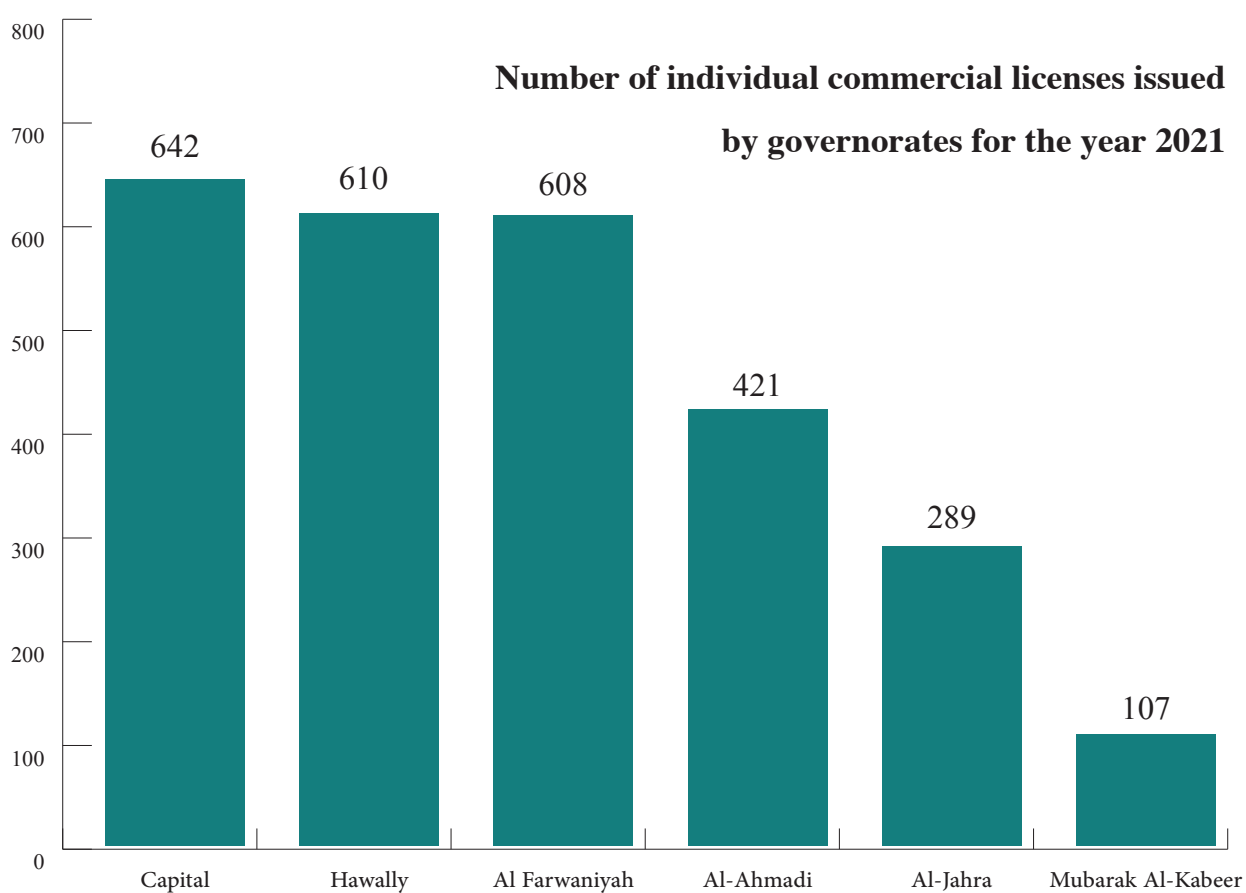
### Number of individual commercial licenses issued by economic sectors for the year 2021

Sector	2021	Percentage
Meals	465	16
Animal and vegetable products	220	8
Textiles and luxuries	310	11
Furniture and appliances	130	5
Media and entertainment	67	2
Security, safety and medical supplies	69	2
Equipment and machinery	37	1
Construction materials and equipment	66	2
Contracting	47	2
Business services	246	9
Marketing, banking and hotels	402	14
Consulting professions	11	0
Crafts services	34	1
Crafts work repair	131	5
Simple crafts	594	21
Real estate activities and related services	36	1
General trade activities and related services	1	0
Financial activities, insurance activities and related services	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,867</b>	<b>100</b>



### Number of individual commercial licenses issued by governorates for the year 2021

Governorates	2021
Capital	642
Hawally	610
Al Farwaniyah	608
Al-Ahmadi	421
Al-Jahra	289
Mubarak Al-Kabeer	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>2677</b>





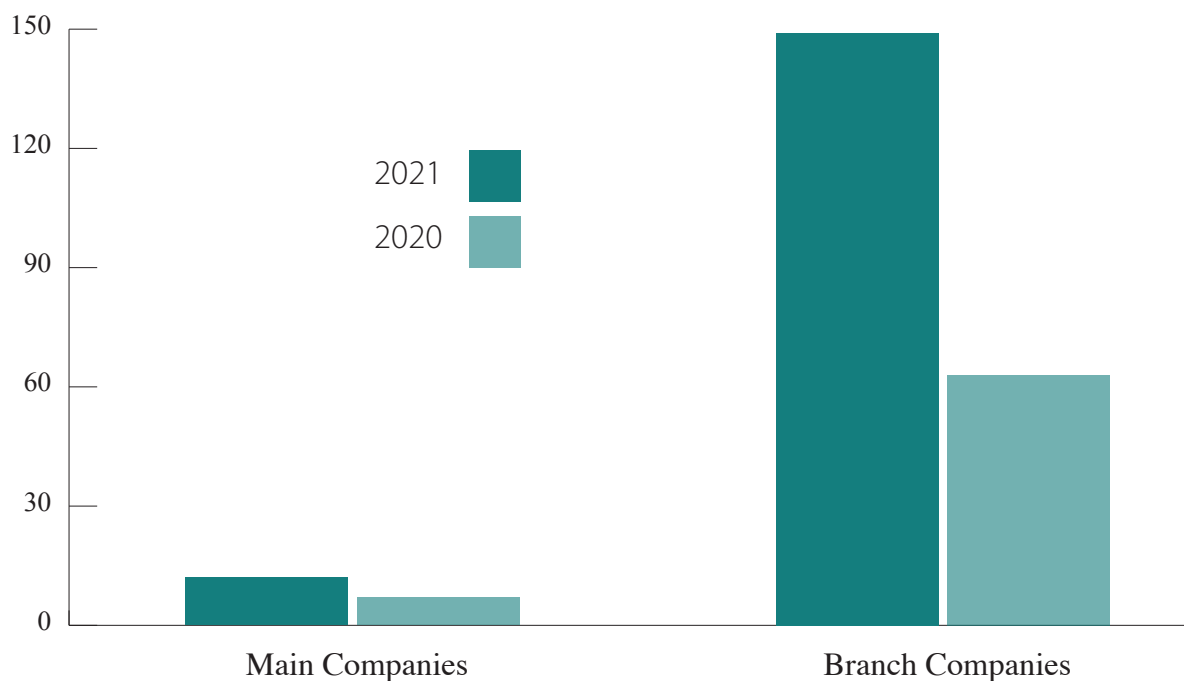
## **Second: Joint Stock Companies**

The number of licenses issued for joint-stock companies during 2021 amounted to (12) main licenses, while the number of licenses issued for joint-stock companies' branches for the same year amounted to (149) licenses.

### **Statistics of the number of licenses issued for main joint stock companies and branches in 2021**

Item	2021	2020	Percentage of Change
Main Companies	12	7	71
Branch Companies	149	63	137

### **Statistics of the number of licenses issued for main joint stock companies and branches in 2021**



**Statistics of public and closed joint stock companies that submitted their annual due financial statements for the period from 01/01/2021 until 31/12/2021**

<b>Number of financial statements to be submitted for closed/holding companies</b>	
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2020 (inclusive of various financial months)	899
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2019 (inclusive of various financial months)	347
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2018 (inclusive of various financial months)	84
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2017 (inclusive of various financial months)	39
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2016 (inclusive of various financial months)	19
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2015 (inclusive of various financial months)	11
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2014 (inclusive of various financial months)	6
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2013 (inclusive of various financial months)	3
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2012 (inclusive of various financial months)	3
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2011 (inclusive of various financial months)	2
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2010 (inclusive of various financial months)	3
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2009 (inclusive of various financial months)	2
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2008 (inclusive of various financial months)	2
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2007 (inclusive of various financial months)	2
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2006 (inclusive of various financial months)	1
Number of statements submitted for various fiscal months of 2021	71
Number of companies for which increase and decrease notes were issued	166

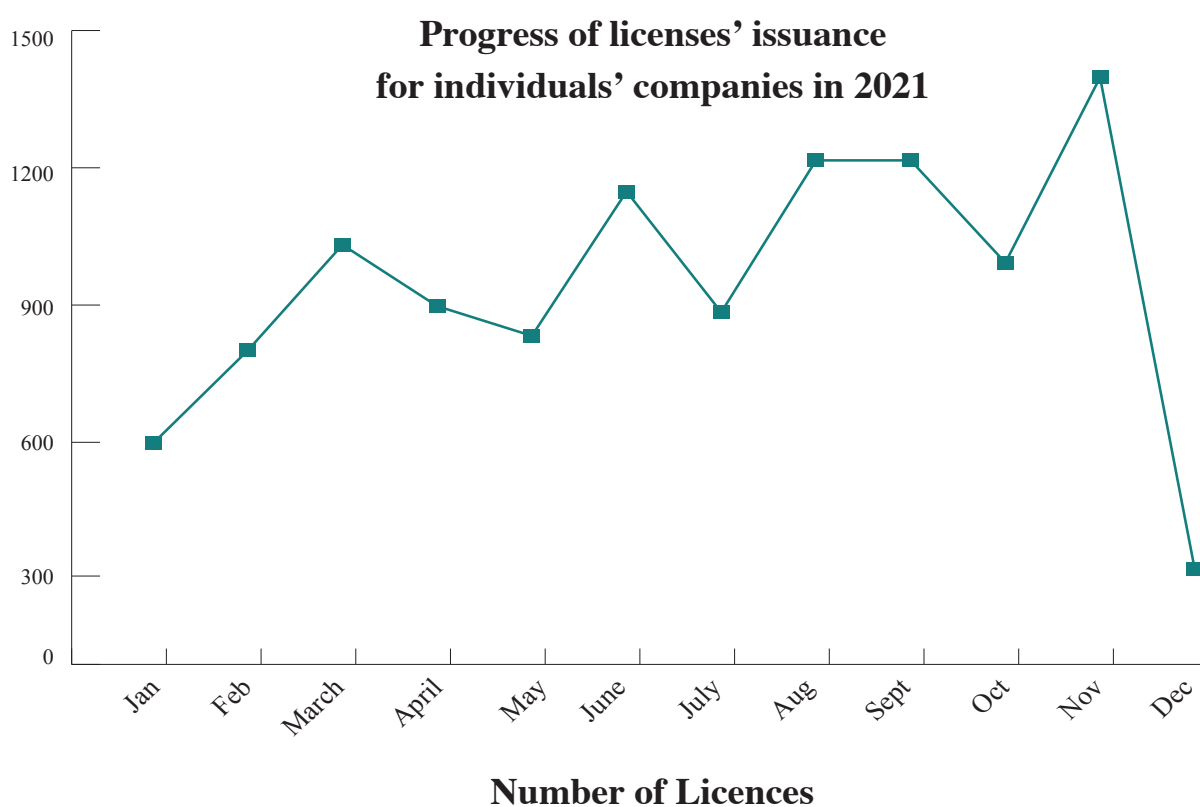
### Number of financial statements to be submitted by public companies

Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2020 (inclusive of various financial months)	120
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2019 (inclusive of various financial months)	35
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2018 (inclusive of various financial months)	5
Number of financial statements submitted for the fiscal year ending on 31/12/2017 (inclusive of various financial months)	2
Number of statements provided for various financial months of 2021	6
Number of financial position statements submitted for closed companies (under liquidation)	99
Number of companies with converted legal entities	2

### Third: Individuals' Companies

#### Progress of licenses' issuance for individuals' companies in 2021

Months	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
No. of Licenses	634	831	1,055	925	862	1,168	912	1,234	1,234	1,017	1,410	367	11,282



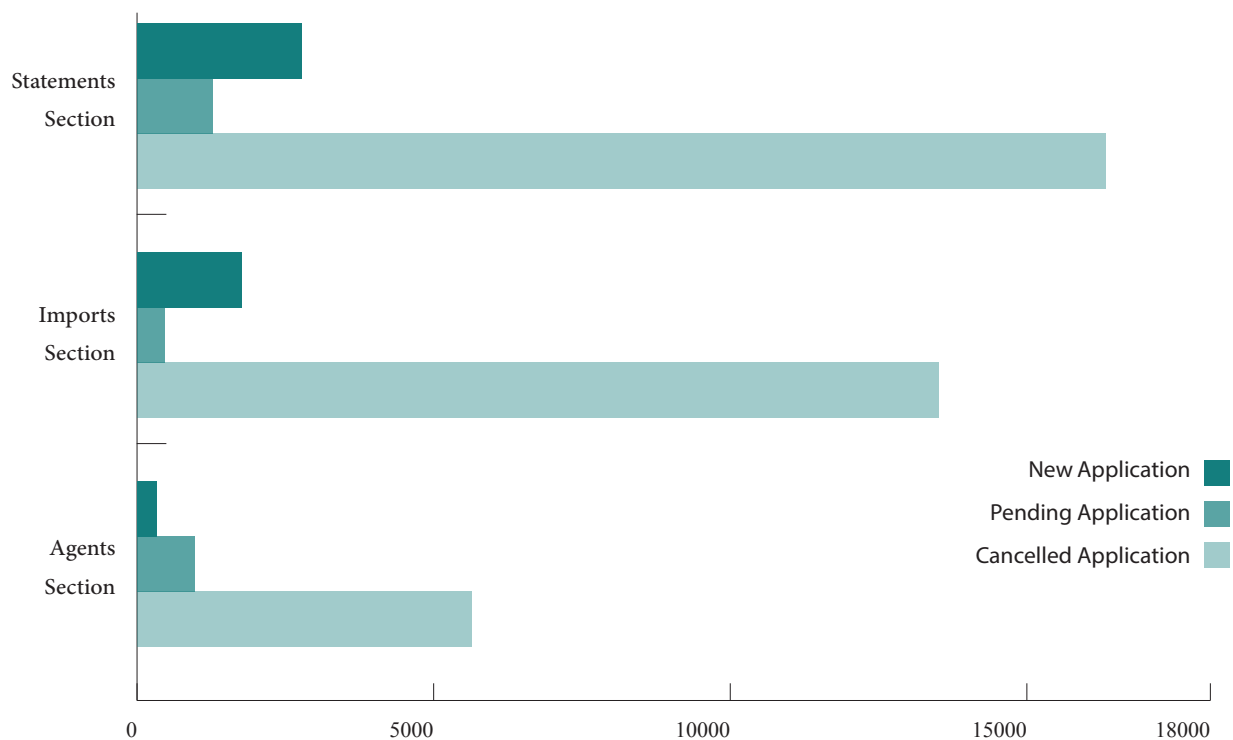


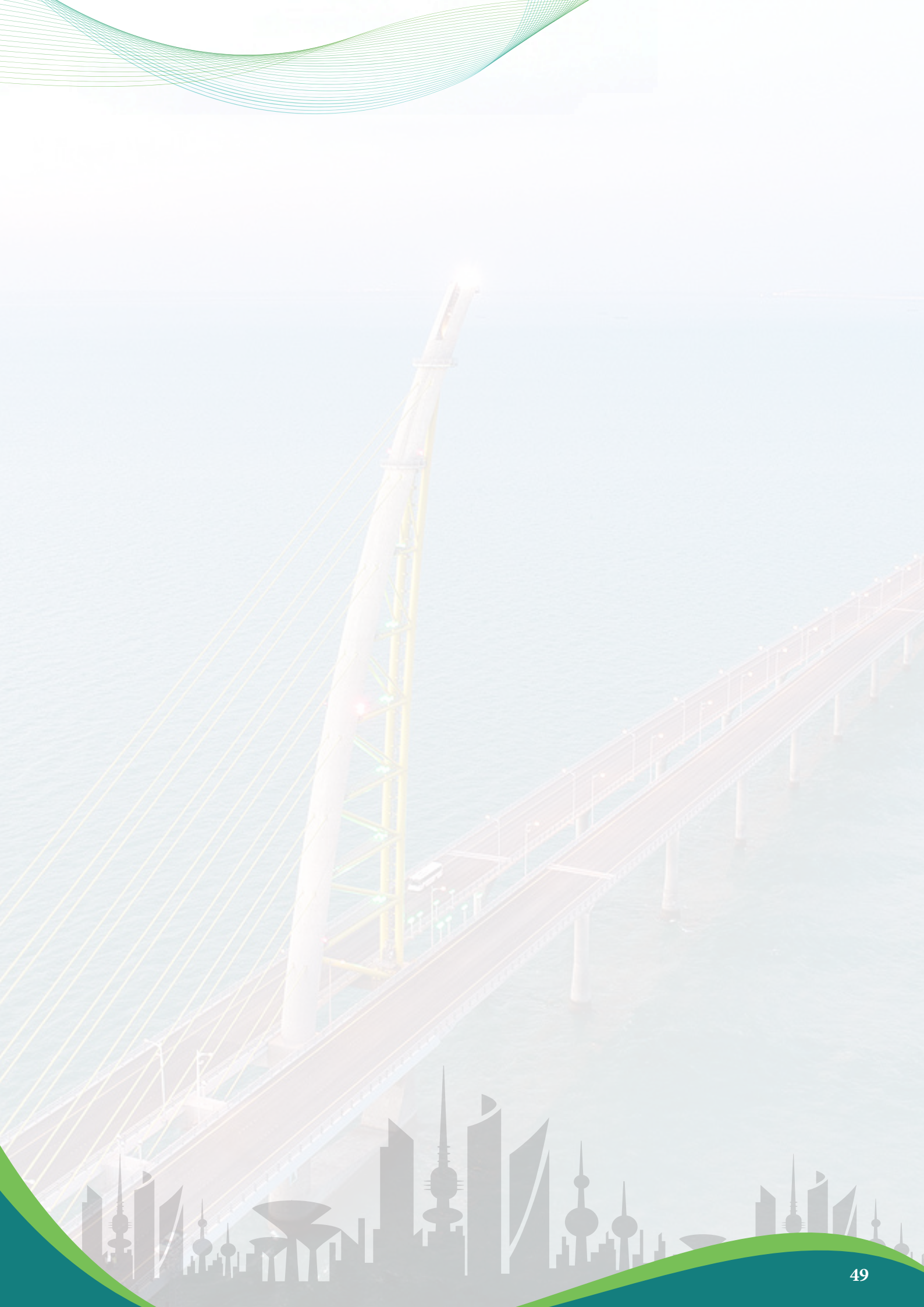
#### Fourth: Commercial Register

**Commercial Register Transactions in 2021**

Item	New Application	Pending Application	Cancelled Application	Total	Percentage of Change
Statements Section	2,771	1,271	16,332	2,0375	47
Imports Section	1,764	467	13,513	15,744	37
Agents Section	322	965	5,636	6,923	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,857</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>35,481</b>	<b>43,042</b>	<b>100</b>

**Commercial Register Transactions in 2021**







An aerial photograph of a cable-stayed bridge spanning a vast body of water. The bridge features a tall, white, A-frame pylon with numerous yellow stay cables fanning out to support the bridge deck. The deck is illuminated with green lights along its edge. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue, indicating a sunset or sunrise. The bridge is positioned diagonally across the frame, leading the eye from the bottom right towards the horizon.

Part Five

# Technical Affairs and Trade Development







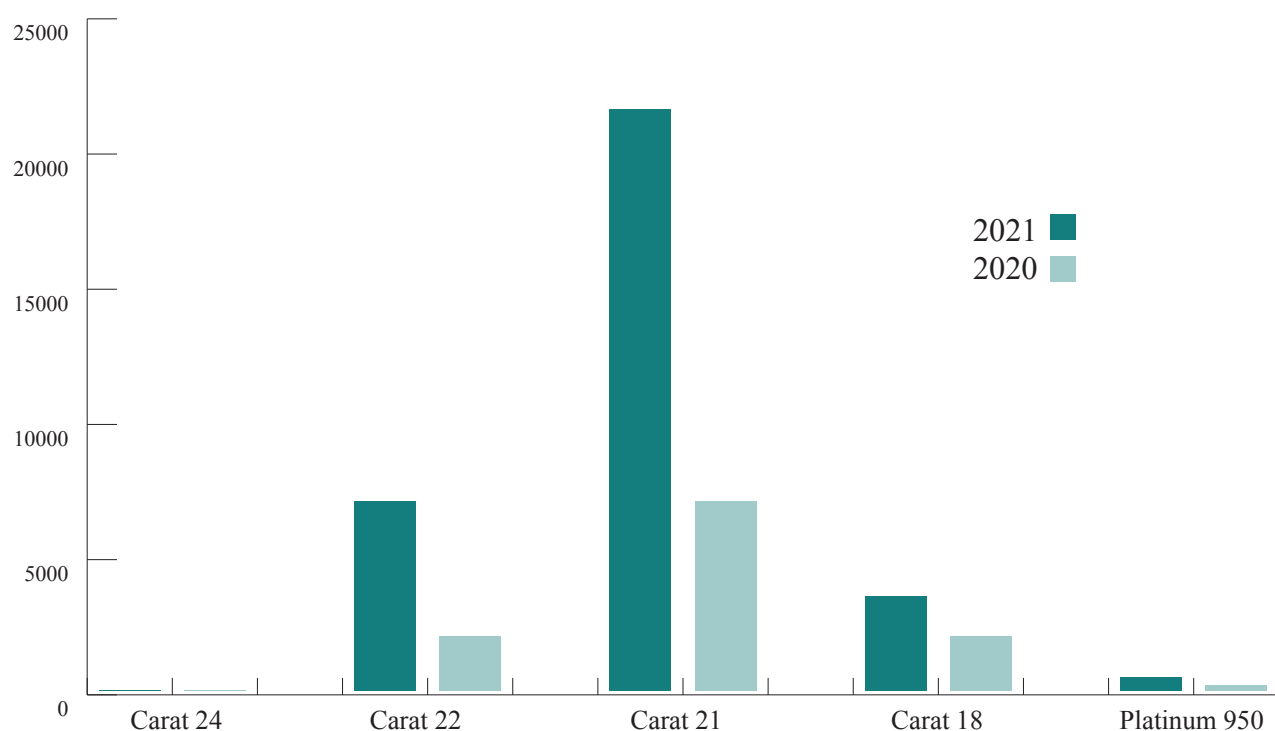
## Quantity of Gold Jewelry and Precious Stones Stamped during the year 2021

The amount of stamped gold increased in (2021), compared to (2020), by approx. 161%, where it weighed (34,595,112) kg compared to (13,242,576) kg for (2020).

As for the quantities of silver, they increased significantly during the year (2021) from the year (2020) by about 55%, as it weighed (2,453,357) kg compared to (1,587,933) kg.

As for the quantities of precious stones that were examined and evaluated, they decreased by about 31%, amounting to (1,172) in (2021), compared to (892) pieces in (2020), as detailed in the following table:

### Quantities of gold stamped by carat in 2021 compared to 2020



### First: Precious Metals

**Quantities of stamped jewels and precious stones and fees collected thereon in (2021)  
compared to (2020)**

Item	2021	2020	Percentage of Change
Quantities of stamped gold (in kilograms)	34,595.112	13,242.576	161
Gold Stamping Fees (KD)	1,729,755.600	662,128.650	161
Quantities of stamped silver (in kilograms)	2,453.075	1,587.933	55
Silver Stamping Fees (KD)	25,453.075	4,908.902	419
Quantities of precious stones examined and evaluated (by piece)	1,172	892,892	31
Fees of Examination (KD)	353,230.453	139,320.233	154
Quantity of Gold and Silver Bullion (Kilograms)	28,631.371	7,476.575	283
Fees of Bullion (KD)	1,391,875.990	322,803.220	331

### **Quantities of Gold Stamped in (2021)**

(Qty. in Kg)

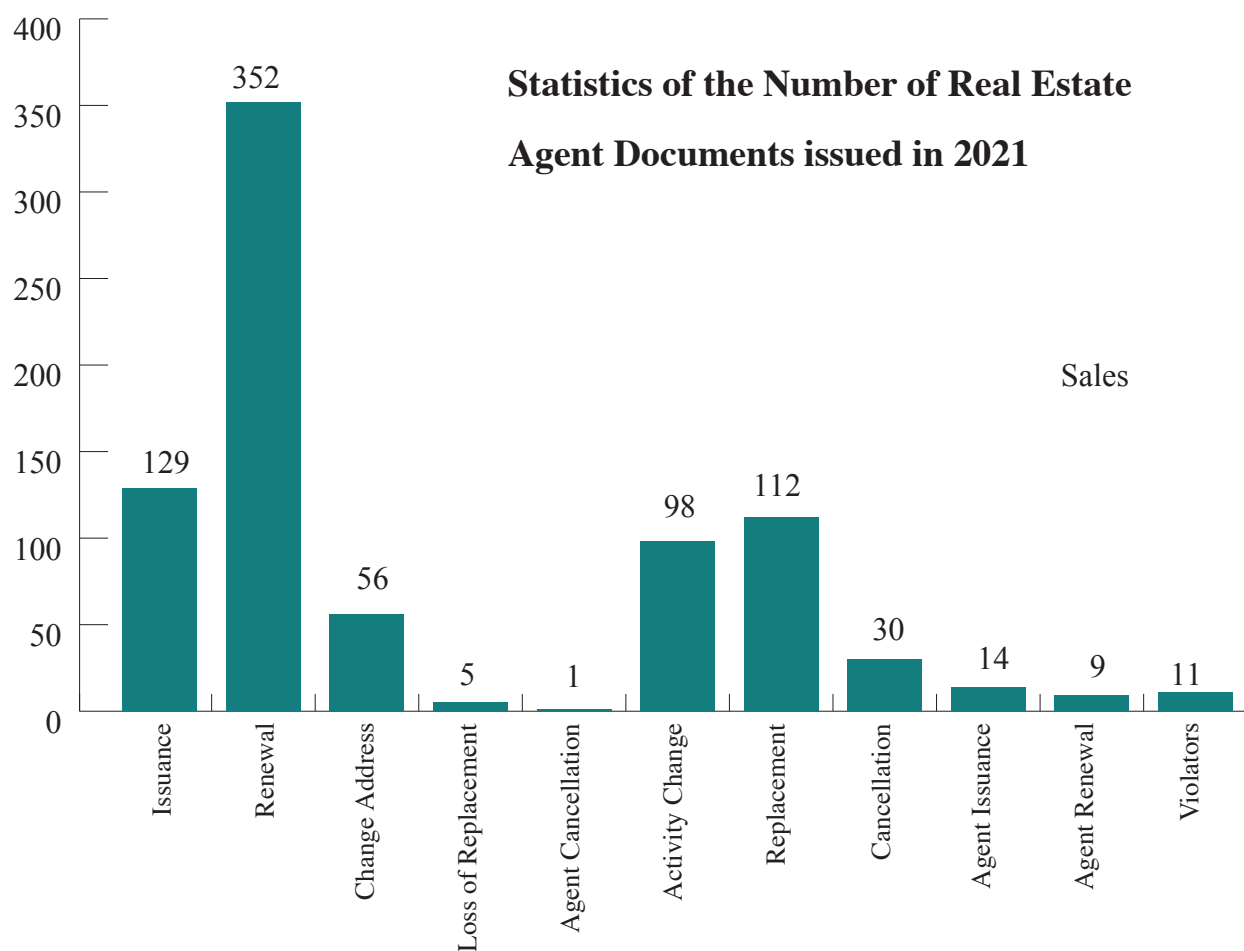
Item	Domestic	Foreigner	Total
(24) Carat	1,228	10,171	1,1399
(22) Carat	3,679.537	4,373.243	8,052.780
(21) Carat	14,164.609	8,382.143	22,546.752
(18) Carat	259,820	3,349.192	3,609.012
Platinum (950)	0,072	375,097	375,169
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,105.266</b>	<b>16,489.846</b>	<b>34,595.112</b>

## Second: Real Estate Department

### Real Estate Licensing Section 2021 Achievements

**Statistics of the Number of Real Estate Agent Documents issued in 2021, in the period from 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021**

Issuance	Renewal	Change Address	Loss of Replacement	Replacement	Cancellation	Agent Issuance	Agent Renewal	Agent Cancellation	Violators	Activity Change
129	352	56	5	112	30	14	9	1	11	98

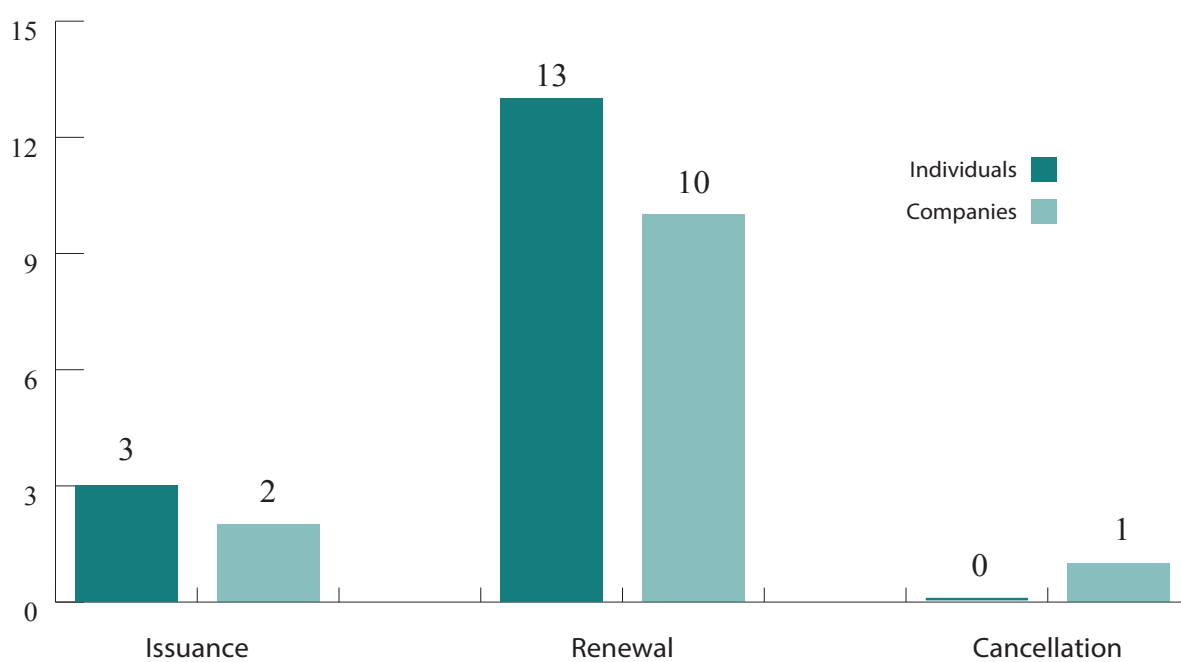


## Statistics of the No. of Real Estate Licenses (Real Estate Evaluators) in 2021

From 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021

Real Estate Evaluators	Issuance	Renewal	Cancellation
Companies	2	10	1
Individuals	3	13	0

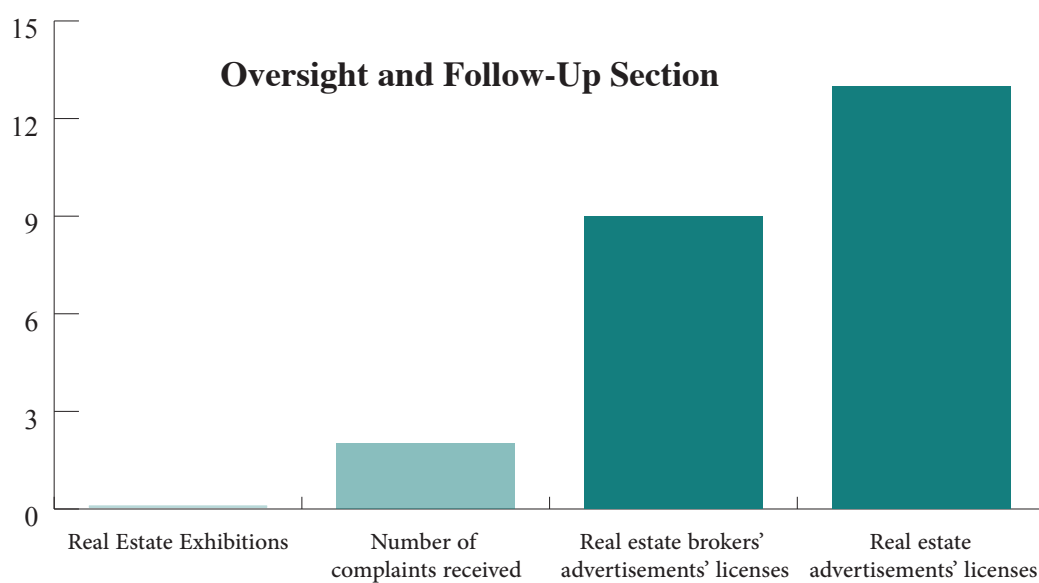
### Real Estate Evaluators





## Oversight and Follow-Up Section in 2021

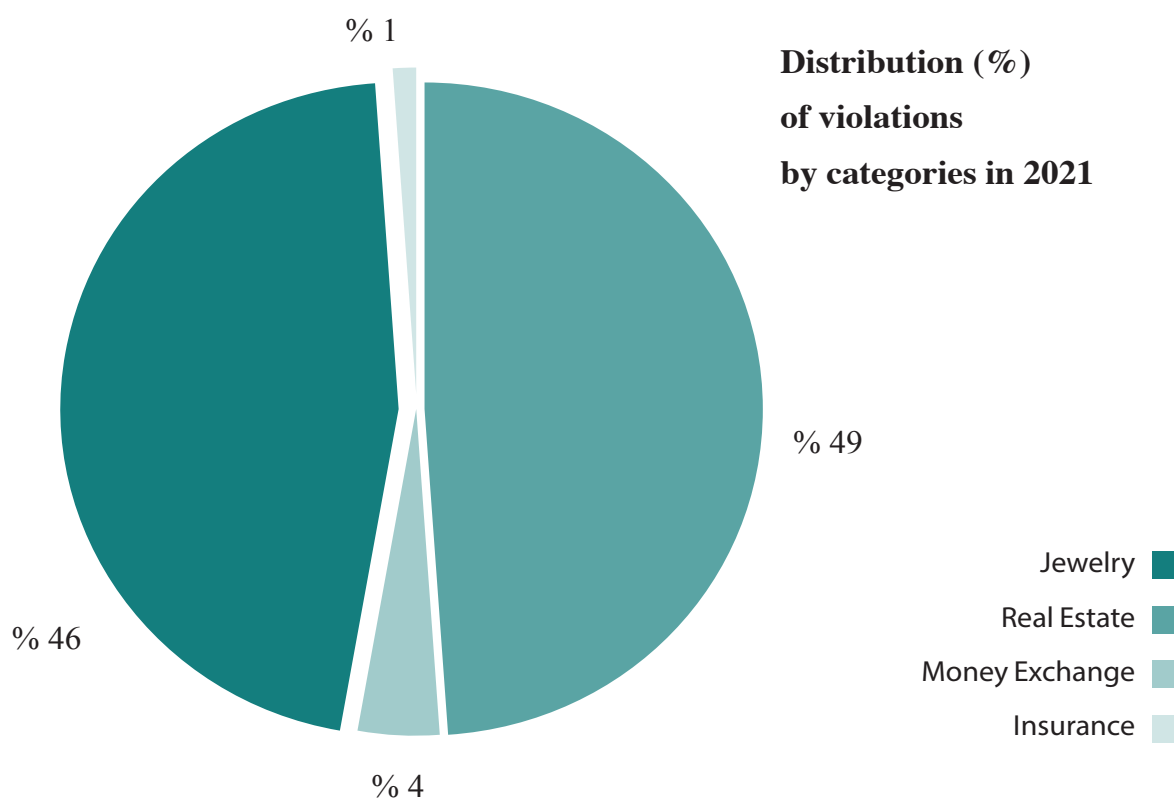
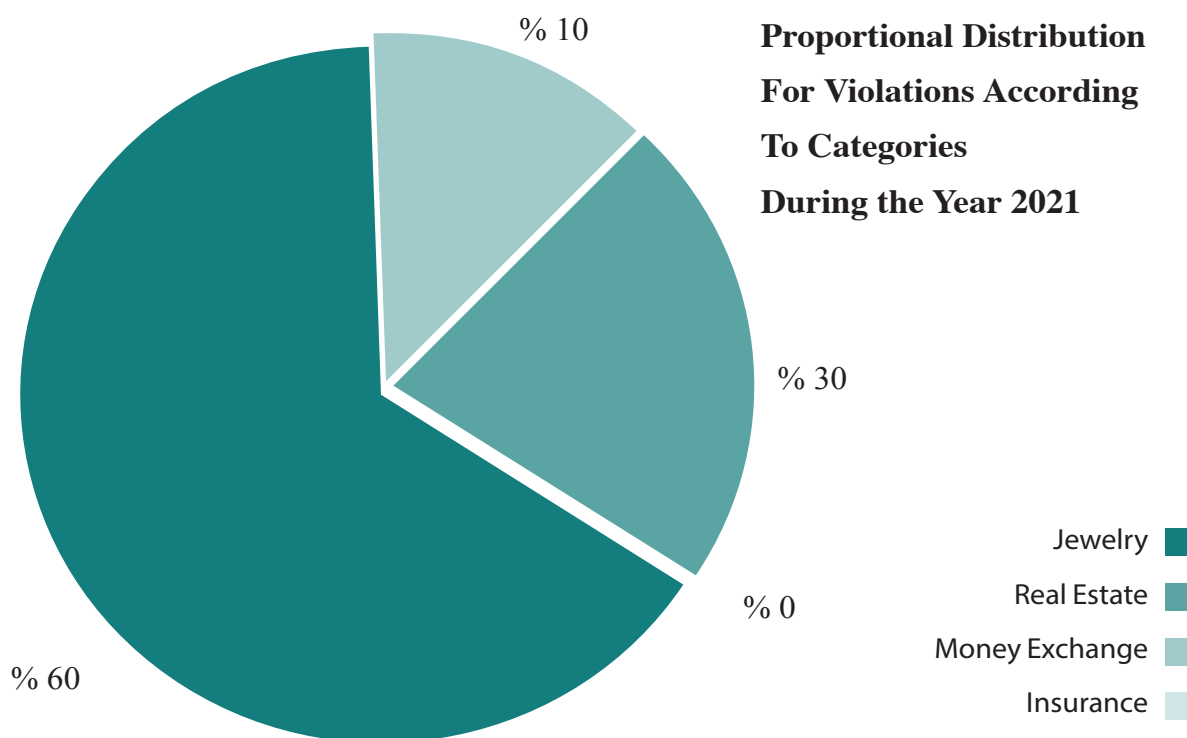
Real estate advertisements' licenses	13
Real estate brokers' advertisements' licenses	9
Number of complaints received	2
Real Estate Exhibitions	0



### Third: Anti-Money Laundering Office

Transactions and Procedures		Real Estate	Money Exchange	Jewelry	Insurance	Total
1	Issuance of new licenses (opening a file)	508	10	201	0	719
2	No. of approvals to appoint new compliance officers	516	12	144	11	783
3	No. of desk reports (desk review)	512	11	149	2	674
4	No. of inspection reports (field visits)	246	149	792	0	1187
5	No. of field visits requests	255	100	490	0	845
6	No. of referrals to Kuwait Financial Intelligence Unit	0	0	1	0	1
	Total	1782	182	1386	13	4209
Violations		Real Estate	Money Exchange	Jewelry	Insurance	Total
1	Written warning	159	51	270	0	480
2	Reports submission order	19	7	19	0	45
3	Order of Compliance	20	2	59	0	81
4	Suspension of company activity	11	10	73	0	94
5	Suspension of a civil or individual number	12	7	28	0	47
	Total	221	77	449	0	747

Correction of Violations		Real Estate	Money Exchange	Jewelry	Insurance	Total
1	No. of cases of lifting licenses' suspensions	8	2	16	0	26
2	No. of cases of lifting individuals' suspensions	16	0	1	0	17
3	No. of complying companies	151	11	145	3	310
	Total	175	13	162	3	353
Websites						Total
1	Websites Blocking					84
2	Undertaking Note for websites					14
3	Websites Unblocking					11
	Total					109







Part Six

# International Organizations and Foreign Trade





## **First: Global Organizations Department**

**Global Organizations Department 2021 achievements.**

**Services Trade Section 2021 achievements.**

**Commodity Trade Section 2021 achievements.**

**Commercial Organizations Section 2021 achievements.**

**Intellectual Property Section 2021 achievements.**

## **Global Organizations**

1. Electronic training courses in World Trade Organization.
2. Annual assessment of the Working Group on Trade, Debt and Finance in the World Trade Organization.
3. Semiannual report for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2020, pursuant to Article 16.4 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement.
4. WTO report on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on agricultural trade.
5. Minutes of the introductory virtual workshop on partnership framework between Kuwait Government and the World Bank, headed by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Finance, with the participation of the Director of Organizations Department, Mr. Abdul Mohsen Al-Attar - Head of the Services Trade Section - Ghalia Al-Matrouk.
6. Invitation to participate in the GCC World Trade Organization Committee's virtual meeting.
7. The 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of GCC WTO Committee.
8. Minutes of the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of GCC WTO Committee, held on 28/09/2021, via video conference.
9. Sector's Five-Year Plan.
10. Preparation of the Annual Development Plan (2022-2023).
11. Participation in the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GCC WTO Committee, held on 28/09/2021 (virtual).
12. Global Organizations Department's Five-Year Plan (2021-2025 AD).
13. 2021 annual reports for the committees and work groups of the Council for Trade in Services.
14. Follow-up on the minutes of the virtual 75<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GCC WTO Committee.
15. Attendance and representation in the virtual meeting of the Progress Fund mission with the Undersecretary of the Ministry, held on 05/10/2021, upon the invitation addressed to the Ministry by the Governor of the Central Bank; a virtual meeting that was held in the office of the Ministry Undersecretary.
16. Attending the Arab Ministers of Commerce preparatory meeting for the 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, with His Excellency the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Abdullah Al-Salman, the Sector Undersecretary, Mr. Eid Al-Rashidi, the Director of the Global Organizations Department, Mr. Abdul Mohsen Al-Attar, and Mr. Ali Al-Jeriwi from the Services Trade Section.

17. Attending the fraternal meeting held between the Ministers of Commerce and Industry in the State of Kuwait and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 17/10/2021 (virtual meeting in the Minister Office's meeting room).
18. Invitation to participate in the virtual awareness workshop on the "Joint Initiative for Local Rules in Service Sector".
19. Invitation to participate in the virtual awareness workshop on the "Joint Initiative for Local Rules in the Service Sector".
20. Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GCC WTO Committee.
21. New electronic platform related to General Council issues.
22. Invitation to participate in the virtual meeting of the GCC WTO Committee (56.)
23. File of the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GCC WTO Committee.
24. Meeting of the GCC Member States Coordinator at the World Trade Organization in Geneva with the Chairman and Secretariat of the Committee on Regional Trade Agreements.
25. Invitation to participate in the electronic symposium on the Competition, Trade and Development Policy.
26. Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization 30/11-03/12/2021, submitting it to the Sector's Undersecretary.
27. The 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GCC WTO Committee, held on 14-15 June 2021, via video conference.
28. Report of the second quarter of 2021 for the work of the commercial attaché in Geneva.
29. 2022-2023 Budget.
30. Book on E-commerce.
31. Invitation to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Business Law Forum.
32. Monthly reports on the Department's work.
33. Consultative and Media Meeting for the World Intellectual Property Day campaign of 2022.
34. Sultanate of Oman's Trade Policies Review meeting in World Trade Organization.
35. Coordination Meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Strategic Dialogue Round between the State of Kuwait and the United States of America.
36. Arab Ministers of Commerce preparatory meeting for the 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference of World Trade Organization.
37. The 45<sup>th</sup> Regional Session related to the main issues on the International Economic Conference Agenda in Cairo, 5 – 16 December.
38. Recommendations of the 54<sup>th</sup> GCC WTO Committee meeting.
39. 55<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting of the GCC World Trade Organization.
40. Virtual Meeting of WTO Market Access Committee.
41. Report of the Virtual Meeting of the Trade and Environmental Sustainability Initiative.



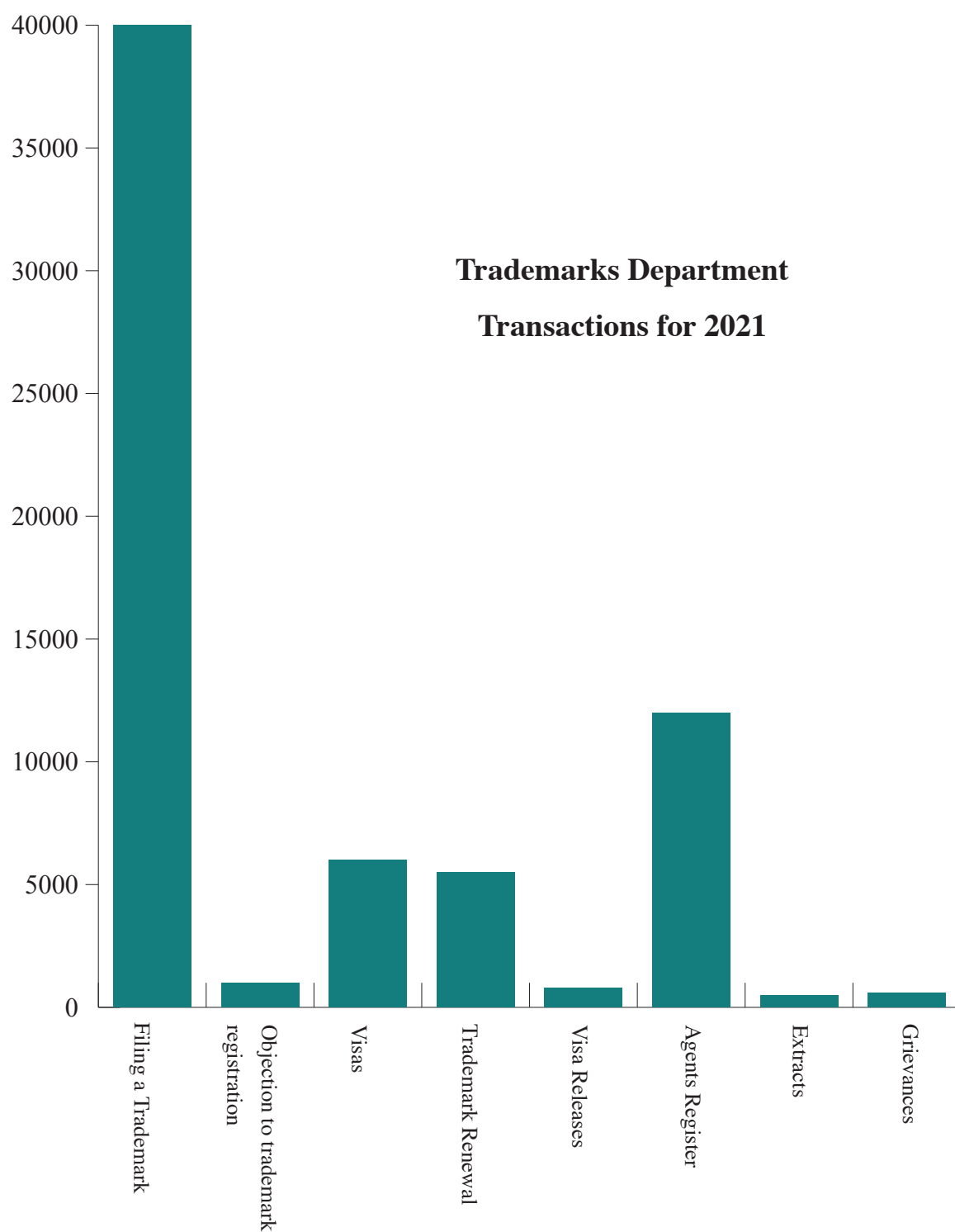
## **Second: Trademarks and Patents**

There are several ways to distinguish one commodity from another by mere form, including trademarks, which continue to simplify the procedures for registering and documenting trademarks, patents and industrial designs, with a view to stimulate commercial movement.

Total number of trademarks amounted to 60,806 transactions in 2021, with a noticeable increase of about 106% compared to last year. The biggest share of filing a trademark was 38,154 transactions, with an increase of about 105% compared to last year, followed by visas releases, amounting to 11,072 transactions, with an increase of about 132% compared to last year. As for visas, they amounted to 5,616 transactions, with an increase of about 99% compared to last year. Trademarks renewal transactions amounted to 5,499 transactions, with an increase of about 77% compared to last year. Oppositions to a trademark registration amounted to 285 transactions, with an increase of about 265% compared to last year. Document extracts amounted to 87 transactions, with an increase of about 47% compared to last year. The number of grievances was 78 transactions, with an increase of about 767 transactions compared to last year. As for the Agents Register, its transactions amounted to 15 transactions, with a decrease of about 25% compared to last year.

### **Trademarks Section 2021 Achievements**

Transaction Type	Number of transactions			Fees (KD)		
	2021	2020	Change (%)	2021	2020	Change (%)
Filing a Trademark	38,154	18,582	105	4,115.465	1,376.305	199
Objection to trademark registration	285	78	265	26,775	7,360	264
Visas	5,616	2,826	99	157865	65,806	140
Trademark Renewal	5,499	3,100	77	1,471.320	834,730	76
Visa Releases	11,072	4,782	132	387,005	181,580	113
Agents Register	15	20	-25	2,100	2,800	-25
Extracts	87	59	47	3,915	2,635	49
Grievances	78	9	767	3,510	405	767
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,806</b>	<b>29,456</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>6,167.955</b>	<b>2,471.621</b>	<b>150</b>



### **Third: Gulf and Arab World Affairs**

One of the main objectives of Foreign Trade is to diversify Kuwait's national income, increase exports of Kuwaiti origin commodities and to develop re-export trade, which can be attained only by opening new markets and developing the existing traditional markets, whether they are Arab or foreign markets. Hence, the Ministry is keen about everything that supports and activate this trend in the field of exhibition affairs and commercial promotion, locally and abroad.

#### **First: Arab World Monitoring Achievements for the year 2021**

1. Meetings of the Arab team on the subject of consumer protection, within the framework of the Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA) at the Secretariat General of the Arab League.
2. 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Restrictions Committee on Arab Rules of Origin – Note from the Director of the Department to the International Relations Department regarding the nomination for the Committee on Rules of Origin.
3. 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Arab team on Consumer Protection within the framework of the Greater Arab Free Trade Area; notes and views for the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the group of specialists in the field of consumer protection.
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Intellectual Property Committee meeting within the framework of the Greater Arab Free Trade Area.
5. 7<sup>th</sup> Intellectual Property Technical Committee meeting, which shall be held on 10/02/2021.
6. 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee on Technical Restrictions for the Arab Rules of Origin - Memorandum of the Director of the Department to the International Relations Department on the nomination for the Committee on Rules of Origin.
7. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Arab team for consumer protection in the framework of the Greater Arab Free Trade Area; notes and views for the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the group of specialists in the field of consumer protection.
8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Intellectual Property Committee meeting within the framework of the Greater Arab Free Trade Area.
9. 7<sup>th</sup> Intellectual Property Technical Committee meeting, which shall be held on 10/02/2021.

#### **Second: Gulf Affairs Monitoring Affairs Achievements for the year 2021**

10. Commercial Cooperation Committee meeting (60) was held on 27/06/2021.
11. Completion of the GCC draft unified Executive Regulations on consumer protection on 17/10/2021.
12. Approval of the final amended draft of the minutes of the Trade, Industry and Investment Affairs Team on 21/10/2021 by the Kuwaiti and Saudi sides.
13. Coordination meeting of the Kuwaiti-Omani Higher Committee, held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the State of Kuwait on 05/10/2021.
14. Commercial Cooperation Committee meeting (61) was held in Manama on 20/10/2021.
15. Several technical committees' meetings affiliated to the Commercial Cooperation Committee were held:

### Gulf Affairs Monitoring Meetings Held in 2021

No.	Meeting Description	Date	Venue
1.	9 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the committee responsible for entrepreneurs' initiatives	27 – 28/01/2021	Video Conference
2.	Commercial Laws Committee meeting to examine the commercial agencies draft law	01/03/2021	Video Conference
3.	10 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the committee responsible for entrepreneurs' initiatives and knowledge economy for small and medium enterprises in GCC states.	01/03/2021	Video Conference
4.	1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of the heads, managers and officials of small and medium enterprises.	18/03/2021	Video Conference
5.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Consumer Protection Committee meeting to discuss the Executive Regulations	22/03/2021	Video Conference
6.	25 <sup>th</sup> Commercial Laws Committee meeting to study the draft competition law in GCC states.	31/03/2021	Video Conference
7.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Commercial Laws Committee meeting to study the unified commercial draft law in GCC states.	05/04/2021	Video Conference
8.	60 <sup>th</sup> Commercial Cooperation Committee meeting.	27/06/2021	Video Conference
9.	Preparatory meeting for the Undersecretaries of the Ministries of Commerce (51).	21/06/2021	Video Conference
10.	26 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commercial Laws Committee to study the draft competition law in GCC states.	10/08/2021	Video Conference
11.	Consumer Protection Committee meeting	16/08/2021	Video Conference
12.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Commercial Agencies draft law.	19/08/2021	Video Conference
13.	52 <sup>nd</sup> Extraordinary Meeting of Undersecretaries of the Ministries of Commerce in GCC states.	26/08/2021	Video Conference
14.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trade Challenges Addressing Task Force Meeting (Fund)	30/08/2021	Video Conference
15.	6 <sup>th</sup> Consumer Protection Committee Meeting.	02/09/2021	Video Conference
16.	4 <sup>th</sup> agency draft law meeting.	07/09/2021	Video Conference
17.	Extraordinary meeting of the Assistant Undersecretaries of the Ministries of Commerce in GCC states.	08/09/2021	Video Conference
18.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trade Challenges Addressing Task Force Meeting	12/09/2021	Video Conference
19.	Joint Coordination Meeting of the competent authorities concerned with the State of Kuwait regarding anti-dumping and countervailing measures in trade exchange between GCC states.	20/09/2021	Kuwait, Ministry of Finance Headquarters
20.	Coordination Meeting of Omani Supreme Committee	05/10/2021	Kuwait, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
21.	53 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Undersecretaries of the Ministries of Commerce in GCC states.	14/10/2021	Riyadh
22.	61 <sup>st</sup> meeting of the Commercial Cooperation Committee (Ministry of Commerce and Industry)	20/10/2021	Manama



## **Fourth: Exhibitions**

### **Exhibitions Section Achievements**

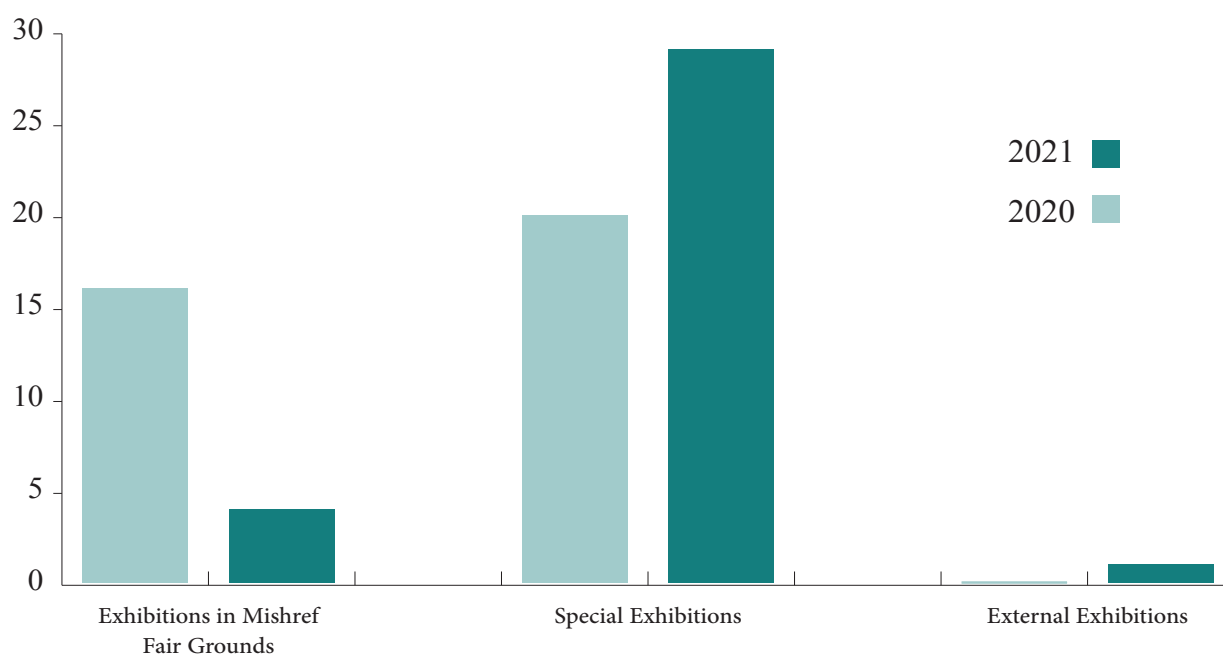
Exhibitions are considered the window of the seller and producer to display their goods and production to consumers, regardless of his location inside or outside the state. The Ministry has been active in this field and has agreed to hold (34) exhibitions during the year (2021), where the majority were exhibitions inside Kuwait, distributed between private exhibitions (29) and external exhibitions (1), as well as exhibitions that were held in the Mishref Fair Grounds (4).

The following tables are for further details:

### **Number of internal and external exhibitions during 2021 compared to the year 2020**

Item	2021	2020	% of Change
External Exhibitions	1	-	-
Special Exhibitions	29	20	45
Exhibitions in Mishref Fair Grounds	4	16	-75
Total	34	36	-6

### **Ministry's activity in the field of exhibitions during 2021 compared to 2020**



### foreign exhibitors in which the State of Kuwait participated during the year 2021

Exhibition Title	Period of Exhibition		Hosting State
	From	To	
China Virtual Import and Export Fair	During November 2021		China

### Development of local and foreign exhibitors numbers during the period (2016-2021)

Year	Local Exhibitions	External Exhibitions
2016	126	4
2017	143	1
2018	121	4
2019	105	3
2020	36	-
2021	33	1

## **Fifth: Export Development Section**

Kuwait's total Kuwaiti products exports to world states in (2021) amounted to about KD (324,113), where Arab states' share amounted to 22%, while foreign states' share amounted to about 18% of total exports and Gulf states' shares accounted for about 60% of total exports. It is noted that this year's exports have increased by about 123% compared to last year.

### **First: Arab countries**

The value of Kuwaiti-origin products that were exported during the year (2021) to these states amounted to about KD (71) million. Most of these exports was to Jordan, with an estimated percentage of 30% of the total exports to Arab countries, followed by Lebanon with an estimated percentage of 24%, then Iraq, with an estimated rate of 22%, and the remaining products were exported to Yemen, Syria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan, Algeria, Palestine, Somalia, and Djibouti. An increase in this year's exports has been witnessed, with an estimated rate of about 54% compared to last year.

### **Second: Other World States**

The value of Kuwaiti-origin products exported during (2021) to these states amounted to about KD (59) million. About 28% of these exports were to Belgium, followed by Turkey with an estimated percentage of 22% of total exports to foreign countries. The remaining percentages were concentrated in France, Luxembourg, Spain, Italy and other countries. An increase in exports is noted for this year, estimated at 126% over last year.

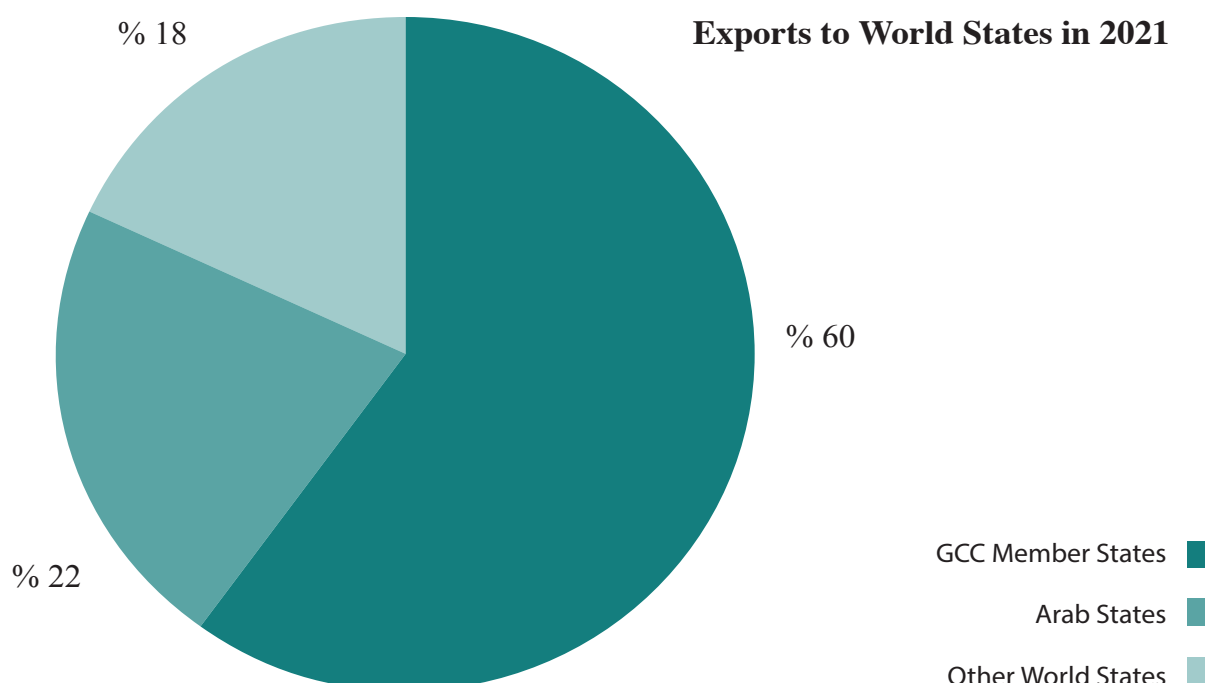
### **Third: GCC Member States**

The value of Kuwaiti-origin products exported during (2021) to these states amounted to about KD (194) million. Approx. 45% of these exports went to Qatar, followed by the UAE in the second place with an estimated 22% of the total exports to Gulf states. Remaining percentages were distributed to Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Oman. An increase in exports of this year is noted, estimated at about 165% over last year.

## Kuwaiti-Origin Exports to the States of the World during 2021 compared to 2020

States	No. of Certificates			Value of Exports to Nearest KD (1000)		
	2021	2020	Change (%)	2021	2020	Change (%)
Arab States	4,024	2,649	52	71,147	46,064	54
Other World States	1,073	916	17	5,8625	25,983	126
GCC Member States	10,435	8,434	24	194,341	73,454	165
Total	15,532	11,999	29	324,113	145,501	123

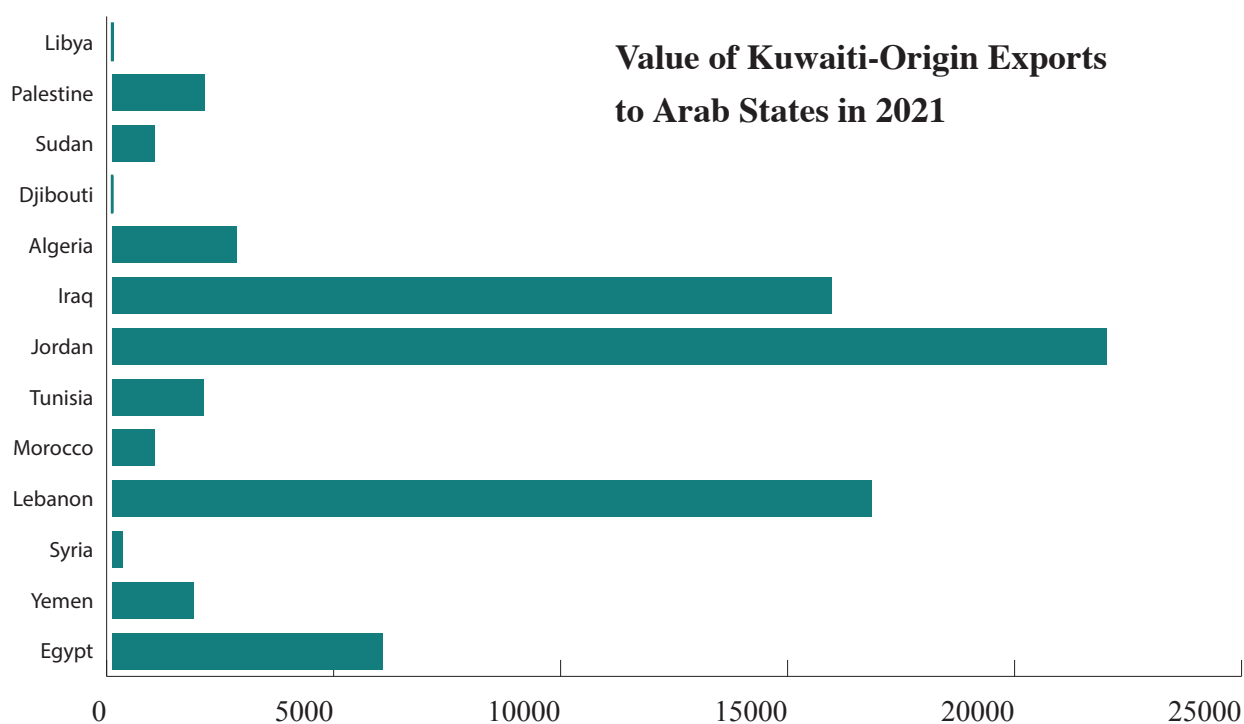
## Distribution (%) of Kuwait's Exports to World States in 2021





## Kuwaiti-Origin Exports to Arab States in 2021

	States	No. of Certificates		Value to the Nearest KD	
		2021	2020	2021	2020
1	Egypt	195	186	5,966	6,292
2	Yemen	147	143	1,796	2,652
3	Syria	30	28	238	214
4	Lebanon	168	214	16,724	2,551
5	Morocco	45	46	933	759
6	Tunisia	118	111	2,009	1,133
7	Jordan	2,814	1,401	21,905	1,066
8	Iraq	279	399	15,843	17,879
9	Algeria	53	62	2,735	2,513
10	Djibouti	1	2	3	14
11	Sudan	51	29	936	663
12	Palestine	117	11	2,043	71
13	Libya	6	16	16	245
14	Somalia	-	1	-	12
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,024</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>71,147</b>	<b>46,064</b>



### Kuwaiti-Origin Exports to Foreign States in 2021

State	No. of Certificates 2021	Value of Exports to Nearest KD (1000)
Turkey	263	12,876
Italy	59	5,276
Spain	55	2,047
Belgium	117	16,170
Portugal	45	3,265
Britain	16	150
Germany	22	212
Greece	25	343
France	100	4,733
Netherlands	1	27
Cyprus	10	357
Slovenia	41	10,59
Australia	3	17
Guinea	8	258
Sweden	9	153
Pakistan	6	61
Bulgaria	20	687
Poland	50	2,363
Sri Lanka	6	85
Bangladesh	6	2
America	31	401
India	13	130
Liberia	9	88
Ethiopia	1	12
Uganda	1	17
Hong Kong	3	24
Benin	1	10

State	No. of Certificates 2021	Value of Exports to Nearest KD (1000)
Singapore	7	298
Luxembourg	51	3,512
Colombia	12	70
Peru	29	643
Chile	1	8
Switzerland	11	2,663
Cameron	2	9
South Africa	1	8
Senegal	2	6
Zambia	1	5
Congo	2	2
Brazil	13	150
Guyana	3	120
Venezuela	2	21
Ecuador	1	15
Mexico	1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>58,625</b>

### Kuwaiti-Origin Exports to GCC Member States in 2021 Compared to 2020

	States	No. of Certificates		Value of Exports to Nearest KD (1000)	
		2021	2020	2021	2020
1	Saudi Arabia	6,682	3,864	40,666	1,5887
2	Qatar	1,413	1,662	87,492	27,781
3	UAE	1,322	1,590	41,835	21,989
4	Sultanate of Oman	293	485	1,636	3,206
5	Bahrain	725	833	22,712	4,591
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,435</b>	<b>8,434</b>	<b>19,4341</b>	<b>73,454</b>



A scenic view of a harbor at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and pink. In the background, a tall, dark skyscraper stands out against the sky. The harbor is filled with numerous boats of various sizes, mostly white, docked at piers. The water reflects the warm colors of the sunset. In the foreground, a pier with a red-tipped bollard and a small boat is visible. The overall atmosphere is calm and picturesque.

Part Seven

# **Financial and Administrative Affairs**





## **First: Financial Affairs**

### **Payroll Section**

1. Payment of the Ministry's employees' salaries.
2. Ministry's employees' social insurance deductions.
3. Recording data of newly recruited personnel.
4. Payment of cash allowance to the Ministry's retired and resigned employees.
5. Recording indebtedness of Ministry's retired and resigned employees.
6. Payment of Public Welfare Authority's deductions form to Ministry's employees.
7. Payment of the credit bank deductions form to Ministry's employees.
8. Payment of the Ministry of Justice's deductions form - Ministry's employees' expenditures.
9. Payment of commissions.
10. Payment for work teams.
11. Salaries' payment in advance.
12. Settlements and closings.
13. Determining indebtedness for a special leave to be devoted to the management of small or medium enterprises
14. Payment for excellent works 2020.
15. Transferring the balance of leaves upon moving.
16. Overtime payment.
17. Payment of the Minister's office reward.
18. Determining allowances and bonuses for Ministry's employees.
19. Payment of periodic bonuses.
20. payment for grades according to seniority and grade by selection.
21. Deduction of sick leaves, absences and case of being late to work.
22. Preparing the budget, Chapter One.
23. payment of and recording the employees' social allowance indebtedness.
24. Following up on clearance procedures.
25. Issuing a deduction form for:
  - A) General Authority for Social Insurance (Kingdom of Bahrain).
  - B) Public Pension Agency (government, Kingdom Saudi Arabia).
  - C) Zakat House.
  - D) Workers Union, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
  - E) Ministry of Information.
  - F) Ministry of Interior.

- G) Ministry of Defense.
- H) Ministry of Health.
- I) Ministry of Social Affairs.
- J) Public Authority for Manpower.
- K) Council of Ministers.
- L) Public Authority for Disability Affairs.
- M) Public Authority for Food and Nutrition.
- N) Ministry of Finance.

## **Procurement and Warehousing Section**

Statistical Bulletin as of 01/04/2021:

### **Tenders and Contracts Section:**

1. (366) invoices have been completed
2. (29) contracts have been completed.

### **Procurement Section:**

3. (139) purchase orders have been completed.

### **Warehousing Section:**

4. (377) purchase orders were issued.
5. (587) payment vouchers were issued.

### **Warehouses Accounting Section:**

6. (134) additional settlements have been completed.
7. (22) discount settlements have been completed.

### **Financial Accounts Section:**

Approximately (1889) Oracle forms have been completed for the period from 01/04/2021 to 31/12/2021 in the Financial Accounts Section, including forms for paying invoices of companies committed with the Ministry under work contracts and tenders, forms for purchases and purchase orders, petty cash and permanent custody forms, bank guarantee forms of all kinds and forms pertaining to official missions abroad.



## **Second: Administrative Affairs Department**

1. (41) new supervisors were delegated.
2. (463) Kuwaiti employees have been appointed to the Ministry's sectors.
3. (163) Kuwaiti employees were dismissed.
4. (20) employees were delegated outside the Ministry.
5. (10) employees were transferred outside the Ministry.
6. Internal transfer decisions were issued for (839) employees.
7. Decisions of periodic bonuses and promotions were issued according to seniority on 01/01/2021 and 01/07/2021.
8. Selection promotion decision was issued on 31 March 2021.
9. Decisions of deprivation from periodic increment and promotion by seniority were issued on 01/01/2021 and 01/07/2021.
10. Automated machine for extracting salary certificates, detailing salary and resumes, has been activated.
11. Automation of employees' grievances.

## **Third: Public Services Department**

- Insulation works have been completed in the city center (Sharq).
- Maintenance of a room in Al-Siddiq Center (electricity, plumbing, painting and floor replacement works).
- Maintenance of KIPCO Tower; electrical works and replacement of locks in (M2) floor.
- Radical maintenance of Al-Fayhaa Center (painting, electricity, sanitary and ceramic replacement works).
- Electrical maintenance works of Al-Shuhada Center, Seville and meat market (Al Mubarakiya) have been completed.
- Radical maintenance of Al-Jahra Center (painting and electrical works).
- Radical maintenance of Al-Dasma Center (painting and electrical works).
- Sabah Al-Ahmad Center was received from the Ministry of Transportation. It was equipped and (electrical and construction) works were completed therein. Employees of the Center started resuming their work.
- Electrical works and window maintenance (making ventilation holes in the windows) are completed in East Ahmadi Center.
- Plans were made for the temporary forestry project, following up the project with the municipality and determining the cost with the Ministry of Works (Roads Authority).
- Receipt of the new part in the precious metals, second floor of the facilities management and furnace room processing.

- Follow-up of maintenance works in Jaber Al-Ali Center (a government mall) with the Services Department, Ministry of Transportation.
- Initial receipt in Al-Wafra residential area from the Ministry of Housing.
- Khaitan and Al-Ayoun sites were handed over to the Ministry of Public Works to start construction work for the new centers.
- Receipt of Al-Mutla from the Ministry of Housing and construction work has begun.
- Conducting periodic maintenance for all centers affiliated to the Ministry for emergency works.

**Table of types of works completed and the number of centers of 2021**

No.	Type of work	No. of Centers
1	Isolation works	1
2	Structural maintenance work	10
3	Electricity works	5
4	Sites received	4



A vibrant photograph of the Dubai skyline under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a sandy area features a small architectural model of a building complex. A row of palm trees and a metal fence separates the model from the water. The background is filled with various skyscrapers, including the Burj Khalifa. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text.

Part Eightd

# Technical Support and Planning







## **First: Information Systems Center**

### **Information Systems Center Department key 2021 achievements:**

1. Equipping the frontline supply outlets in the various governorates of Kuwait, providing computers, printers, internet service, linking with the automated supply system and supporting the remote disbursement system for each site.
2. Providing and purchasing (150) high-specifications computers to cover the needs of the various departments and centers of the Ministry and to support and enhance work performance.
3. Providing and purchasing (45) laptop computers to cover the needs of the various departments of the Ministry and support remote work.
4. Providing and purchasing (75) laser printers to cover the needs of the various departments of the Ministry and support their work.
5. Providing and purchasing (35) scanners to cover the needs of the various departments of the Ministry and support their work.
6. Providing and purchasing (40) tablets for the Control and Consumer Protection Sector to use the digital portal system for the Commercial Control Department.
7. Providing interactive screens for all Ministry leaders to support official internal and external meetings and remote video conferences.
8. Introducing and awarding a bidding to sign a contract for the supply and operation of the best anti-virus software for (40) central servers and (2000) users, so as to provide and enhance the protection, security and confidentiality of the Ministry.
9. Introducing a bidding to purchase San Storage units, increasing the storage capacity to save the Ministry's data and produce backup copies thereof.
10. Introducing and awarding a bidding to purchase of modern switches and to replace and update all network cabins and rooms to enhance and raise the performance and speed of the Ministry's network
11. Introducing and awarding a bidding to sign a contract to provide high-speed Internet service to the Ministry's building and all its external centers, amounting to more than (40) centers.
12. Purchasing and replacing the latest firewall devices to protect the Ministry's network from intrusions and achieve cyber security.
13. Introducing and awarding a bidding to sign a contract to equip and expand the Ministry's data center in accordance with the best international practices followed.
14. Launching the online portal to automate the procedures of the Individuals Companies Department: <https://inc.moci.gov.kw/INC/WebPages/login.aspx>
15. Launching the online portal to automate the procedures of the Sole Companies Department: <https://sole.moci.gov.kw/sole/webpages/login.aspx>
16. Launching the online portal to automate the procedures of the Commercial Registration Department: <https://ereg.moci.gov.kw/ereg/WebPages/login.aspx>
17. Launching the online portal to automate the procedures for the Joint-Stock Companies Department: <https://stock.moci.gov.kw/Stock/WebPages/login.aspx>

18. Launching the online portal to automate the procedures of the Consumer Protection Department: <https://cpd.moci.gov.kw/CPD/WebPages/login.aspx>
19. Launching the online portal for receiving auditors' requests electronically and automating all relevant procedures: <https://eapp.moci.gov.kw/eapp/WebPages/login.aspx>
20. Launching the online portal to automate the procedures of the Real Estate Department: <https://re.moci.gov.kw/RE/WebPages/login.aspx>
21. Launching the online portal to automate the procedures of the Precious Metals Inspection Department (Gold Market - Airport Center):  
<https://gold.moci.gov.kw/Gold/WebPages/login.aspx>
22. Launching the online portal to automate the certificate of origin procedures:  
<https://eco.moci.gov.kw/eco/WebPages/login.aspx>
23. Launching the online portal to automate exhibition licensing procedures:  
<https://exhibit.moci.gov.kw/exhibit/WebPages/login.aspx>
24. Operating the cooperative societies' working hours system during the partial curfew period (for the second Corona pandemic wave)
25. Launching the online portal to automate the procedures of Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Department:  
<https://aml.moci.gov.kw/AML/WebPages/login.aspx>
26. Launching the online portal to automate the procedures of Trademarks Department:  
<https://trademark.moci.gov.kw/trademark/WebPages/login.aspx>
27. Launching the online portal to automate the procedures of the Commercial Control Department: <https://ccas.moci.gov.kw/CCAS/WebPages/login.aspx>
28. Launching the online portal for the Right to Access Information law:  
<https://info.moci.gov.kw/info/webpages/login.aspx>
29. Launching the online portal to automate the licensing procedures of the Direct Investment Authority (KDIPA):  
<https://kdipa.moci.gov.kw/kdipa/WebPages/login.aspx>
30. Launching the price control website on the Ministry's website, affiliated to the Technical Staff of the Advisory Committee for Commodities and Prices Oversight:  
<https://marketapp.moci.gov.kw/wo/#/moci/price-list>
31. Launching the online portal of the electronic messaging system (Wasel):  
<https://wasel.moci.gov.kw/CMS/WebPages/login.aspx>
32. Implementation of automated linking works with a group of government and external entities for automated approvals on online portals.
33. Development of the website of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry:  
[www.moci.gov.kw](http://www.moci.gov.kw)

## **Second: Administrative Development and Training**

### **Administrative Development and Training Department 2021 Achievements**

Training Section: Statistics of training courses and the number of trainees during the period from (01/01/2021-31/12/2021)

	Course	Department	No. of Trainees
1	Statistical concepts with applications	Planning and Research Department - Commercial Control Department - Technical Staff of the Advisory Committee for Commodities and Prices Oversight - Commercial Surveys and Price Control Department	19
2	Course in the field of inspection for the Commercial Control Department	Commercial Control Department	15
3	Program in the field of cooperative societies.	Joint-Stock Companies Department	13
4	Communication Skills Improvement Program for Consumer Protection Inspectors	Consumer Protection Department	10
5	Intellectual Property and Trademarks Program	Trademarks and Patents Department	10
6	Central Agency courses (29) favor the Information Systems Center	Information Systems Center	29
7	Course for the newly recruited - Civil Service Commission	Administrative Development and Training	1
8	Creativity and Innovation Course	Planning and Research Department	4
9	Governance	Planning and Research Department Supply Department	6
10	Rules of Financial Review and Auditing	Audit and Inspection Department	1
11	Career conduct with integrity	Administrative Development and Training	3
<b>Total No. of Courses: 39</b>		<b>Total No. of Trainees: 111</b>	

### **Notes:**

Total number of training courses of 2021 has decreased compared to previous years due to the pandemic conditions, reduction of training budget and suspension of training courses for a period of time at the request of the Council of Ministers, where the majority of training programs were held online.

### **Training Section Achievements**

1. Preparing an official letter to the Civil Service Commission to inquire about the decision to stop holding training courses, whether local or external (online) courses. A response was received to postpone deciding on the matter until the relevant delegation controls are approved by the Commission.
2. Attending a meeting on the Judicial and Administrative Seizure Committee, where it was agreed that all training programs shall be held through Zoom programs, in light of the current circumstances.
3. Coordination and organization of the (Assistant Precious Metals Technician) program for intermediate certificate holders, in cooperation with the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training.
4. Notifying Kuwait Institute for Judicial and Legal Studies about the status of the training plan for the current training season (2021/2022).
5. Coordination with the Assistant Undersecretary for Commercial Control and Consumer Protection Affairs to train the students of the Higher Institute of Administrative Services (Commercial Inspection Program - Boys)
6. Coordination of the Knowledge-Based Economy and Vocational Education workshop, but it was not held due to the lack of employees nomination thereto.
7. Addressing the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training regarding holding a meeting with the Industrial Institute for the course of (Assistant Precious Metals Technician).
8. Inquiries from the Civil Service Commission about the extent to which the Ministry may hold training programs for attendees in person, taking into account health requirements.
9. Preparing a letter to the Civil Service Commission (External Training Department and follow-up the issues of delegated trainees) in terms of transferring the amounts allocated in the budget for external training into training seats.
10. A training institute has been approved for training courses on the anti-money laundering and terrorism financing law.
11. Addressing the Financial Affairs Department for the training courses of the Ministry of Finance.
12. Preparing a letter to the Financial Affairs Department requesting petty cash for the training rooms in KIPCO Tower.
13. Request to purchase the (Zoom) program from the Department of Financial Affairs.
14. Studying the Commercial Control and Consumer Protection Sector and the numbers of the centers' employees and their job titles for the Sector's Undersecretary.



15. Preparing a letter for the Kuwaiti Diplomatic Institute to inquire about their training plan for the training season (2021/2022).
16. Addressing all sectors of the Ministry regarding the Government Excellence Award in Dubai.
17. Requesting the Legal Affairs Undersecretary for the assistance of consultants to hold training courses on Civil Service Law from.
18. Preparing a letter to the Civil Service Commission Bureau submitting the Training Plan for (2021/2022).
19. Minutes of the Meeting Industrial Institute for the updates on the Precious Metals Technical Assistant course.
20. Completing the minutes of the monthly meeting of the External Training Courses and Study Leaves Committee for the Sector's Undersecretary.
21. Training hall's requirements and needs to be met in coordination with the Director of the Public Services Department.
22. Response to the Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Department regarding the Department's request to establish its own training institute.
23. Request from the Administrative Affairs Department regarding referring any ministerial resolution to the Administrative Development and Training Department.
24. Preparing attendance certificates for the National Guard in coordination with the Supply Department.
25. Preparing a note to the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training regarding the interview of graduates accepted by the Authority for the Commercial Inspector course.
26. Selecting a Ministry employee to represent it in the governance programs held by the Arab Planning Institute.
27. Addressing the Civil Service Commission for the nomination of more than one Ministry employee for external courses (outside the state).
28. Preparing a letter to the Undersecretary of the Ministry regarding the Excellence Award in the United Arab Emirates - Dubai.
29. Completion of the Department's achievements for 2020/2021 training season for the Sector's Undersecretary.

## **Work Methods and Service Development Section Achievements**

### **First: Ministry of Commerce and Industry Services Guide**

- An electronic book (E-Book) of 2021 has been completed for the new "Ministry of Commerce and Industry Services Guide", in line with recent electronic developments. It has been added to the online portal of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

### **Second: Ministry of Commerce and Industry Procedures Guide**

- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Procedures Guide of 2021 has been completed, comprehensive of all sectors of the Ministry, including service and non-service departments and (each department separately), putting it into flash drives for each sector separately.

- Coordination was made with a printing company to put the procedural guide into flash drives, including (9) sectors in the Ministry.

- The Departments Work Procedures Guide is being introduced for the number of (9) sectors in the Ministry, putting it in special flash drives for each sector.

### **Third: Ministry of Commerce and Industry Services Fees Guide**

- An electronic book (E-Book) for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Services Fees Guide of 2021 has been completed and added to the online portal of the Ministry.
- The first edition of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Services Fees Guide for the year 2021 has been printed.
- Copies of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Service Fees Guide were sent to all Departments in the Ministry (to directors and controllers).

### **Fourth: Government Services Guide (Integrated Automated Systems)**

- All services of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, including all service sectors therein, have been entered on the Integrated Automated Systems Program - Government Services Guide, Civil Service Commission website: [www.csc.net.kw](http://www.csc.net.kw)
- (242) services of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry have been approved in the Central System of the Government Services Guide, as displayed on website ([www.csc.net.kw](http://www.csc.net.kw)) by the Civil Service Commission.

### **Organizational Development Section Achievements**

1. Addressing the Civil Service Commission regarding the approval of the proposed organizational structure of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry as approved by the Minister, and following up and coordinating with the Commission in this regard.
2. Receiving and reviewing some Departments' responses regarding the terms of reference.
3. Several meetings were held with the Ministry's Assistant Undersecretaries to discuss and study proposals for the organizational restructuring of the Ministry's sectors.
4. Coordination with the Employment Affairs Controller to obtain approval for the transfer of the Committees Follow-up and Supply Management Section and approval of the draft transfer decision.
5. Preparing the competencies of the various departments and their organizational units in all sectors of the Ministry as included in the proposed organizational structure.
6. Preparing responses to the observations of the Audit Bureau in terms of organizational structures and units.
7. Replying to the Civil Service Commission's letters regarding providing them with all the Ministry's competencies.

### **Job Description and Evaluation Section's Achievements:**

1. Coordination with the Civil Service Commission regarding the updates related to job descriptions guides.
2. Receipt of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's job description guides from the Civil

Service Commission, explaining their observations on some items therein.

3. Finalizing reviewing the amendments made to the job description guides based on the observations of the Civil Service Commission, pertaining to the following departments:

- Lawsuit and Contracts Department
  - Administrative Development and Training Department
  - Studies and Commercial Support Department
  - Public Relations and Media Department
  - Planning and Research Department
- Economic Reform Programs Implementation Procedures Follow-up Office
4. Providing Ministry employees with copies of the job description cards if so is requested, whether in case of new recruits or the existing Ministry employees.
5. Providing Ministry employees applying for supervisory job interviews with the vacancies' job descriptions.

### **Third: Planning and Research Department**

The Planning and Research Department supervises the preparation of studies and research related to trade and commercial development, in addition to preparing short and long-term plans and executive programs thereof, as related to achieving the Ministry's objectives, following up on their implementation and providing statistical data related to commercial activity, in cooperation with various sources of information. The following is a brief presentation of the Department's achievements in 2021.

#### **First: Statistics and Data Field**

1. Issuing the Special Annual Report of the Amiri Diwan, including the following:
  - Licenses of joint stock companies.
  - Public Authority for Industry licenses.
  - Supply Department's achievements.
2. Providing and compiling annual statistical data for the year (2021) for all Ministry's activities, along with graphs.
3. Providing monthly statistical data on all Ministry's activities, along with graphs.
4. Interviewing applicants for information and statistical data and providing them therewith in cooperation with the Information Systems Center.
5. Monitoring all changes that occur in the Ministry's activities' sectors, taking the necessary measures to provide statistical data required for the preparation of statistics and bulletins.

#### **Second: Research Field**

- Preparing and issuing the "Monthly Commercial Bulletin", which deals with commenting on the work and achievements of the Ministry's departments during the month, supported by the necessary statistics and illustrations. Monthly commercial bulletins are being displayed on the Ministry's website and sent to the Minister's Office, the Undersecretary and the Assistant Undersecretaries and to several entities outside the Ministry.

- Preparing and issuing the Ministry's Annual Report in both Arabic and English languages, for the year (2020), including all Ministry's sectors' achievements, along with key statistics and graphs, to be distributed to the Minister, the Undersecretary, the Assistant Undersecretaries and the concerned parties inside and outside the Ministry, in addition to displaying the same on the Ministry's website.

### **Third: Planning Field**

- Preparing the Development Plan projects for the fiscal year (2020/2021).
- Attending the meetings of the task force following up the projects included in the Development Plan for the fiscal year (2020/2021), preparing minutes of the meetings and following up on the issued recommendations.
- Attending the meetings of the Planning Committee of 2021, preparing the minutes of the meeting and following up on the issued recommendations.
- Following-up the Operational Plan of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for the year (2021).
- Following-up on the Sustainable Development Goals as prepared by the Central Administration of Statistics.

### **Fourth: Following-Up Government's Work Program**

- The Development Plan follow-up data has been entered to the automated system of the General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development.
- The (quarterly) brief report on the Development Plan 2020/2021 has been prepared periodically.
- The report is being prepared and sent to the Audit Bureau on a regular basis.
- Preparing the obstacles to the Development Plan (2019/2020).

### **Fourth: Supply**

During the year 2021, the Ministry continued to undertake its role in ensuring the provision of basic commodities and materials necessary to the citizens, at acceptable prices, within commitment to the state's policy regarding facing the rise in living expenses by subsidizing commodities' prices.

The Ministry is concerned consumer affairs and protection through its leading and major role in supervising local markets to protect consumers against manipulation and exploitation they may be exposed to, as well as policies related to subsidizing commodities and ration cards. During the year, several Ministerial Resolutions regulating that work have been issued.

The policy adopted to confront price inflation in local market stems from the reality of the Kuwaiti economy, which is based on the principle of a free economy adopted by the state, in addition to local market openness to all world markets and the supremacy of supply and demand factors and honest competition among traders.

Therefore, the Ministry's intervention in setting prices takes place within a narrow scope given in determining the prices of basic commodities and materials that are necessary for the consumer's life, without interfering in determining the prices of other luxury goods that do not fall under the umbrella of pricing. This is left to the factors of supply and demand and the existence of a climate of competition by bringing about the desired effect on price trends and achieving a balance between the interest of traders and consumers.



## Ministry's role in facing price inflation

The role of the Ministry in facing inflation and changes in the prices of necessary commodities and foodstuffs can be summarized as follows:

- . Implementing the government's policy to support the prices of basic commodities listed on the ration card, which are sold at specific prices according to Ministerial Resolutions issued in their regard, e.g., construction materials, such as steel and lime bricks.
- . Providing the strategic stock of commodities and basic materials (rice, vegetable oils, powdered milk, liquid milk, sugar, lentils, flour, tomato and chicken paste), which meet the needs of the population up to six months, in anticipation of any emergency circumstances.
- . Prohibiting the export of materials subsidized by the state in order to ensure their availability to citizens in large quantities, ensuring that they are not leaked outside the state due to their low prices.
- . Cooperating with competent authorities, such as the Kuwait Supply Company, the Union of Consumer Co-Operative Societies and Kuwait Flour Mills and Bakeries Company, by providing these entities with financial support in exchange for providing these materials and paying the rents of regular and refrigerated warehouses and transportation and storage fees. This is for the current situation, but as for the general objectives we expect to achieve:

**First Objective:** Achieving the principle of effective control over the local market so as to attain the required balance between the interests of consumers and traders alike. The Ministry has set an executive policy to achieve that objective, as follows:

- . Consumer's awareness and guidance in terms of his daily dealings in the market and his choice between different alternatives of goods and services, in order to achieve the maximum benefit thereto in consideration for what he pays as prices for offered goods and services.
- . Introducing the consumer to the laws and Ministerial Resolutions issued by the Ministry, through the various media channels, achieving a sort of self-control and helping to facilitate the Ministry's inspection body.
- . Steady control by the Ministry, through inspecting commercial businesses and public markets, so as to prevent fraud and price manipulation, thus protecting the consumer.

**Second Objective:** Maintaining a stable citizens' standard of living and ensuring their access to basic commodities at appropriate prices. The Ministry has set an executive policy to achieve that objective, as follows:

- . Providing the necessary support for basic commodities and foodstuffs in order to reduce the burdens of the cost of living, and in an effort to reduce the prices of their counterparts in local market.
- . Providing the necessary support for construction materials, such as iron, cement, and lime bricks.
- . Coordination between the Ministry and other importing and distributing entities, such as Kuwait Supply Company, the Union of Co-Operative Societies, etc., to deliver these goods to citizens easily through ration cards for first-line materials or in supermarkets and cooperative societies for the other items.
- . Striving to establish a strategic commodity stock of basic materials, in order to achieve the principle of food security on the long run.
- . Continuous auditing and inspection of the distribution entities, so as to ensure that the Ministerial Resolutions specifying individuals' shares and selling prices are not violated.
- . Working to link and operate the ration cards' automatic system in supply branches in cooperative societies, in all regions of Kuwait, in line with the policy of the state's policy regarding enhancing its services in all fields and developing the current system to align with the application of the smart card, which will replace the ration card currently in use.

## Progress of Subsidy Total Value

During the year (2021), subsidy value amounted to about KD (250) Million, compared to about KD (167) Million in (2020). Hence, it is noticeable that there has been a significant increase in the value of disbursed subsidies in 2021 compared to the previous year, estimated at 50%.

A decrease is also noted in the quantities and value of the basic items included in the ration card in (2021), compared to year (2020), estimated at about 17%, where total basic items amounted to about KD (91.8) Million, compared to KD (110.8) Million during (2020). These items include (basmati rice, sugar, lentils, plain milk powder, vegetable oil, tomato paste, chicken, flour and bread).

As for babies' nutrients and infant formula of all kinds, the value of its subsidy has increased, amounting to KD (6.5) Million during the current year, compared to KD (5.5) Million in 2020, with an increase of 17%.

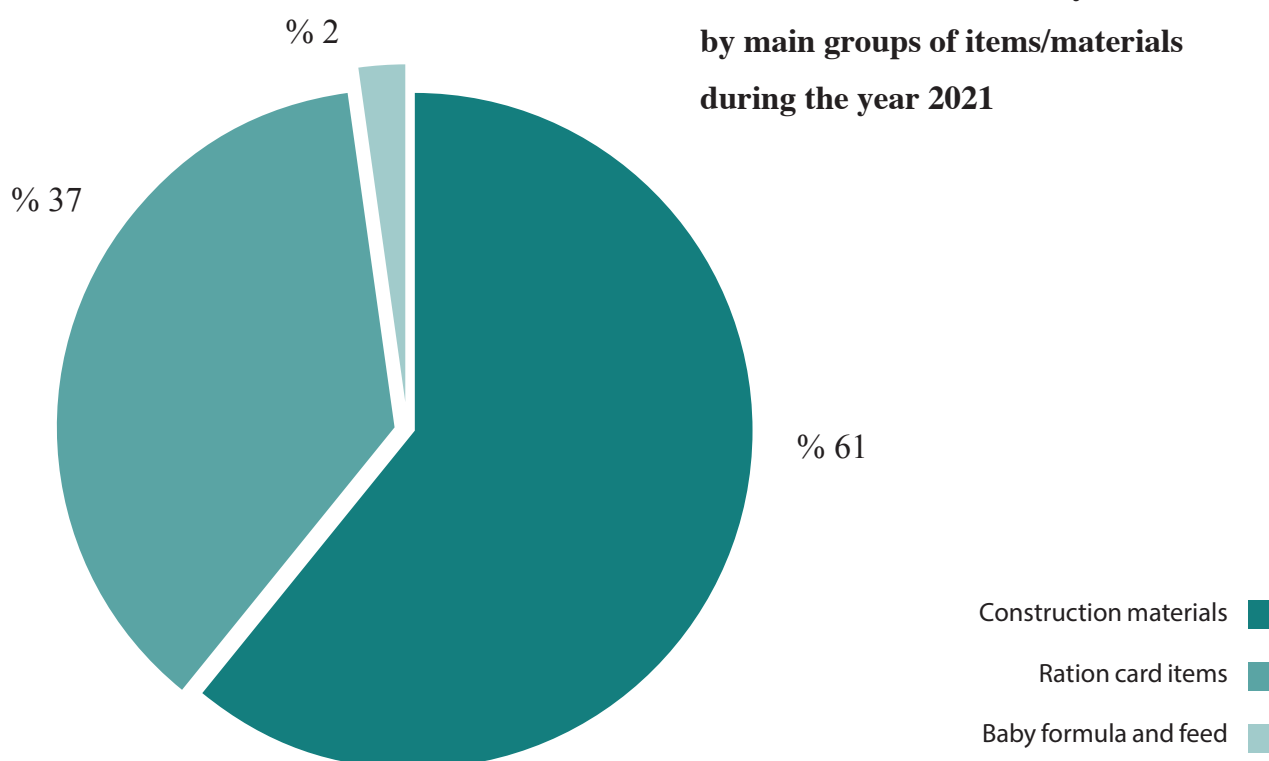
As for the quantities and value of construction materials subsidized in (2021), their value amounted to about KD (152) Million, compared to KD (50) Million in (2020), due to significant increase by approx. 208%. These materials include (steel, cement, lime bricks, white insulating bricks, concrete, cement bricks, air conditioning, sanitary kits, electrical wires, ceramics and porcelain, external cladding and waterproofing).

## Initial Statement - Subsidy Amounts Disbursed from 1<sup>st</sup> of January to 31 December 2021

		Item	Weight or Package	Subsidized Quantities Fils	Subsidy Disbursed	
					Fils	Dinar
<b>Basic Items</b>	<b>(1) Kuwait Supply Company</b>					
	1	Basmati Rice	Kilogram	110,055.500	600	36,551.208
	2	Sugar	Kilogram	17,295.000	200	1,451.145
	3	Regular powder milk	Carton of 6 boxes	586,438	845	10,639.108
	4	Vegetable oil	Carton of 6 bottles	1,819.083	847	11,576.854
	5	Tomato paste	Carton	1,408.340/875	423	1,152.797
	6	Chicken	Kilogram	31,469.077	097	9,348.482
	7	Lentils	Kilogram	2,506.000	400	197,159
	8	Flour	Kilogram	-	893	13,457,134
	9	Bread	Kilogram	-	282	7,497.309
					<b>587</b>	<b>91,872.200</b>
<b>Baby formula and feed</b>	1	Cerelac Baby Nutrition	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	11,350	700	223,789
	2	Nan Baby Milk (1)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	17,450	360	309,379
	3	Nan Baby Milk (2)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	21,280	220	374,951
	4	Nan Baby Milk (3)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	34,500	100	620,535
	5	Similac Gold Baby Milk (1)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	9,520	862	412,737
	6	Similac Gold Baby Milk (2)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	13,527	700	601,222
	7	Similac Gold Baby Milk (3)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	26,159	508	1,102.789
	8	Pediasure Complete 1+ Baby Nutrition	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	5,225	637	227,289
	9	Similac Total Comfort Milk (1)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	3,958	637	227,289
	10	Similac Total Comfort Milk (2)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	5,194	600	245,264
	11	Similac Comfort Milk (3)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	8,594	600	384,436
	12	S26 Pro Gold Milk	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	4,573	040	171,081
	13	S26 Pro Gold Milk (2)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	5,250	880	196,187
	14	S26 Pro Gold Milk (3)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	9,694	080	343,163
	15	Aptamil Baby Milk (1)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	6,760	360	139,698
	16	Aptamil Baby Milk (2)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	12,370	245	253,036
	17	Bebelac Baby Milk (1)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	1,175	840	21,816
	18	Bebelac Baby Milk (2)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	2,000	327	41,939
	19	Novolac (1)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	3,990	100	52,670
	20	Novolac (2)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	8,715	498	126,592
	21	Novolac Genio	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	13,450	920	184,151
	22	Kabrita Gold (1)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	2,235	500	89,678
	23	Kabrita Gold (2)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	2,529	500	99,653
	24	Kabrita Gold (3)	Carton Box 24 x 400.0 g	2,296	-	95,284
					<b>577</b>	<b>6,712.594</b>
					<b>164</b>	<b>98,584.795</b>
<b>(2) Kuwait Cement Company</b>		<b>Black cement for the beneficiaries of real estate loans</b>	<b>Bag of 50 Kilogram</b>	<b>49,699</b>	<b>040</b>	<b>47,711</b>

	Item		Weight or Package	Subsidized Quantities Fils	Subsidy Disbursed	
					Fils	Dinar
(1) Kuwait Supply Company						
(4) Kuwait Supply Company	1	Supply Cement	Bag	9,329.165	320	9,403.798
	2	Steel	Ton	273,612	600	48,558.837
	3	White insulating bricks	Square Meter	573,380	377	9,858.552
	4	Air conditioning	Beneficiary	4,698	250	21,820.916
	5	Concrete	Cubic meter	1,034.679/424	040	45,836.012
	6	Cement Brick	Brick	84,754.000	600	11,390.937
	7	Bathroom Accessories	Beneficiary	2,161	500	738,517
	8	Electric wires	Beneficiary	1,775	-	3,045.105
	9	Ceramic and porcelain	Beneficiary	67	-	122,535
	10	External cladding	Beneficiary	925	-	1,542.030
	11	Water insulator	Beneficiary	5	-	8,820
	12	Lime bricks	Beneficiary	2	-	3,150
Total subsidy on construction materials					727	152,376.922
Total subsidy disbursed from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2021 is (Two hundred fifty million nine hundred and sixty-one thousand seven hundred and seventeen Kuwaiti dinars and eight hundred and ninety-one fils only)					891	250,961.717

**Distribution (%) of subsidy value  
by main groups of items/materials  
during the year 2021**





## Total Subsidy Value by main groups of materials during 2021 compared to 2020

(To the nearest thousand KD)

Materials	Value		% of Change
	2020	2021	
Ration card items	91,872	110,802	-17
Baby formula and feed	6,713	5,584	14
Construction materials	152,377	50,285	203
Total Disbursed Subsidy	250,962	166,671	50

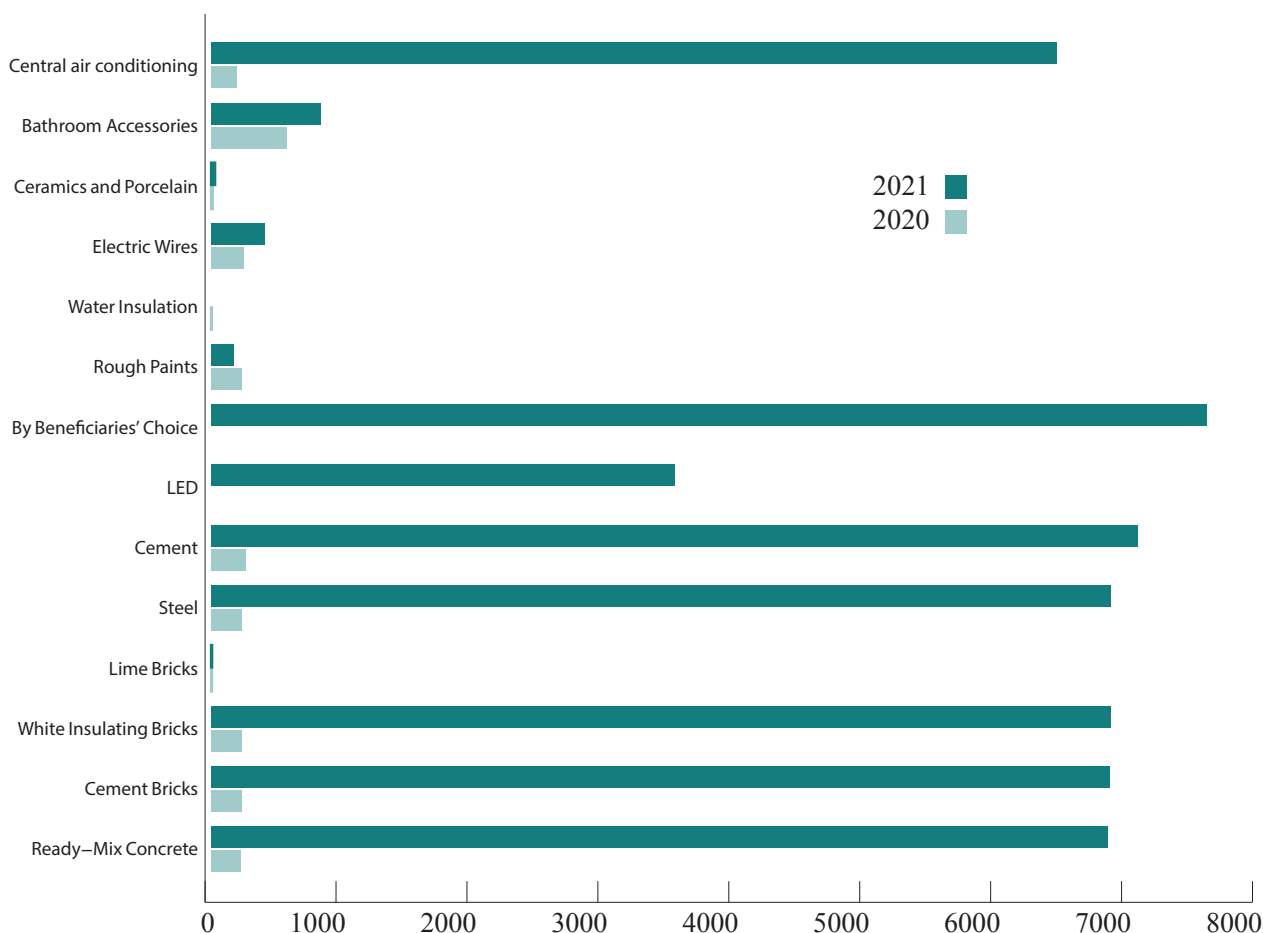
## Number of beneficiaries and quantities of construction materials from real estate loan owners during 2021 compared to 2020

Beneficiary		Cement	Steel	Lime Bricks	White Insulating Bricks	Cement Bricks	Ready-Mix Concrete	Total
Transaction Type		(Bag)	(Ton)	(Sq.M)	(Cub.M)	Brick	(Cub.M)	
No. of Beneficiaries	2021	7079	6870	3	6871	6862	6849	34534
	2020	261	230	2	230	230	227	1180
	% of Change	2612	2887	50	2887	2883	2917	2827
Quantities	2021	13482712	330991	3050	665260	99309620	2972450	
	2020	459665	10317	2600	20980	3136000	92430	
	% of Change	2833	3108	17	3071	3067	3116	

### Number of beneficiaries and sums of construction materials from real estate loan owners during 2021 compared to 2020

Beneficiary		Central air conditioning	Bathroom Accessories	Ceramics and Porcelain	Electric Wires	Water Insulation	Rough Paints	By Beneficiaries' Choice	LED	Total
Type of transaction										
No. of beneficiaries	2021	6461	833	26	406	-	175	7605	3537	19043
	2020	192	576	8	252	1	235	-	-	1264
	% of Change	3265	45	225	61	-	-26	-	-	1407
Sums	2021	32305000	260200	47000	609300	-	253300	13688700	3530000	50693500
(KD)	2020	960000	172200	10600	375800	1500	351700	-	-	1871800
	% of Change	3265	51	343	62	-	-28	-	-	2608

### Number of beneficiaries and sums of construction materials from real estate loan owners during 2021 compared to 2020



## **Ministerial Resolutions of 2021**

- Ministerial Resolution No. (1) of 2021 amending Resolution No. (232) of 2019 regarding construction materials support, dated 4/1/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (2) of 2021 regarding importation and its Executive Regulations, dated 4/1/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (3) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles and the Ministerial Resolutions amending it, dated 10/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (5) of 2021 regarding the approval of stamps sealing the marks stamped on imported precious metals artifacts according to Ministerial Resolution No. (165) of 2019, as amended, regarding the reorganization and procedures of stamping imported metals and precious artifacts, as amended, dated 12/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (6) of 2021 regarding the addition of commercial activities, dated 12/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (7) of 2021 regarding the approval of stamps sealing the marks stamped on imported precious metals artifacts according to Ministerial Resolution No. (165) of 2019, as amended, regarding the reorganization and procedures of stamping imported metals and precious artifacts, as amended, dated 12/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (8) of 2021 regarding the addition of commercial activities, dated 12/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (9) of 2021 regarding the formation of a permanent technical committee for the development of accounting rules and audit guides, dated 12/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (10) of 2021 regarding the controls regulating the work of institutions and companies that practice the profession of real estate brokers and real estate offices in terms of combating money laundering and terrorist financing, dated 12/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (12) of 2021 regarding the cancellation of commercial licenses (16680/2019), dated 12/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (13) of 2021 regarding commercial regulation, defining the terms of reference and delegation thereof, dated 13/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (14) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles and the resolutions amending it (a table is attached with some excluded vehicles), dated 13/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (15) of 2021 regarding the amendment of Resolution No. (232) of 2019 regarding supporting construction materials, dated 12/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (16) of 2021 regarding adding foodstuffs to ration cards at reduced prices, dated 14/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (17) of 2021 regarding adding foodstuffs to ration cards at re-

duced prices, dated 14/01/2021.

- Ministerial Resolution No. (18) of 2021 regarding the prohibition of re-exporting cement and stranded rebar, dated 14/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (19) of 2021 regarding adding foodstuffs to ration cards at reduced prices, dated 14/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (20) of 2021 regulating the export of recyclable waste and scrap, dated 14/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (21) of 2021 regarding the formation of a committee to study laws' legislation, 18/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (22) of 2021 regarding importation and its Executive Regulations on the importation of vehicles, dated 19/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (23) of 2021 regarding the formation of a committee to develop and address the obstacles facing small and medium enterprises, dated 20/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (24) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 25/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (25) of 2021 regarding the formation of a committee to study the observations of all supervisory authorities in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Ministry of State for Economic Affairs and its affiliated entities, dated 27/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (26) of 2021 regarding the importation of vehicles, dated 27/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (27) of 2021 regulating the rules and procedures for examining the auditing profession, dated 27/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (28) of 2021 regarding the danger of exporting timber, dated 27/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (29) of 2021 regarding banning the importation of all types of modified sports exhaust systems, dated 27/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (30) of 2021 to amend Ministerial Resolution No. (23) of 2021 to form a committee to develop and address obstacles facing small and medium enterprises, dated 31/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (31) of 2021 regarding the importation of vehicles, dated 01/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (32) of 2021 amending Resolution No. (29) of 2021, dated 01/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (33) of 2021 amending Ministerial Resolution No. (446) of 2019 regarding setting prices for recruiting domestic workers, dated 01/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (34) of 2021 to amend Ministerial Resolution No. (23) of 2021 to



form a committee to develop and address obstacles facing small and medium enterprises, dated 04/02/2021.

- Ministerial Resolution No. (35) of 2021 to re-form the Higher Committee for Emergencies headed by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, dated 07/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (36) of 2021 assigning Mr. Mohammed Khalaf Al-Enezi “Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs and Trade Development”, in addition to carrying out the work of (Assistant Undersecretary for International Organizations Affairs and Foreign Trade), dated 07/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (37) of 2021 regarding the renewal of the judicial police capacity of employees of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, dated 07/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (38) of 2021 regarding prohibiting the export of local and imported live sheep and goats, dated 07/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (39) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 09/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (40) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (41) of 2021 regarding the formation of an advisory board, dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (43) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (1012201943826), dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (44) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (101220193458), dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (45) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (1012201947948), dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (46) of 2021 to cancel the commercial license No. (1012201939551), dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (47) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (1012201944992), dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (48) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (1012201942154), dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (49) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (1012201984808), dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (50) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (1012201947068), dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (51) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (1012201991807), dated 15/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (52) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (1012201954469), dated 15/02/2021.

- Ministerial Resolution No. (53) of 2021 amending Ministerial Resolution No. (216) of 2014, dated 17/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (54) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 21/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (55) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 21/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (56) of 2021 regarding renewing the formation of a committee to develop and address the obstacles facing small and medium enterprises, dated 22/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (57) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (200207205), dated 23/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (58) of 2021 regarding the approval of stamps sealing the marks stamped on imported precious metals artifacts according to Ministerial Resolution No. (165) of 2019, as amended, regarding the reorganization and procedures of stamping imported metals and precious artifacts, as amended, dated 12/01/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (59) of 2021 regarding determining the fees payable for inspecting, analyzing and stamping precious metals and valuable stones and issuing certificates, dated 23/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (60) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 23/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (61) of 2021 establishing Kuwait Consumer Protection Association, dated 01/03/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (62) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 01/03/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (64) of 2021 regarding the report on filing the complaint submitted by Lausanne Clinic against auditor, Mr. Adnan Al-Hazeem, No. (40), dated 10/03/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (65) of 2021 regarding the right to access information, dated 10/03/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (66) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 21/03/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (68) of 2021 prohibiting all factories, commercial companies and all related parties from importing ethanol, dated 23/02/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (70) of 2021 regarding the approval of the stamps used on imported precious metal artifacts, in accordance with Ministerial Resolution No. (165) of 2019, as amended, regarding the reorganization and procedures of stamping imported metals and precious artifacts, as amended, dated 29/03/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (71) of 2021 amending Clause (7) of Article (5) of the Executive Regulations of Law No. (117) of 2013 issued to amend some provisions of Decree-Law

No. (10) of 1979 regarding supervising completion in terms of additional goods and services, adjusting the prices of subsidized infant formula, dated 31/03/2021.

- Ministerial Resolution No. (72) of 2021 regarding adding construction materials at a reduced price, dated 31/03/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (73) of 2021 to form a technical committee to study and follow up the work teams and committees in the Ministry, headed by the Undersecretary of the Ministry, dated 31/03/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (74) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 01/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (75) of 2021 regarding the provision of financial support to companies and institutions importing white table eggs, dated 04/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (76) of 2021 assigning Mr. Eid Khalif Salem Al-Rashidi as “Assistant Undersecretary for Control and Consumer Protection Affairs”, in addition to his carrying out the work of the Assistant Undersecretary for Technical Affairs and Trade Development, during his periodic leave, dated 07/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (77) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 08/04/2021.
- Resolution No. (78) of 2021 by the National Fund for SME Development regarding the formation of a working team to study aspects of developing the administrative work in the Fund, dated 11/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (79) of 2021, amending Article (1) of Ministerial Resolution No. (178) of 2018 regarding the conditions, rules and provisions on rewarding excellent works of the Ministry’s employees, including adding a condition not to include the days in which the employee obtained a medical exemption from work for being infected by Coronavirus pandemic, dated 12/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (80) of 2021 to form a committee to review and study the content of the Audit Bureau’s report, submitted to the National Assembly, regarding the examination and review of government expenditures and procedures related to the use of public funds and the funds allocated to confront the Coronavirus crisis, with regard to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, dated 14/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (81) of 2021 regarding issuing the Executive Regulations for Law No. (71) of 2020, issuing the bankruptcy law, dated 15/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (82) of 2021, issued to cancel Resolution No. (46) of 2021 regarding the cancellation of commercial license No. (1012201939551), granted to (DAS-MAN Gate for the retail sale of weapons and ammunition), dated 15/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (83) of 2021 regarding withdrawing Ministerial Resolution No. (79) of 2021 and considering it as if it was not issued, regarding the addition of a condition

to Ministerial Resolution No. (178) of 2018 on the terms, rules and provisions on rewarding excellent works of the Ministry's employees, dated 18/04/2021.

- Ministerial Resolution No. (84) of 2021 to temporarily ban the export and re-export of local and imported eggs, of all types and sizes, until further notice, dated 22/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (88) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 27/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (89) of 2021 regarding adding scientific offices' activity under International Code 723010 to Sector (69-75) (professional, scientific, technical and advisory activities and services related thereto) to commercial activities and within the limits applicable in the Standard Guide for Classification of Economic Activities in GCC Countries, dated 27/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (90) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (S.S.O./9456/2017), dated 28/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (91) of 2021 to cancel license No. (M/2175/2017), dated 28/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (92) of 2021 adding the activities listed in the table attached to this Resolution, amounting to two (2) activities, to commercial activities and within the limits applicable in the Standard Guide for Classification of Economic Activities in GCC Countries, dated 28/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (93) of 2021, adding the activity listed in the table attached to Resolution to the commercial activities and within the limits applicable in the Standard Guide for Classification of Economic Activities in GCC Countries, dated 28/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (94) of 2021 regarding adding commercial activities, dated 28/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (95) of 2021 regarding granting and renewing judicial police capacity to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's employees, dated 28/04/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (96) of 2021, granting the Ministry's employees a financial reward with a total value of KD (1,046,486.00) only, distributed according to the attached statements, dated 05/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (97) of 2021 regarding regulating quotations of precious handicrafts and jewelry, dated 05/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (98) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 05/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (99) of 2021 to amend Article (1) of Ministerial Resolution No. (202) of 2020 regarding the formation of the Bankruptcy Committee, provided that the chairmanship of the committee shall be shifted from Mr. Abdullah Mohammad Al-Afasy to Dr. Saleh Abdul Mohsen Al-Aqili, dated 09/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (100) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 11/05/2021.



- Ministerial Resolution No. (101) of 2021 regarding prohibiting the export and re-export of local and imported live sheep and goats of all kinds, as of the date of issuance of this Resolution until 15/09/2021, dated 17/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (102) of 2021 regarding the formation of Grievance Committee in terms of the facts of Ministerial Resolution No. (20) of 2021 regulating the export of recyclable waste and scrap, dated 20/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (103) of 2021 regarding the formation of Planning Committee, dated 20/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (104) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 20/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (105) of 2021 regarding accepting the resignation of Mr. Abdullah Mohammad Al-Afasy from the position of Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry as of the end of working day dated 31/05/2021, dated 23/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (106) of 2021 issuing the Executive Regulations for the Unified Law (System) for Combating Commercial Fraud of the States of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, dated 23/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (107) of 2021 regarding the formation of an investigation committee with the Director General of the Kuwait Ports Authority regarding the violations attributed thereto, dated 25/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (108) of 2021 assigning Dr. Saleh Abdul Mohsen Al-Aqili, Assistant Undersecretary for Corporate and Commercial Licensing Sector, to perform the duties of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in addition to his work, as of 01/06/2021 till another notice is issued in this regard, dated 30/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (109) of 2021, regarding the formation of a committee to follow up the implementation of Council of Ministers' Resolution No. (844) of 2008, dated 30/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (110) of 2021 regarding the formation of Personnel Affairs Committee, to be headed by the Undersecretary of the Ministry, dated 30/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (111) of 2021 regarding the prohibition of exporting some construction materials, dated 30/05/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (112) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 01/06/2021
- Ministerial Resolution No. (113) of 2021 regarding importation of construction materials for personal purposes, dated 6/1/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (114) of 2021 regarding stamping legal carat marks on precious metals and their artifacts, dated 08/06/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (115) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 09/06/2021.

- Ministerial Resolution No. (117) of 2021 regarding adding foodstuffs to ration cards at reduced prices, dated 13/06/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (118) of 2021 regarding the regulations of companies professional in the field of accounting services and auditing, dated 16/06/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (119) of 2021 regarding the addition of commercial activities, dated 16/06/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (120) of 2021 regarding the formation of an investigation committee concerning the Audit Bureau's violation in terms of the delay of the National Fund for SME Development in moving to the new headquarters, dated 16/06/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (121) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 16/06/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (123) of 2021 regarding the formation of a working group headed by Consultant Faisal Saeed Al-Ghareeb, dated 24/06/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (124) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 24/06/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (125) of 2021 to excluded from the implementation of Resolution No. (151) of 2021 all sheep designated for display and those of a rare species, provided obtaining a certificate from the Public Authority of Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, as well as an approval from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, dated 29/06/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (126) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 01/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (127) of 2021 regarding regulating the export of recyclable waste, dated 04/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (128) of 2021 regarding the approval of stamps sealing the marks stamped on imported precious metals artifacts according to Ministerial Resolution No. (165) of 2019, as amended, regarding the reorganization and procedures of stamping imported metals and precious artifacts, as amended, dated 04/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (129) of 2021 regarding adding foodstuffs to ration cards at reduced prices, dated 04/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (130) of 2021 prohibiting the export and re-export of local and imported live sheep and goats of all kinds as of the date of issuance of this Resolution in 15/09/2021, dated 04/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (132) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 08/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (136) of 2021 to cancel Ministerial Resolution No. (211) of 2020 regarding the Assistant Undersecretary for Corporate Affairs and Commercial Licenses acting in place of the Ministry's Undersecretary in case of his absence, where he shall

enjoy all types of (leaves - official tasks - external training courses). Assistant Undersecretary for Corporate Affairs and Commercial Licenses shall replace the Ministry's Undersecretary, dated 14/07/2021.

- Ministerial Resolution No. (137) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 14/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (138) of 2021 assigning Mr. Mohammed Khalaf Al-Enezi, Assistant Undersecretary for Control and Consumer Protection Affairs, to carry out the work of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in addition to his work, as of Thursday, corresponding to 15/07/2021, until further notice, dated 15/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (139) of 2021 regarding the rules and procedures for the matrix of violations, as well as the penalties and measures established in terms of financial institutions and designated non-financial business and professions, subject to the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry as related to combating money laundering and terrorist financing.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (140) of 2021 assigning Mr. Youssef Haddad Al-Husseini, the "Assistant Undersecretary for Financial and Administrative Affairs", to carry out, in addition to his work, the duties of "Assistant Undersecretary for Corporate Affairs and Commercial Licenses", for the period of his periodic leave from 25/07/2021 to 31/08/2021, dated 15/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (141) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 28/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (142) of 2021 regarding amending Ministerial Resolution No. (123) of 2021, dated 29/07/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (144) of 2021 regarding withdrawing Ministerial Resolution No. (142) of 2021, dated 03/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (145) of 2021 regarding amending Ministerial Resolution No. (123) of 2021, dated 03/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (146) of 2021 regarding a fact-finding committee concerning contracts concluded by the Human and Financial Resources Sector regarding technical support in the Public Authority for Manpower, dated 03/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (147) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 11/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (149) of 2021 regarding withdrawing Ministerial Resolution No. (107) of 2021, dated 11/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (150) of 2021 regarding the formation of a legal task force, 11/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (152) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 15/08/2021.

- Ministerial Resolution No. (154) of 2021 regarding amending Ministerial Resolution No. (68) of 2021 regarding prohibiting the importation of ethanol, dated 17/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (156) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 19/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (159) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 24/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (160) of 2021 regarding the approval of stamps sealing the marks stamped on imported precious metals artifacts according to Ministerial Resolution No. (165) of 2019, as amended, regarding the reorganization and procedures of stamping imported metals and precious artifacts, as amended, dated 25/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (161) of 2021 regarding the formation of an advisory committee headed by the Assistant Undersecretary for Control and Consumer Protection Affairs, dated 25/08/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (163) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 05/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (164) of 2021 regarding the addition of commercial activities, dated 06/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (166) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 12/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (167) of 2021 regarding the formation of a committee to dispose of foreign assets of the scope of use, dated 19/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (168) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 19/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (170) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (S.S.O1675/2019), dated 19/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (171) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (2594/1982), dated 19/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (172) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (A/754/1997), dated 19/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (173) of 2021 to cancel commercial license No. (5085/1997), dated 19/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (174) of 2021 amending some provisions of the Executive Regulations of Law No. (39) of 2014 regarding consumer protection, dated 19/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (175) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 20/09/2021.



- Ministerial Resolution No. (179) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 30/09/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (183) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 07/10/2021
- Ministerial Resolution No. (184) of 2021 regarding the addition of commercial activities, dated 10/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (187) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 12/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (196) of 2021 replacing the text of Article (1) of Ministerial Resolution No. (309) of 2016, dated 14/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (197) of 2021 replacing the text of Article (1) of Ministerial Resolution No. (308) of 2016, dated 14/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (198) of 2021 replacing the text of Article (1) of Ministerial Resolution No. (310) of 2016, dated 14/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (205) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 17/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (206) of 2021 regarding the addition of commercial activities, dated 18/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (207) of 2021 regarding the approval of stamps sealing the marks stamped on imported precious metals artifacts according to Ministerial Resolution No. (165) of 2019, as amended, regarding the reorganization and procedures of stamping imported metals and precious artifacts, as amended, dated 18/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (208) of 2021 dropping the judicial police capacity of Mr. Walid Khaled Malallah, the Senior Transaction Administrative Coordinator, dated 18/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (209) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 18/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (210) of 2021 amending Ministerial Resolution No. (156) of 2018 regarding the controls regulating accepting the minutes of the companies' general assemblies and the attendance of the Ministry's representatives therein, as amended by Resolution No. (277) of 2018, dated 18/10/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (213) of 2021 regarding the formation of a committee for the controls of delegation to external training courses, scholarships and study leaves, dated 01/11/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (214) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles dated 04/11/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (215) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 10/11/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (216) of 2021 regarding amending Ministerial Resolution No.

(114) of 2021 regarding stamping legal carat marks on precious metals and their artifacts, dated 14/11/2021.

- Ministerial Resolution No. (218) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 17/11/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (220) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles dated 11/28/202.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (221) of 2021 regarding the approval of stamps sealing the marks stamped on imported precious metals artifacts according to Ministerial Resolution No. (165) of 2019, as amended, regarding the reorganization and procedures of stamping imported metals and precious artifacts, as amended, dated 28/11/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (222) of 2021 to amend Article (1) of Ministerial Resolution No. (90) of 2021, issued on 28/04/2021, to change the law number from (166) to (116) of 2013 regarding encouraging direct investment in the State of Kuwait, dated 28/11/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (223) of 2021 to amend Article (1) of Ministerial Resolution No. (91) of 2021, issued on 03/12/2021, to change the law number from (166) to (116) of 2013 regarding encouraging direct investment in the State of Kuwait, dated 30/11/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (224) of 2021 to amend Article (1) of Ministerial Resolution No. (90) of 2021, issued on 28/04/2021, to change the law number from (166) to (116) of 2013 regarding encouraging direct investment in the State of Kuwait.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (225) of 2021 amending Article (1) of Ministerial Resolution No. (170) of 2021, dated 30/11/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (226) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 06/12/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (227) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 09/12/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (228) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 15/12/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (229) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 23/12/2021.
- Ministerial Resolution No. (230) of 2021 regarding importation of vehicles, dated 28/12/2021.



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