



Monthly Economic Bulletin MARCH 2026

Summary of Key Statistics and
Achievements Within the Ministry's
Departments

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Introduction

We are pleased to present this monthly economic bulletin, a regular publication that highlights the key statistics and achievements of the departments within the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, as well as the most prominent economic developments each month. It is issued specifically for those interested in the economic affairs of the State of Kuwait and is made available on the Ministry's website.

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Establishment and Licensing Department:

Firstly: Incorporation Applications:

Establishment of Partnerships

Total Approved Applications Following Review			
Companies Established	2026Feb	2026March	Percentage change
	1793	1414	-21%
Licences			
Total Applications for Partnership Licences			
Companies Established	2026Feb	2026March	Percentage change
	3958	3874	-2%

With reference to the data presented in the table above, and based on an analysis of the available data for March 2026, the following was observed:

A total of 1,414 applications for the incorporation of partnership companies were approved following review, representing a 21% decrease compared with the previous month. In addition, a total of 3,874 partnership company licences were issued, reflecting a 2% decrease compared with February 2026.

Licensing of Freelance Businesses

Total Approved Applications Following Review			
Companies Established	2026 Feb	2026March	Percentage change
	1002	791	-21%
Freelance Business Licences			
Issued Licences	2026Feb	2026March	Percentage change
	1106	818	-26%

As shown in the table above, and following a review of freelance business licences, a total of 791 applications were approved for newly established businesses, representing a 21% decrease compared with the previous month. Furthermore, a total of 818 freelance business licences were issued, reflecting a 26% decrease compared with February 2026.

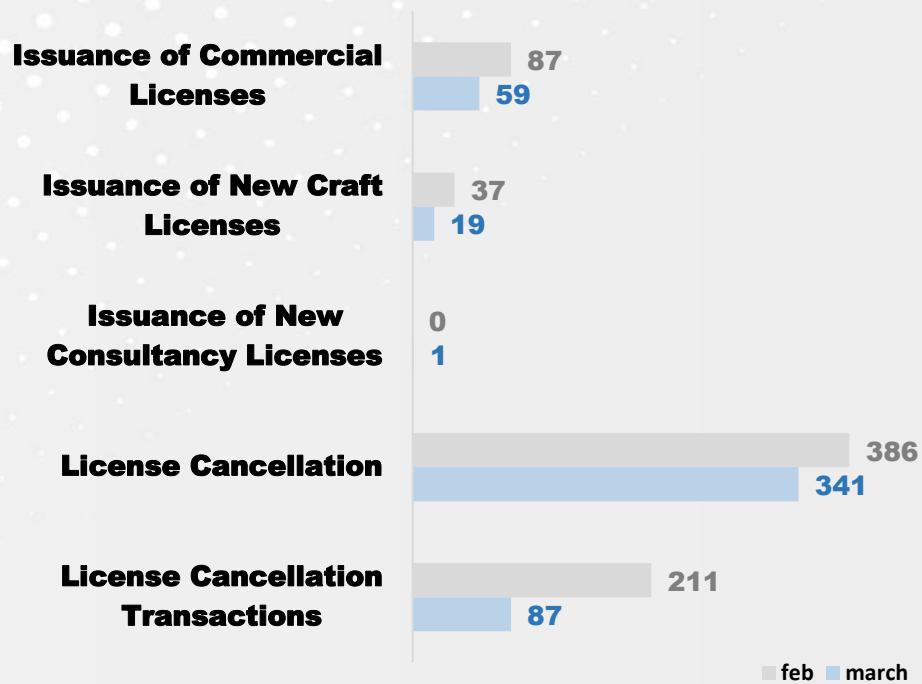
Secondly: Commercial Licences

A. Licences for Natural Persons

N.	Type of transactions	Natural Person		
		Feb	March	Percentage change
1	Issuance of a Commercial Activity Licence	87	59	-32%
2	Issuance of a New Craft Activity Licence	37	19	-49%
3	Issuance of a New Consultancy Activity Licence	0	1	-
4	Licence Renewal	386	341	-12%
5	Licence Cancellation	211	87	-59%
TOTAL		721	507	-30%

Based on the review of the commercial licensing data for sole proprietorships (natural persons) for March 2026, it was observed that a total of 59 commercial licenses were issued, representing a 32% decrease compared to the previous month. In addition, 19 new craft licenses were issued, reflecting a 49% decrease compared to the previous month. Furthermore, 341 license renewal transactions for sole proprietorships (natural persons) were processed, representing a 12% decrease from the previous month. During the same period, a total of 87 licenses were cancelled, representing a 59% decrease in March 2026 compared to the previous month.

**natural person transactions during march
2026 compared to february 2026**

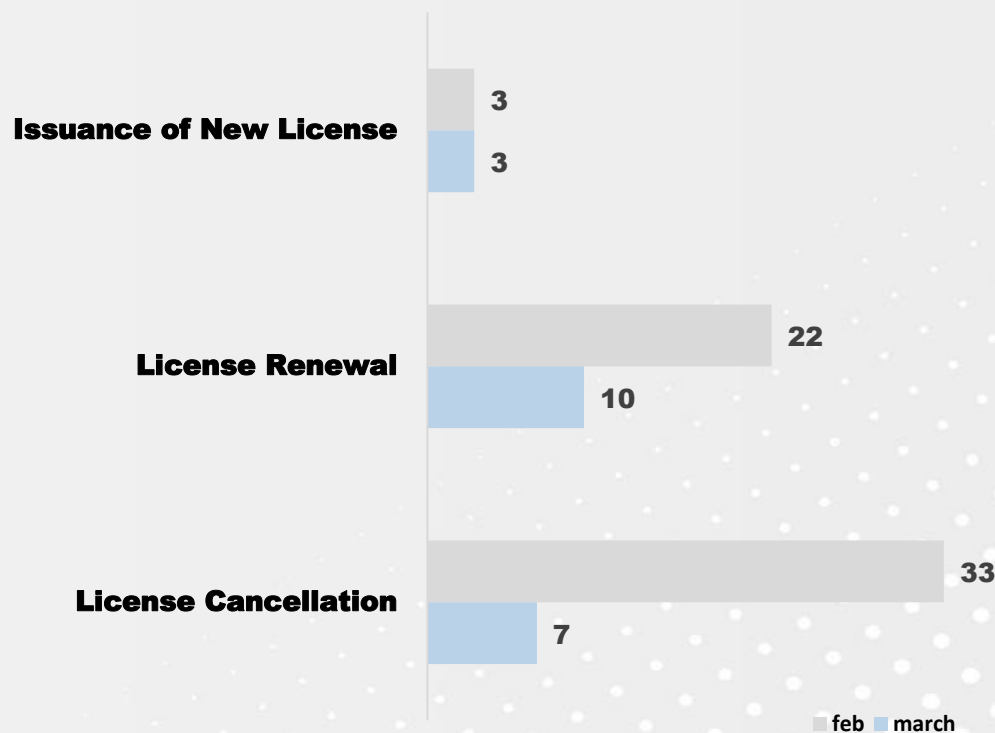


A- Legal Entity Licences

N.	Type of transactions	Legal Entity		
		Feb	March	Percentage change
1	Issuance of a New Licence	3	3	0%
2	Licence Renewal	22	10	-55%
3	Licence Cancellation	33	7	-79%
Total		58	20	-66%

Based on the review of the commercial licensing data for legal entities for March 2026, the following was observed: A total of 3 new license issuance transactions were recorded, compared to the previous month. In addition, 10 license renewal transactions for legal entities were completed, representing a 55% decrease. Furthermore, 7 licenses for legal entities were cancelled, representing a 79% decrease during March 2026.

legal entity transactions during march 2026 compared to february 2026



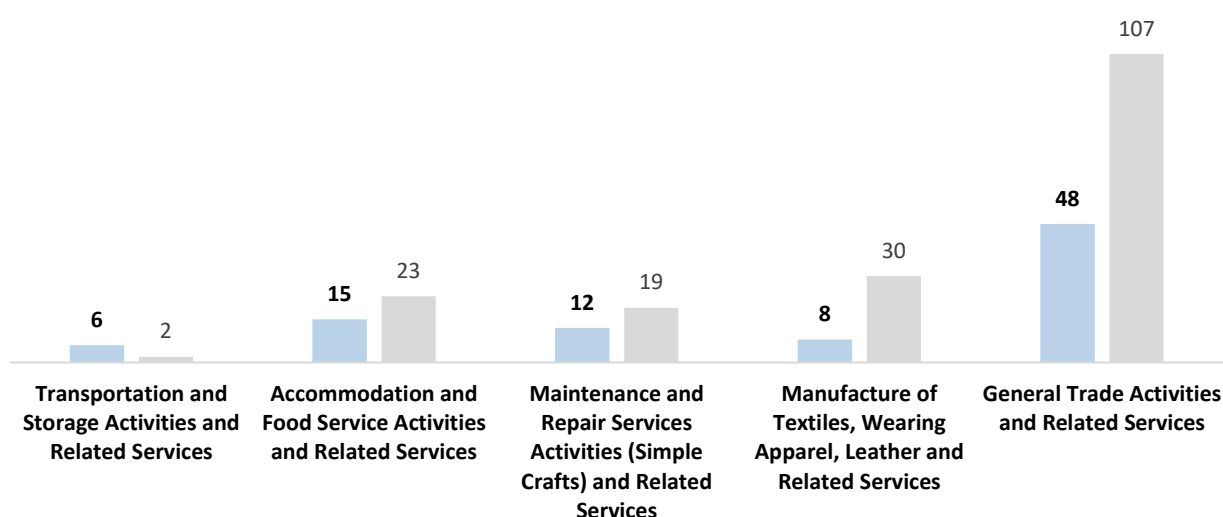
C- Licences by Economic Activities

N.	Number of Establishments by Sector	Natural Person			Legal Entity		
		Feb	March	Percentage change	Feb	March	Percentage change
1	General Trade Activities and related services	107	48	-55%	1	2	100%
2	Textile, Garment and Leather Industries and related services	30	8	-73%	0	0	-
3	Maintenance and Simple Repair Services (Craft Activities) and related services	19	12	-37%	0	0	-
4	Accommodation and Food Services and related services	23	15	-35%	0	0	-
5	Professional, Scientific, Technical and Consultancy Services and related services	2	6	200%	0	0	-
Total		181	89	-51%	1	2	100%

A review of the data relating to commercial licences by economic activity for March 2026 indicates the following:

A total of 89 commercial licences were issued across various sectors. An analysis of the top five economic activities showed that General Trading Activities and Related Services ranked first, with 48 licences issued to natural persons. This was followed by Accommodation, Food and Related Services Activities, with 15 licences issued. Maintenance and Repair Services Activities (Minor Trades) and Related Services ranked third, with 12 licences issued to natural persons. Textiles, Clothing and Leather Manufacturing Activities and Related Services ranked fourth, with 8 licences issued, followed by Construction Activities and Related Services, with 6 licences issued during March 2026.

number of natural person establishment by sector for march 2026 compared to february 2026



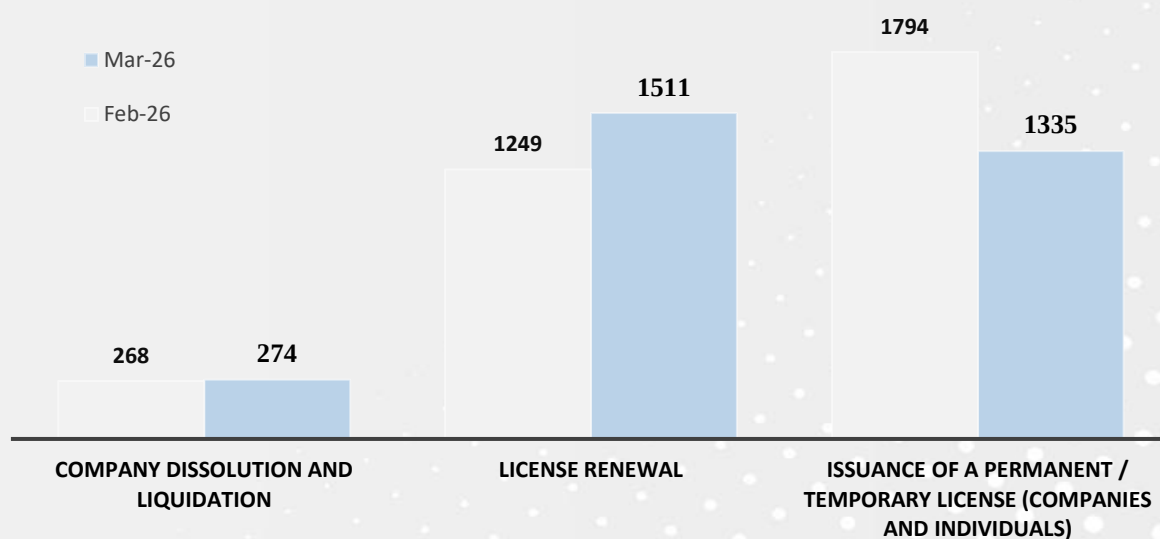
Thirdly: Partnership Company Licences:

N.	Type of transactions	Main Companies		
		2026 Feb	March 2026	Percentage change
1	Issuance of a Permanent/Temporary Licence (Companies and Individuals)	1794	1335	-26%
2	Licence Renewal	1249	1511	21%
3	Company Dissolution and Liquidation	268	274	2%
Total		3311	3120	-6%

A review of the data relating to **partnership companies (main companies)** for **March 2026** indicates the following:

A total of **1,335** permanent and temporary licences were issued for **main partnership companies**, representing a **26% decrease** compared with the previous month. The number of **licence renewal transactions** reached **1,511**, reflecting a **21% increase** compared with the previous month. In addition, **274 company dissolution and liquidation transactions** were recorded, representing a **2% increase** compared with the previous month.

main companies transactions during march 2026 compared to february 2026



A- Company Licences by Branches

N.	Type of transactions	Company Branches		
		2026Feb	March 2026	Percentage change
1	Issuance of a Partnership Company Branch	370	242	-35%
2	Licence Renewal	704	820	16%
3	Cancellation Request for a Licence / Branch	220	138	-37%
Total		1294	1200	-7%

A review of the data relating to **partnership companies (company branches)** for **March 2026** indicates the following:

A total of **242** transactions relating to **branches of partnership companies** were processed, representing a **35% decrease** compared with the previous month. The number of **licence renewal transactions** reached **820**, reflecting a **16% increase** compared with the previous month. In addition, **138** applications for the **cancellation of branch licences** were submitted, representing a **37% decrease** compared with the previous month.

A. By Legal Entity

N.	Type of Company	2026Feb	2026March	Percentage change
1	Single-Person Company	1557	1144	-27%
2	General Partnership Company	18	7	-61%
3	Limited Partnership Company	10	4	-60%
4	Limited Liability Company	581	421	-28%

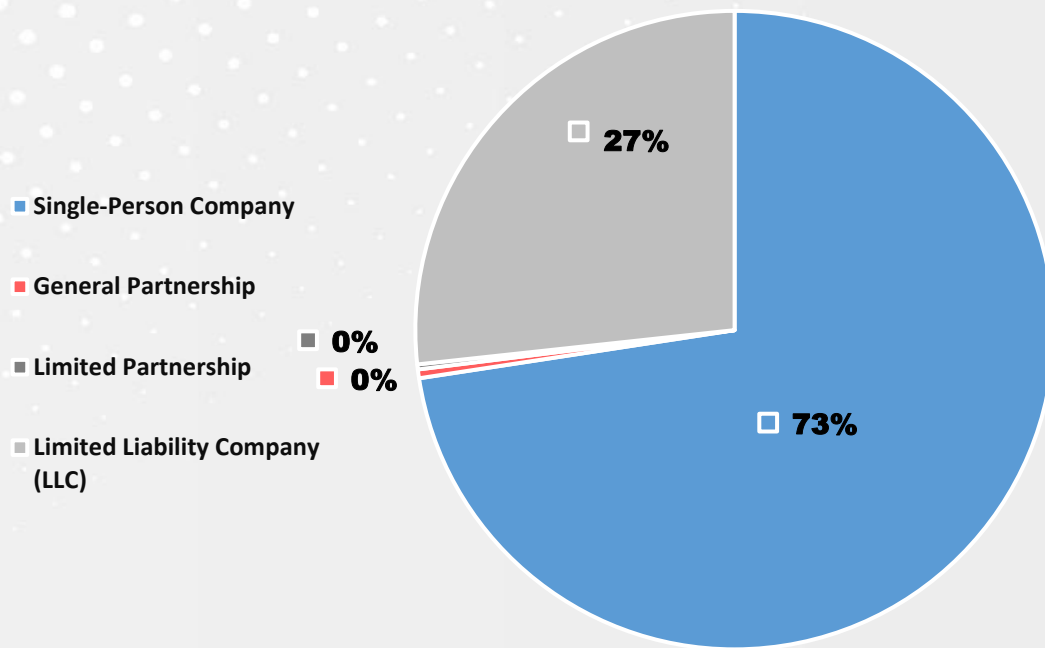
A review of the data relating to **partnership companies by legal form** for **March 2026** indicates the following:

A total of **1,144 Single-Person Companies** were licensed, representing a **27% decrease** compared with the previous month. In addition, **7 General Partnership Companies** were licensed, reflecting a **61% decrease**.

The number of **Limited Partnership Companies** licensed stood at **4**, representing a **60% decrease**.

Meanwhile, **421 Limited Liability Companies (LLCs)** were licensed, reflecting a **28% decrease** compared with **February 2026**.

percentage distribution of company licenses during
march 2026



Commercial Control and Consumer Protection Department

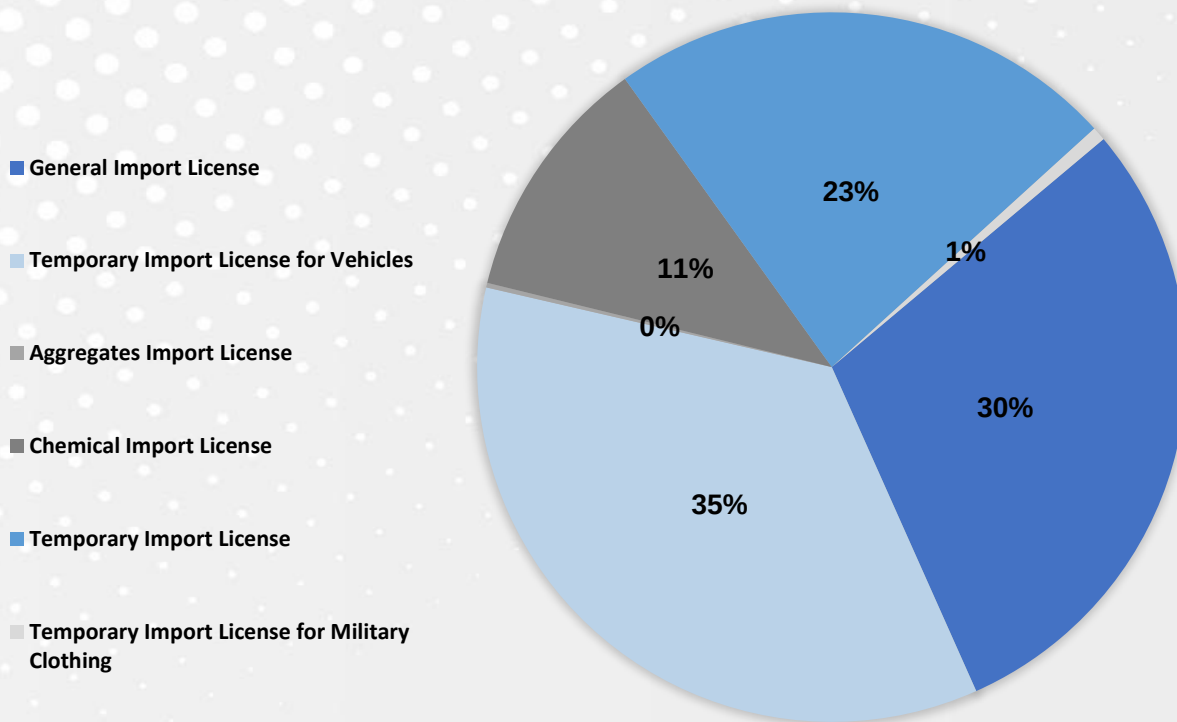
Inspection Report Statistics:

N.	Inspectors' Activities	Number of Units for February 2026	Number of Units for March 2026	Percentage change
1	Number of Inspection Reports	216	141	-35%
2	Number of Licensing Violations	281	169	-40%
3	Number of Shop Openings	1	1	0%
4	Number of Shop Closures	54	54	0%
5	Number of Hotline 135 Calls	173	111	-36%
6	Number of Complaints	–	3	–
Total		725	479	-34%

Upon reviewing the data of the Commercial Register and Economic Activities Department for March 2026, the following was noted:

The number of General Import Licence units reached 141, representing a 35% decrease in March 2026. The number of Temporary Vehicle Import Licence units totalled 169, representing a 40% decrease compared with the previous month. As for Aggregate (Subbase) Import Licence transactions, 1 unit was recorded in March 2026. The number of Chemical Import Licence units reached 54. In addition, 111 Temporary Import Licence units were issued, representing a 36% decrease in March 2026, while 3 Temporary Import Licence for Military Clothing units were recorded.

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF IMPORT LICENSES DURING MARCH 2026



Commercial Control and Consumer Protection Department

Inspection Report Statistics:

N.	Inspectors' Activities	Feb 2026	March 2026	Percentage change
1	Number of Inspection Reports	1275	1131	-11%
2	Number of Licensing Violations	130	30	-77%
3	Number of Shop Openings	12	20	67%
4	Number of Shop Closures	74	12	-84%
5	Number of Hotline 135 Calls	181	146	-19%
6	Number of Complaints	4922	7654	56%
Total		6594	8993	36%

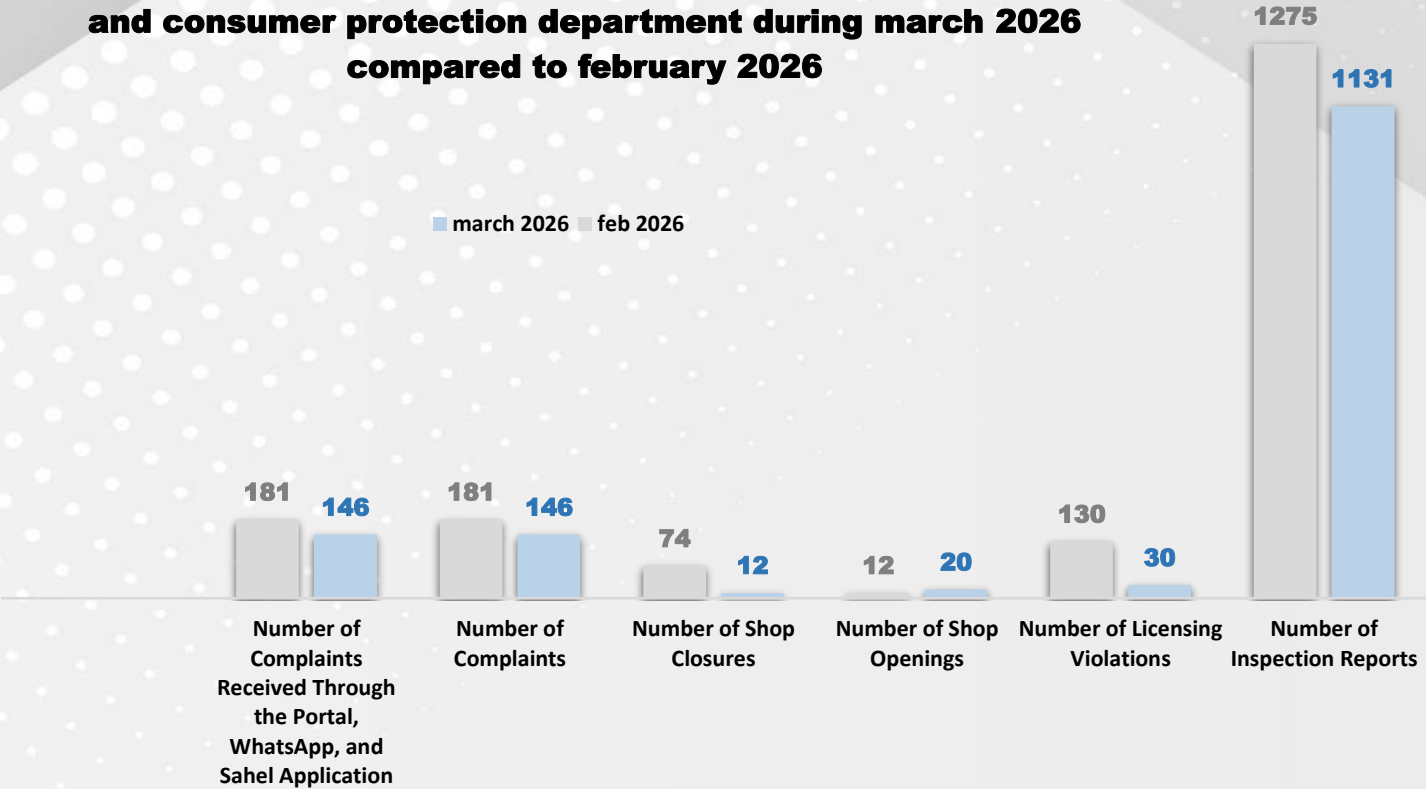
Upon reviewing the data of the Commercial Control Department for March 2026, the following was noted:

The Commercial Control Department's inspectors recorded 1,131 inspection reports (offence reports), representing an 11% decrease compared with the previous month. A total of 30 licensing violations were recorded, representing a 77% decrease compared with the previous month. In addition, 20 commercial premises commenced operations, representing a 67% increase compared with February 2026, while 12 commercial premises were closed, representing an 84% decrease.

The number of complaints submitted through the standard complaint's channels decreased to 146, representing a 19% decrease compared with the previous month. Conversely, the number of complaints submitted through the Electronic Portal, WhatsApp and the Sahel application increased to 7,654, representing a 56% increase compared with February 2026.

**statement of inspection activities conducted by the commercial
and consumer protection department during march 2026
compared to february 2026**

■ march 2026 ■ feb 2026



Advertising and Promotional Licences Department

Statistics of Free Offers and Discounts:

N.	Transactions	Feb	March	Percentage change
1	Discounts (Goods – Services – Crafts)	7	2	-71%
2	Sales Promotions	68	34	-50%
3	Special Offers (Cooperative Societies – Central Markets)	24	20	-17%
4	Special Retail Store Offers	–	1	–
5	Distribution of Free Gifts	8	6	-25%
6	Seasonal and Emergency Offers	158	162	3%
7	Cashback Offers	71	34	-52%
8	Discounts (Goods – Services – Crafts)	5	–	–
Total		341	259	-24%
Number of Recall Notices Issued		1	3	200%
Number of Vehicles Subject to Manufacturer Defects		4	303	7475%
Number of Products Subject to Manufacturer Defects		–	–	–

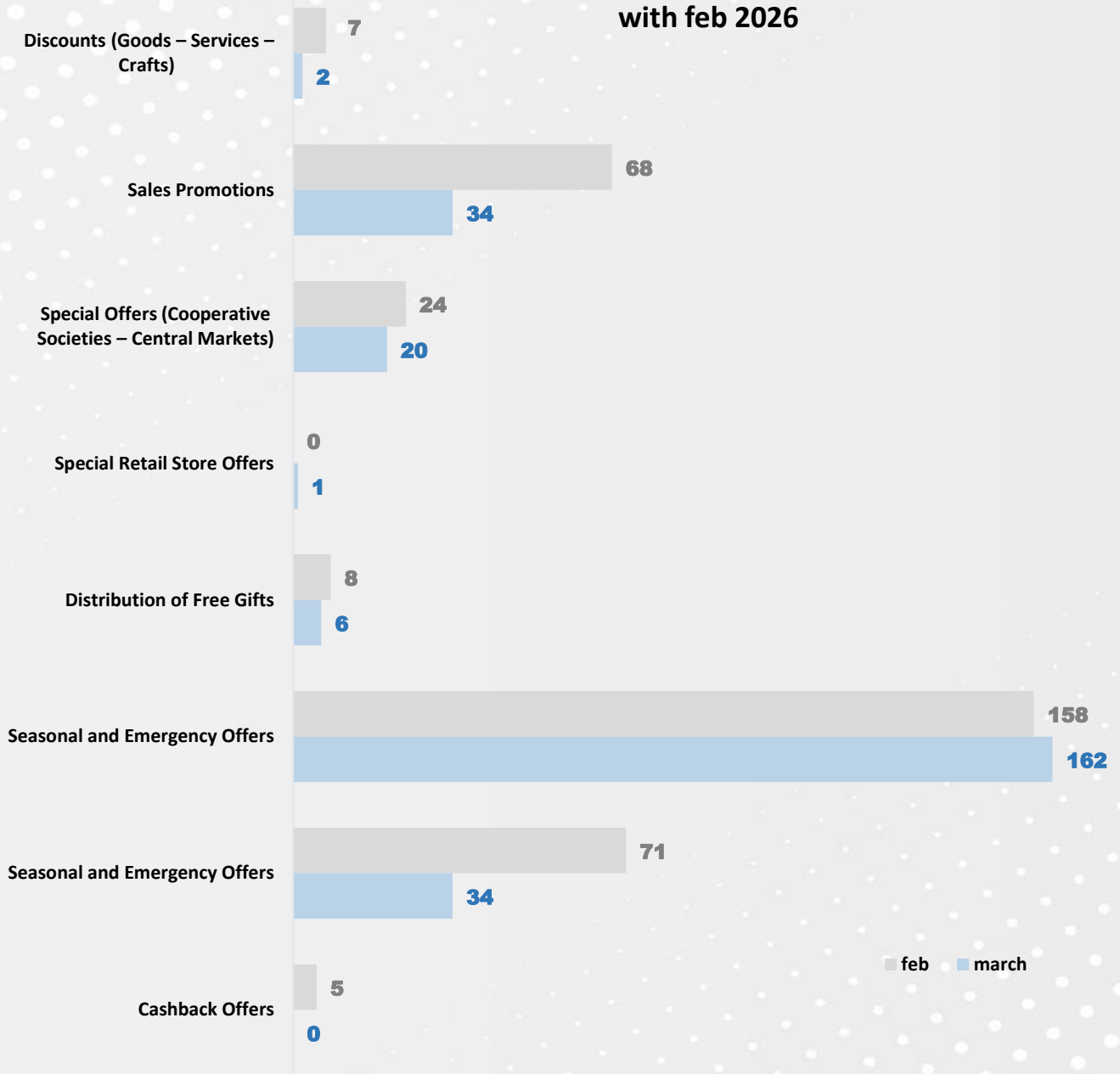
Upon reviewing the data of the Advertising and Promotional Licensing Department for March 2026, the following was noted:

A total of 2 discount permit applications (covering goods, services and crafts) were issued, representing a 71% decrease compared with the previous month. In addition, 34 sale permit applications were issued, representing a 50% decrease, while 20 special offer permit applications for co-operative societies and central markets were issued, representing a 17% decrease. Furthermore, 1 special offer permit was issued for a commercial establishment.

A total of 6 free prize draw permit applications were issued, representing a 25% decrease, while 162 free gifts were distributed, representing a 3% increase. The number of seasonal and emergency promotional offer applications reached 34, representing a 52% decrease. In addition, 3 recall notices were issued, representing a 200% increase compared with the previous month.

The number of vehicles subject to manufacturer recalls due to manufacturing defects reached 303, representing a 7,475% increase compared with the previous month.

statement of transactions processed by the advertising and promotional licensing department during march 2026 compared with feb 2026



Public Shareholding Companies Department

N.	type of transactions	Public Shareholding Companies		
		Feb	March	Percentage change
1	Fees for Establishing a Public Shareholding Company	-	-	-
2	Fees for Establishing a Closed Shareholding Company	1	1	0%
3	Request for Renewal of Main Public Shareholding Licence	3	3	0%
4	Request for Renewal of Main Closed Shareholding Licence	36	27	-25%
5	Request for Issuance of Main Public Shareholding Licence	1	-	-
6	Request for Issuance of Main Closed Shareholding Licence	-	1	-
7	Request for Cancellation of Public Licence	-	-	-
8	Request for Cancellation of Closed Licence	-	3	-
9	Request for Change of Address	37	20	-46%
10	Request for Issuance of Public Branch Licence	2	2	0%
11	Request for Issuance of Closed Branch Licence	6	8	33%
12	Request for Renewal of Public Shareholding Branch Licence	8	9	13%
13	Request for Renewal of Closed Shareholding Branch Licence	14	19	36%
14	Request for Cancellation of Public Branch Licence	2	-	-
15	Request for Cancellation of Closed Branch Licence	2	1	-50%
16	Request for Addition of Activity	4	6	50%
17	Request for Change of Activity	1	-	-
18	Request for Deletion of Activity	5	3	-40%
19	Renewal of Auditing Profession Practising Licence	4	1	-75%
20	Request for Replacement of Lost Auditor Practising Licence	-	-	-
21	Request for Auditor Signature Authentication	283	310	10%
22	Registration in the Register of Auditors	-	1	-

Upon reviewing the data of the Shareholding Companies Department for **March 2026**, it was noted that there was **one** transaction relating to the payment of incorporation fees for a Closed Shareholding Company. The number of applications for the renewal of the principal licence of a Public Shareholding Company reached **three**, while applications for the renewal of the principal licence of a Closed Shareholding Company totalled **27**, representing a **25% decrease** compared with the previous month. There was also **one** application for the issuance of a principal licence for a Closed Shareholding Company and **three** applications for the cancellation of a Closed Shareholding Company licence.

Applications for a change of address totalled **20**, representing a **46% decrease** compared with the previous month. The Department received **two** applications for the issuance of a branch licence for a Closed Shareholding Company and **eight** applications for the issuance of a branch licence for a Public Shareholding Company, representing a **33% increase** compared with the previous month. Applications for the renewal of branch licences reached **nine** for Public Shareholding Companies, representing a **13% increase**, and **19** for Closed Shareholding Companies, representing a **36% increase** compared with the previous month. In addition, there was **one** application for the cancellation of a branch licence for a Closed Shareholding Company, reflecting a **50% decrease** compared with the previous month.

The number of applications for the addition of a business activity amounted to **six**, representing a **50% increase**, while applications for the removal of a business activity totalled **three**, representing a **40% decrease** compared with the previous month. Furthermore, there was **one** application for the renewal of an Auditor's Professional Practice Licence, representing a **75% decrease** compared with the previous month. Applications for the authentication of an auditor's signature reached **310**, representing a **10% increase** compared with **February 2026**, while **one** application was received for registration in the Register of Auditors.

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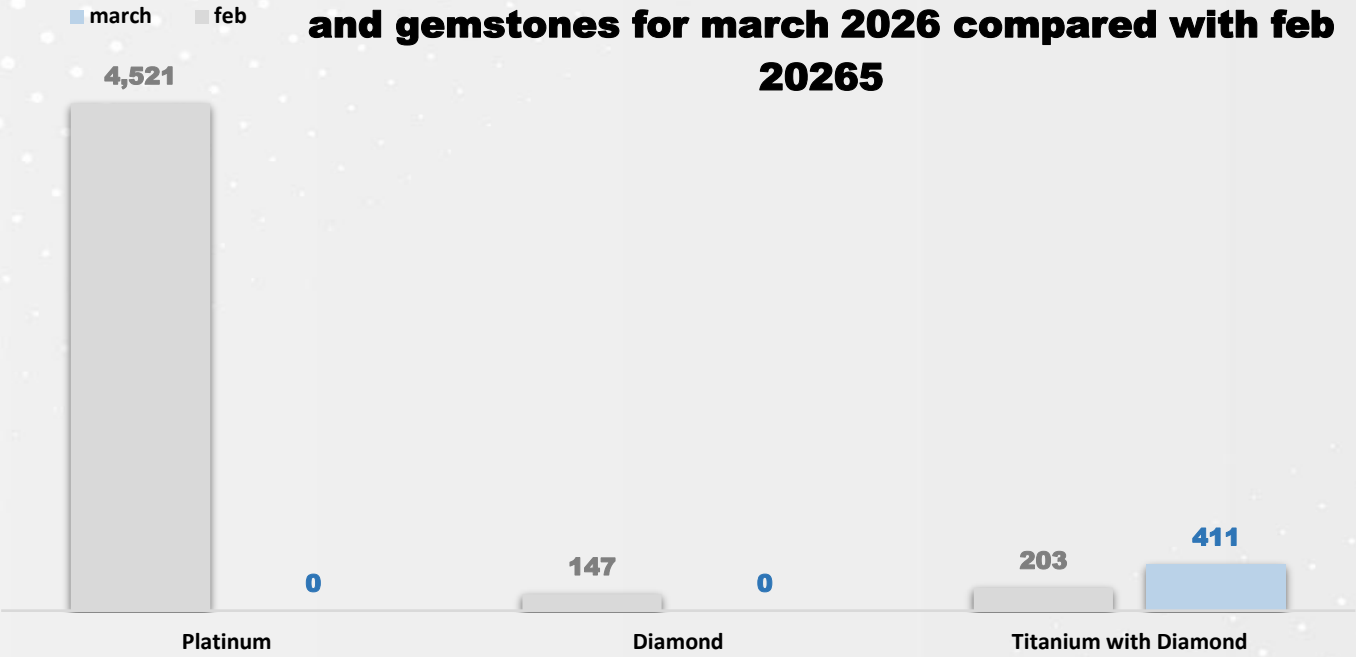


Precious Metals Department

N.	Inspection	Weight (grams)			Fees (KWD)		
		Feb	March	Percentage change	Feb	March	Percentage change
1	Titanium with Diamond	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Synthetic Stones of Value	203	411	102%	10.150	20.550	102%
3	Other Precious Stones	3,411	2,790	-18%	192.550	139.500	-28%
4	Diamond-Studded Accessories	282	4,024	1327%	14.100	201.200	1327%
5	Accessories Studded with Stones	54,080	38,783	-28%	1,090.600	775.660	-29%
6	Diamond	147	—	—	147.000	—	—
7	Platinum	4,521	—	—	226.050	—	—
8	Platinum Studded with Stones of Value	37	—	—	2.590	—	—
9	Platinum Studded with Diamonds	346	—	—	34.600	—	—
10	Titanium Studded with Diamonds	118	—	—	5.900	—	—
11	Gold	3,510,348	1,338,391	-62%	175,682.000	68,972.400	-61%
12	Gold Studded with Stones of Value	215,962	108,425	-50%	15,941.170	7,598.570	-52%
13	Gold Studded with Diamonds	83,924	17,675	-79%	8,699.200	1,767.500	-80%
14	Stainless Steel – Ceramic Watches	—	91	—	—	1.820	—
15	Silver Watches with Diamonds	259	—	—	14.245	—	—
16	Silver-Plated Watches	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	Silver-Plated Watches with Stones	—	—	—	—	—	—
18	Watches 0.05	87,971	10,037	-89%	4,398.550	501.850	-89%
19	Watches 0.1	67,853	3,352	-95%	6,785.300	335.200	-95%
20	Silver	36,535,459	394,585	-99%	365,356.920	3,949.780	-99%
21	Silver Studded with Diamonds	3,935	117	-97%	216.425	6.435	-97%
22	Silver Studded with Precious Stones	204,548	32,098	-84%	5,116.850	802.450	-84%
Total		40,773,404	1,950,779	-95%	583,934.200	85,072.915	-85%

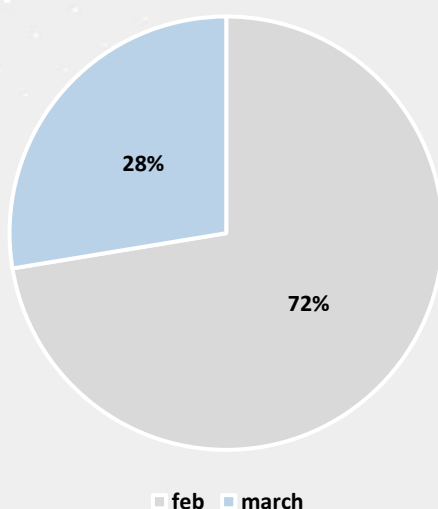
Upon reviewing the data of the Precious Metals Department for March 2026, the following was noted: The total inspection fees collected amounted to KWD 85,072.915, representing a decrease of 85% compared with February 2026. During the reporting month, the Precious Metals Department inspected 411 grams of synthetic precious stones, 2,790 grams of other precious stones, 4,024 grams of diamond-set accessories, and 38,783 grams of accessories set with precious stones. With regard to gold, a total of 1,338,391 grams of gold was inspected, in addition to 108,425 grams of gold set with precious stones and 17,675 grams of gold set with diamonds. The Department also inspected 91 stainless steel and ceramic watches, 10,037 grams of 0.05 watches, and 3,352 grams of 0.1 watches. Furthermore, 394,585 grams of silver, 117 grams of diamond-set silver, and 32,098 grams of silver set with precious stones were inspected during March 2026.

**statement of the weights of selected precious metals
and gemstones for march 2026 compared with feb
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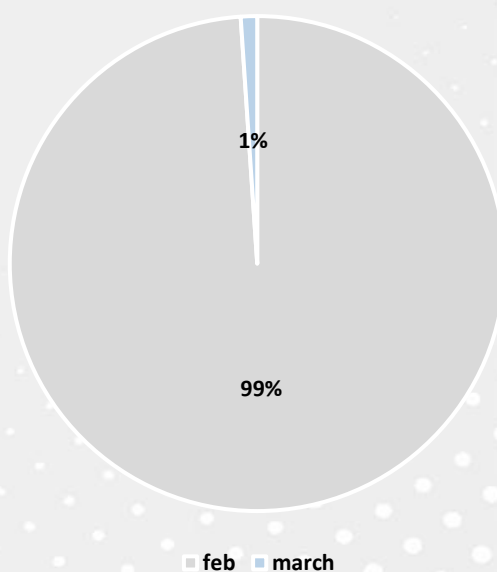


N.	examine	Issue			Fees (kd)		
		Feb	March	Percentage change	Feb	March	Percentage change
1	Coated Accessory	2,692	257	-90%	269.200	30.500	-89%
2	Rosaries	1,795	247	-86%	897.500	123.500	-86%
Total		4,487	504	-89%	1,166.700	154.000	-87%

relative distribution of gold weight for march 2026 compared to february 2026



relative distribution of silver weight for march 2026 compared to february 2026



Real Estate Services and Valuation Department

N.	Transactions	2026Feb	March 2026	Percentage change
1	Replacement of Real Estate Brokerage Register	-	-	-
2	Issuance of Real Estate Brokerage Register	11	3	-73%
3	Addition of a Deputy – Real Estate Brokerage Register	5	-	-
4	Replacement of Lost Document	-	-	-
5	Renewal of Deputy	2	1	-50%
6	Request for Renewal of Real Estate Broker ID	7	14	100%
7	Request for Renewal of Deputy Real Estate Broker ID	-	1	-
8	Request for Issuance of Deputy Real Estate Broker ID	4	-	-
9	Request for Cancellation of Brokerage Register	6	1	-83%
10	Request for Removal of Deputy from Brokerage Register	-	-	-
11	Request for Renewal of Brokerage Register	28	20	-29%
12	Certificate to Whom It May Concern	-	-	-
13	Request for Replacement of Lost Real Estate Broker ID	-	-	-
14	Request for Issuance of Real Estate Broker ID	16	7	-56%
Total		79	47	-41%

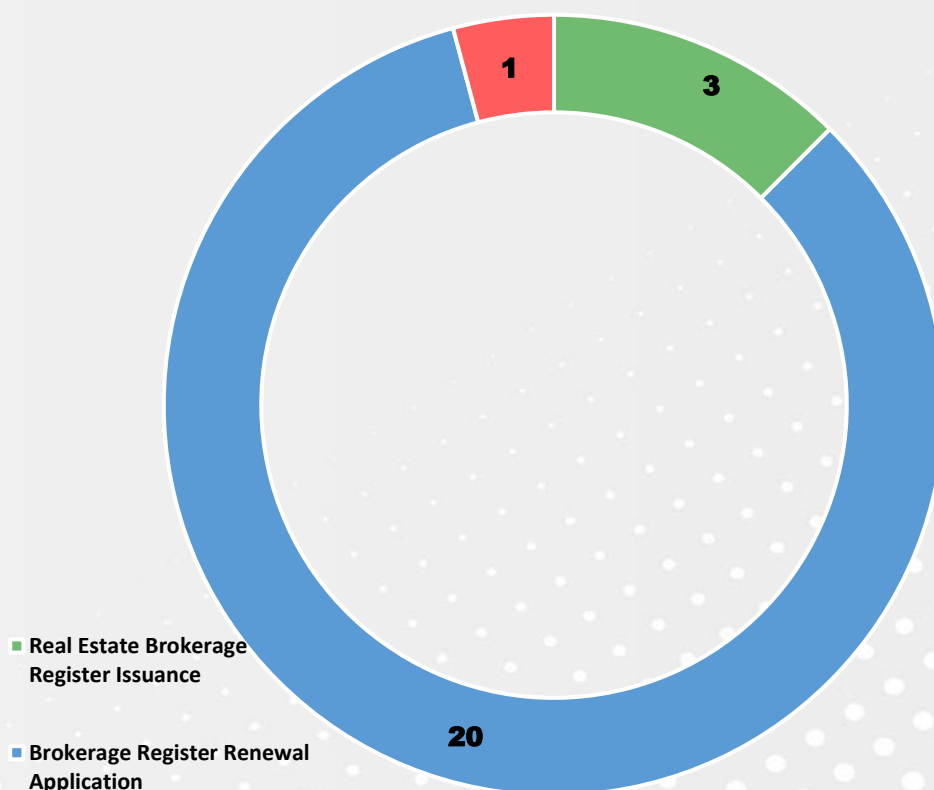
Upon reviewing the data of the Real Estate Services and Valuation Department for March 2026, the following was noted:

The Real Estate Services and Valuation Department processed 47 transactions in March 2026, compared with 79 transactions in February 2026, representing a decrease of 41%. These transactions fell under seven categories. The number of transactions for the issuance of a Real Estate Brokerage Licence Book amounted to 3, representing a decrease of 73%. One transaction was processed for the renewal of a Deputy Broker licence, reflecting a decrease of 50%. Applications for the renewal of a Real Estate Broker Identification Card totalled 14, representing an increase of 100% in March 2026. One application was submitted for the cancellation of a Real Estate Brokerage Licence Book, representing a decrease of 83%. Applications for the renewal of a Real Estate Brokerage Licence Book totalled 20, representing a decrease of 29% in March 2026.

Related to the Profession of Real Estate Valuers							
Transactions		Individuals			Companies		
		Feb 2026	2026March	Percentage change	Feb 2026	2026march	Percentage change
1	Application for the Issuance of a Real Estate Valuer Professional Licence	0	0	—	3	0	—
2	Application for the Issuance of a New Real Estate Valuer Professional Licence	0	0	—	8	1	-88%
Total		0	0	—	11	1	-91%

• Cumulative Total Number of Licensed GCC Real Estate Brokers as at the End of the Reporting Period	13
• Cumulative Total Number of Licensed Kuwaiti Real Estate Brokers as at the End of the Reporting Period	1812
• Cumulative Total Number of Licensed Real Estate Valuers in the State of Kuwait as at the End of the Reporting Period	134

relative distribution of brokerage transactions during march 2026



Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Department

Supervision and Oversight Section												
Jewellery, Precious Stones and Precious Metals Activity												
	Feb				March				Percentage change			
Classification	Classification Type			Total	Classification Type			Total	Classification Type			Total
	Meeting	Thematic	Comprehensive		Comprehensive	Thematic	Meeting		Comprehensive	Thematic	Meeting	
High risk	12	–	–	12	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Medium risk	–	10	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Low risk	–	–	14	14	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Real Estate Brokerage Activities											
Classification	Feb				March				Percentage change		
	Classification Type			Total	Classification Type			Total	Classification Type		
	Comprehensive	Thematic	meeting		Comprehensive	Thematic	Meeting		Comprehensive	Thematic	Meeting
High risk	6	–	–	6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Medium risk	–	5	–	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Low risk	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

قسم تنفيذ العقوبات والجزاءات

	Feb				March				Percentage change			
	Types of Measures and Penalties			Total	Types of Measures and Penalties			Total	Types of Measures and Penalties			Total
	An Order Requiring Compliance with Specific Procedures	Financial Penalty	Written Warning		An Order Requiring Compliance with Specific Procedures	Financial Penalty	Written Warning		An Order Requiring Compliance with Specific Procedures	Financial Penalty	Written Warning	
Gold and Silver Jewellery, Precious Metals and Gemstones Real Estate Brokerage Activities	7	(Value KD 11000) 12	8	27	1	(Value KD 13500) 7	7	15	-86%	-42%	-13%	-44%
	2	(Value KD 500) 1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	9	13	8	30	1	7	7	15	-89%	-46%	-13%	-50%

Note: The percentage of change in the number of fines is not the amount

The Sanctions and Penalties Enforcement Department implemented a number of enforcement measures. Within the Gold and Silver Jewellery, Precious Metals and Gemstones sector, one Order (No. 1) requiring compliance with specified procedures was issued, representing a decrease of 86% compared with the previous month. In addition, seven financial penalties amounting to KWD 13,500 and seven warnings were issued during March 2026.

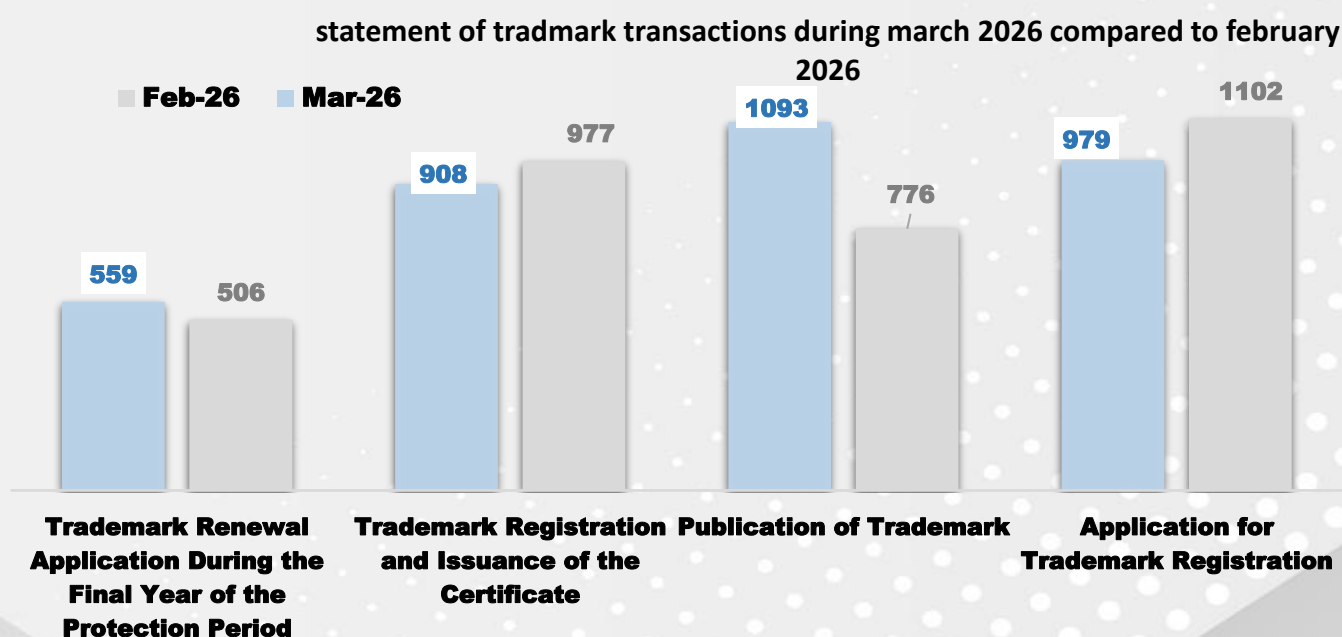
Compliance Officer Appointment Requests			
	Feb	March	Percentage change
Gold and Silver Jewellery, Precious Metals and Gemstones	7	92	#####
Real Estate Brokerage Activities	–	41	–
Total	7	133	#####

A total of 133 Compliance Officer appointment requests were received, comprising 92 requests from the Gold and Silver Jewellery, Precious Metals and Gemstones sector and 41 requests from the Real Estate Brokerage Activities sector during March 2026.

Trade Marks and Patents Department

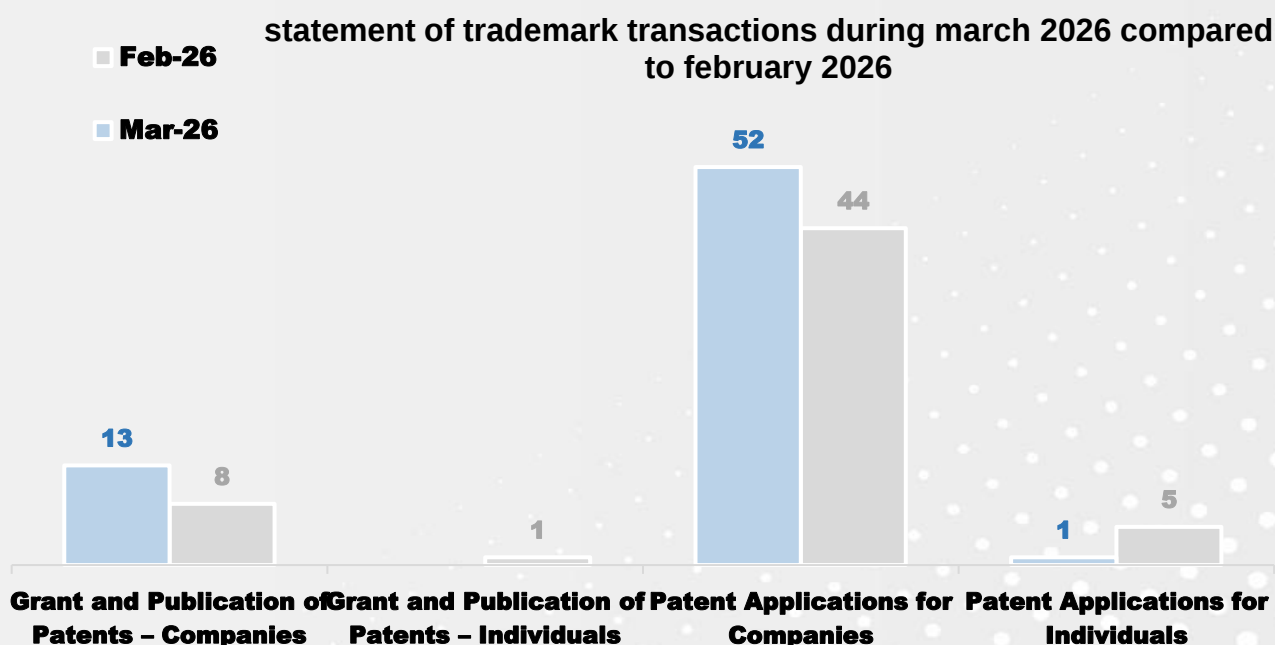
Trade Marks Section				
N.	Transactions	2026Feb	2026March	Percentage change
1	• Trade Mark Registration Application	1102	979	-11%
2	• Publication of a Trade Mark	776	1093	41%
3	• Trade Mark Registration and Issuance of the Registration Certificate	977	908	-7%
4	• Application for Renewal of a Trade Mark During the Final Year of Its Protection Period	506	559	10%
Total		3,361	3,539	5%

Upon reviewing the data relating to the Trade Marks Section for March 2026, it was noted that the number of Trade Mark Registration Applications reached 979 applications in March 2026, compared with 1,102 applications in February 2026, representing a decrease of 11%. The number of published trademarks totalled 1,093 in March 2026, compared with 776 in February 2026, representing an increase of 41% compared with the previous month. Furthermore, the number of Trade Mark Registration and Registration Certificate Issuance transactions reached 977 in March 2026, compared with 908 transactions in February 2026, representing an increase of 7%. In addition, the number of Trade Mark Renewal Applications submitted during the final year of the protection period reached 559 applications in March 2026, compared with 506 applications in February 2026, representing an increase of 10%.



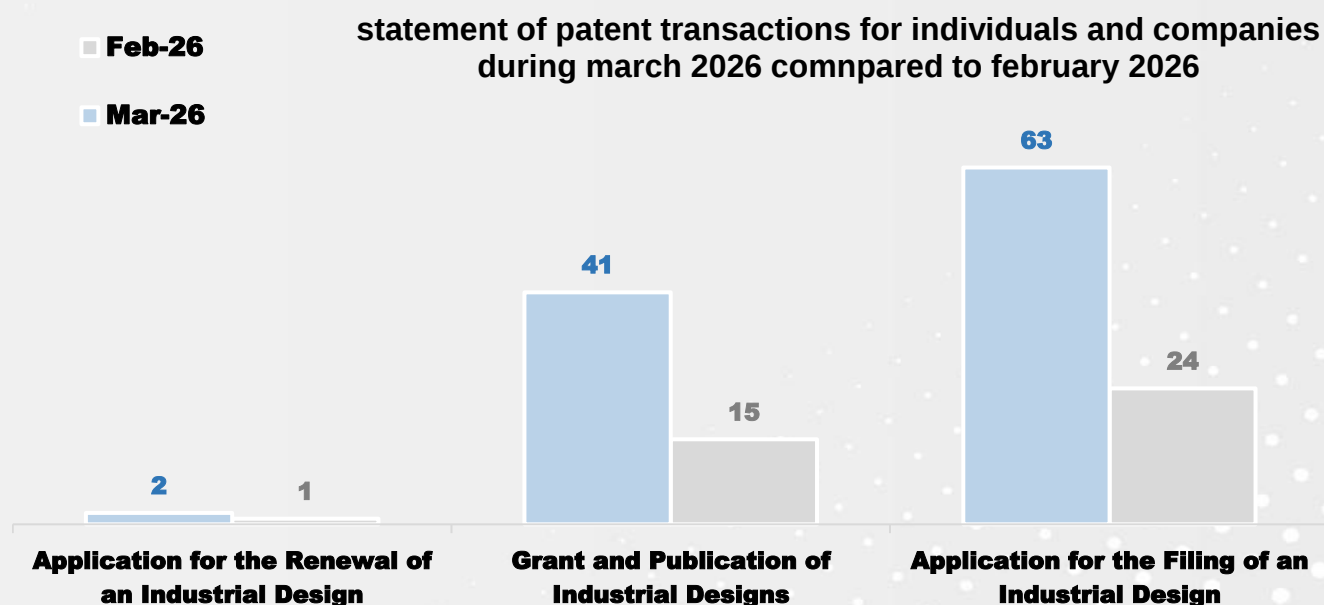
Patent Section				
N.	Transactions	2026Feb	2026March	Percentage change
1	• Patent Applications – Individuals	5	1	-80%
2	• Patent Applications – Companies	44	52	18%
3	• Grant and Publication of Patents – Individuals	1	-	-
4	• Grant and Publication of Patents – Companies	8	13	63%
Total transactions		58	66	14%

Upon reviewing the data relating to the Patent Section for March 2026, it was noted that the number of Patent Applications – Individuals totalled 1 application, representing a decrease of 80%. The number of Patent Applications – Companies totalled 52 applications, representing an increase of 18% compared with February 2026. In addition, the number of Grant and Publication of Patents – Companies transactions totalled 13 transactions, representing an increase of 63% compared with February 2026.



Industrial Designs Section				
N.	Transactions	2026Feb	2026March	Percentage change
1	• Industrial Design Filing Application	24	63	163%
2	• Grant and Publication of an Industrial Design	15	41	173%
3	• Industrial Design Renewal Application	1	2	100%
Total transactions		40	106	165%

Upon reviewing the data relating to the Industrial Designs Section for March 2026, it was noted that the number of Industrial Design Filing Applications reached 63 transactions, representing an increase of 163% compared with the previous month. Furthermore, the number of Grant and Publication of Industrial Design transactions reached 41 transactions, representing an increase of 173% compared with February 2026. In addition, the number of Industrial Design Renewal Applications reached 2 transactions, representing an increase of 100% compared with the previous month.



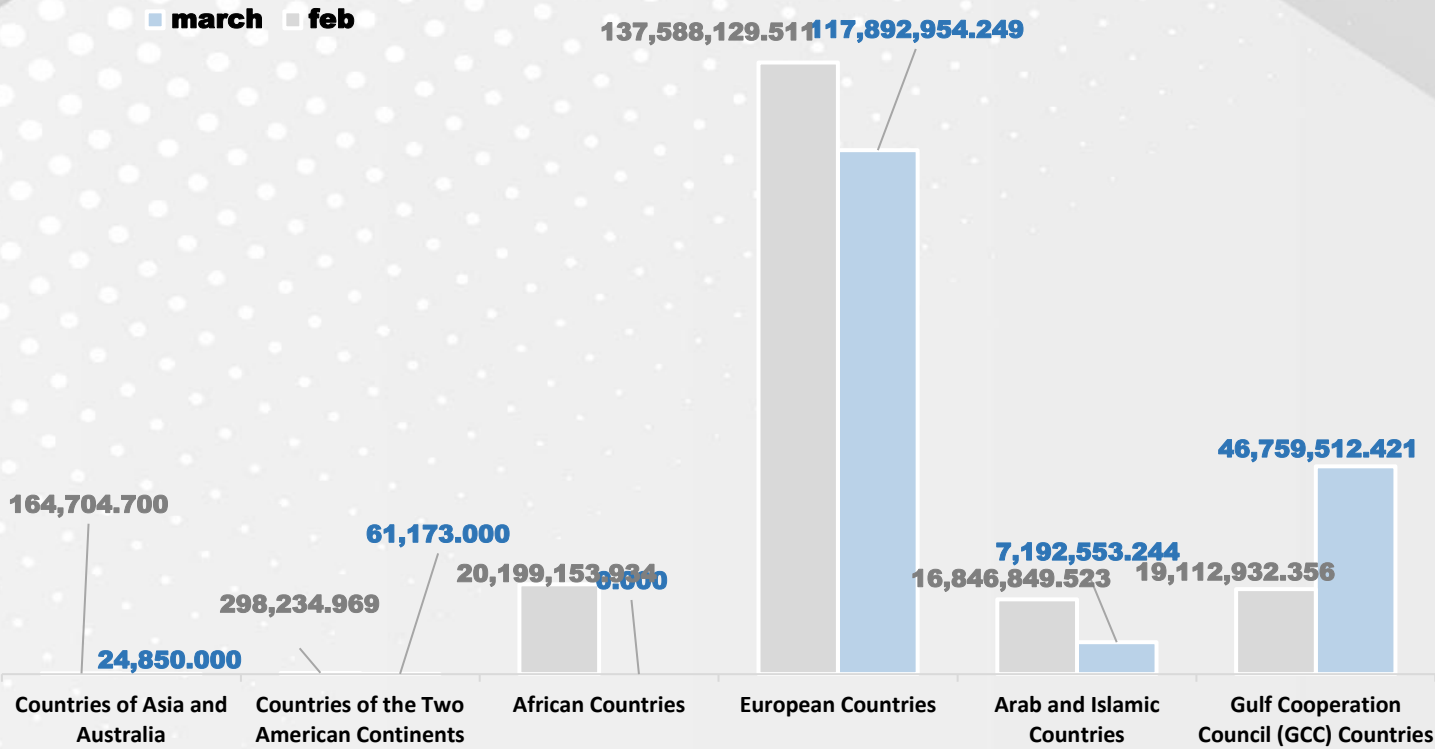
International Relations Department

Non-Oil Kuwaiti Certificates of Origin					Value in Kuwaiti Dinars (KWD)		
N.	Country Names	Certificates			Value of Certificates of Origin		
		Feb	March	Percentage change	Feb	March	Percentage change
1	• Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries	1467	963	-34%	19,112,932.356	46,759,512.421	145%
2	• Arab and Islamic Countries	215	155	-28%	16,846,849.523	7,192,553.244	-57%
3	• European Countries	13	7	-46%	137,588,129.511	117,892,954.249	-14%
4	• African Countries	3	0	-100%	20,199,153.934	0.000	-100%
5	• North and South American Countries	6	3	-50%	298,234.969	61,173.000	-79%
6	• Asian Countries and Australia	5	1	-80%	164,704.700	24,850.000	-85%
Total		1709	1129	-34%	194,210,004.993	171,931,042.914	-11%

Upon reviewing the data relating to the International Relations Department (Kuwaiti Certificates of Origin) for March 2026, the following was noted:

The total value of Kuwaiti Certificates of Origin, including oil and non-oil certificates, amounted to approximately KWD 172 million, distributed among Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries, Arab and Islamic Countries, European Countries, African Countries, North and South American Countries, and Asian Countries and Australia. The value of certificates issued for GCC Countries amounted to approximately KWD 47 million, representing an increase of 145% compared with the previous month. Meanwhile, the value of certificates issued for Arab and Islamic Countries amounted to approximately KWD 7 million, representing a decrease of 57% compared with the previous month. The value of certificates issued for European Countries amounted to approximately KWD 118 million, representing a decrease of 14% compared with the previous month. Furthermore, the value of certificates issued for North and South American Countries amounted to approximately KWD 61 thousand, representing a decrease of 79%, while the value of certificates issued for Asian Countries and Australia amounted to approximately KWD 25 thousand, representing a decrease of 85% compared with the previous month. It is noted that the total value of certificates decreased in March 2026 compared with the previous month, with a decline rate of 11%.

statement of the value of kuwaiti non-oil certificates of origin
during march 2026 compared to february 2026
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**Number of Licenses Issued for Temporary Commercial Exhibitions in the State of Kuwait
During March 2026 Compared to February 2026.**

Exhibitions Section				
N.	Transactions	Feb	March	Percentage change
1	Issuance of a Temporary Commercial Exhibition License	93	13	-86%
2	Issuance of a Temporary Gold and Jewellery Exhibition License	5	0	-100%
Total		98	13	-87%

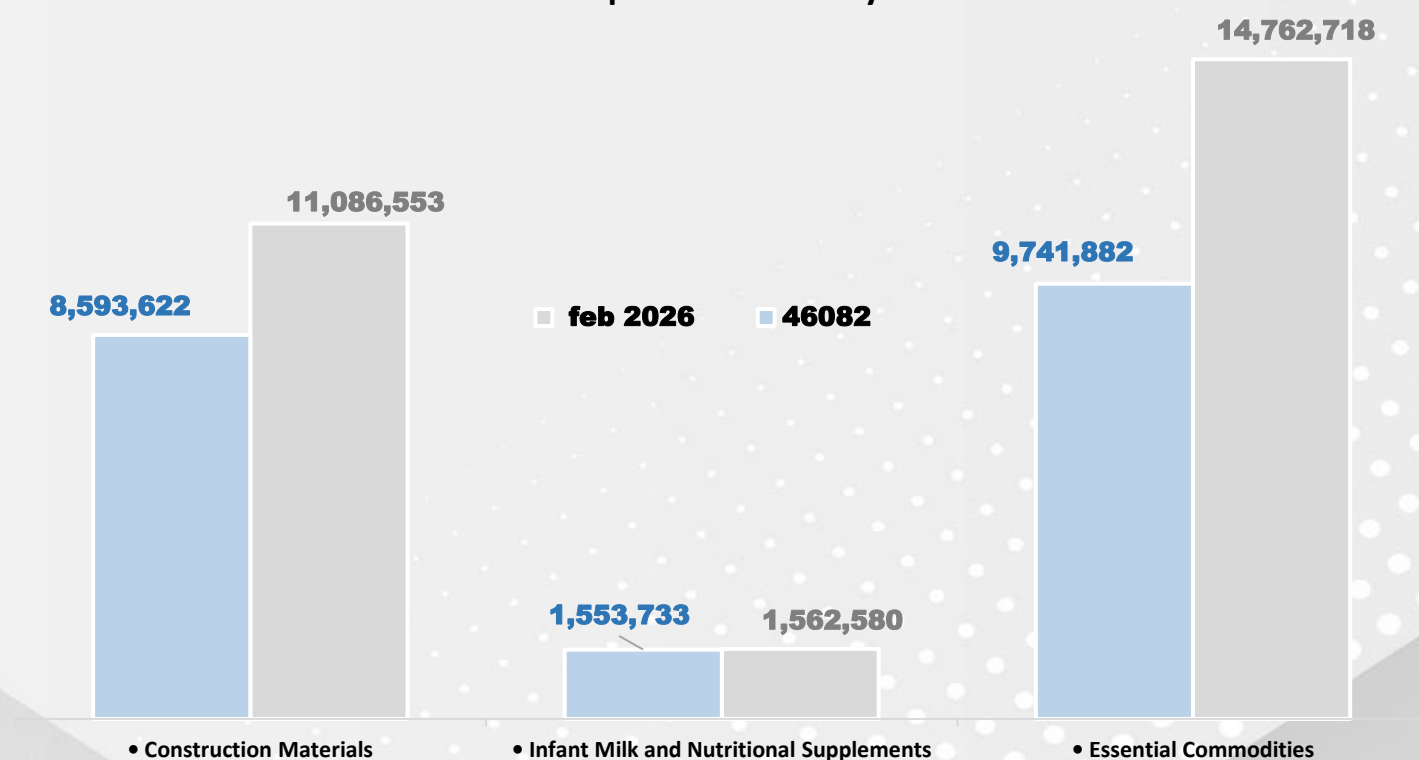
Based on the data of the International Relations Department (Exhibitions Section) for March 2026, it was observed that a total of **13 licenses** were issued for temporary commercial exhibitions in the State of Kuwait during **March 2026**, compared to **93 licenses** issued in **February 2026**, representing a **decrease of 86%**.

Supply Department

N.	Subsidized Commodities	Subsidy Disbursed		(Rounded to the Nearest Kuwaiti Dinar)
		2026Feb	2026March	Percentage change
1	• Essential Commodities	14,762,718	9,741,882	-34%
2	• Infant Milk and Nutritional Supplements	1,562,580	1,553,733	-1%
3	• Construction Materials	11,086,553	8,593,622	-22%
Total		27,411,852	19,889,238	-27%

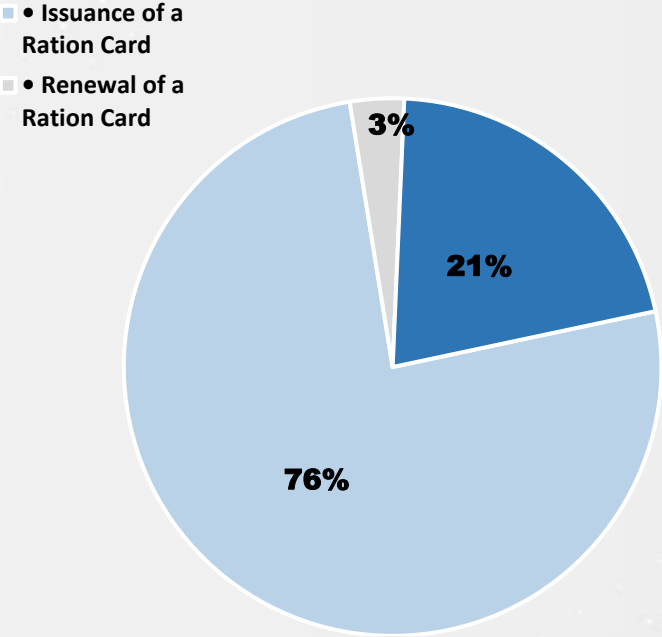
Based on the data of the Supply Department for March 2026, it was observed that the Ministry provided subsidies for various commodities amounting to approximately **KWD 20 million**. The essential commodities distributed through the ration card system accounted for approximately **KWD 10 million**, representing around **49% of the total disbursed subsidies**, with a decrease of **34%** compared to the previous month. Subsidies for infant milk and nutritional supplements amounted to approximately **KWD 2 million**, representing **8% of the total disbursed subsidies**, with a decrease of **1%** compared to the previous month. Meanwhile, the value of construction materials reached approximately **KWD 9 million**, accounting for around **43% of the total disbursed subsidies**, with a decrease of **22%** compared to February 2026.

monthly report on support amounts disbursed during march 2026 compared to february 2026

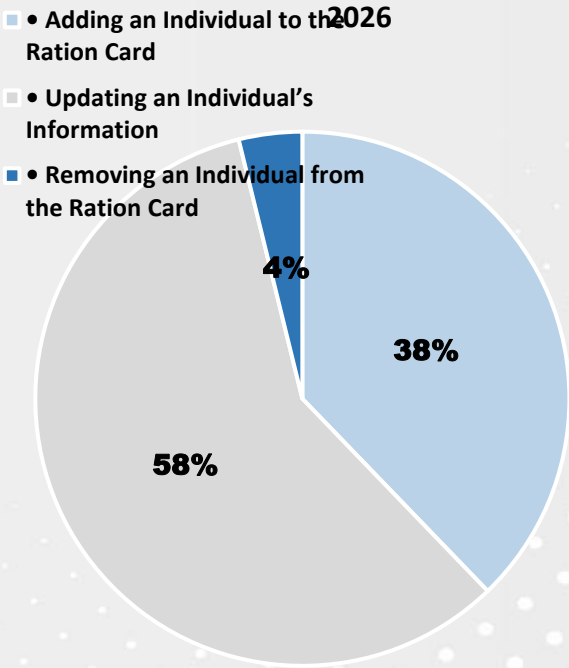


N.	Ration Cards				Beneficiary Individuals			
	Transactions	2026Feb	March 2026	Percentage change	Transactions	2026Feb	March 2026	Percentage change
1	• Issuance of a Ration Card	1032	404	-61%	• Adding an Individual to the Ration Card	15322	9375	-39%
2	• Renewal of a Ration Card	675	624	-8%	• Updating an Individual's Information	624	402	-36%
3	• Cancellation of a Ration Card	66	41	-38%	• Removing an Individual from the Ration Card	4489	2595	-42%

percentage distribution of transactions beneficiaries during march



percentage distribution of ration beneficiary transactions during march

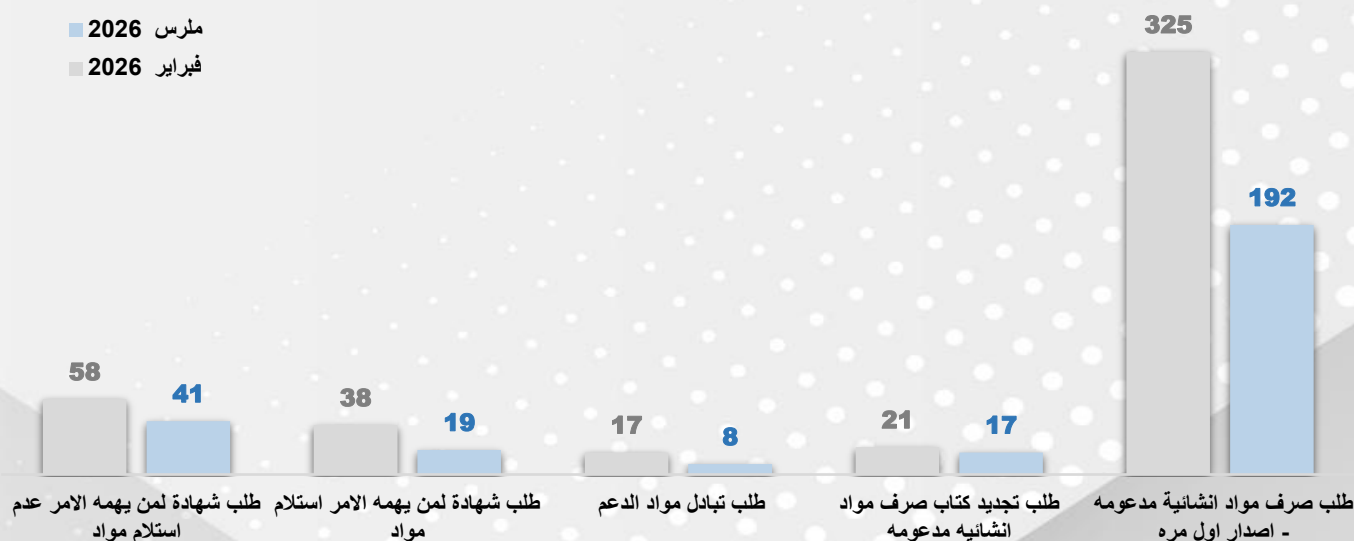


Construction Supplies

N.	Procedure	2026Feb	2026 March	Percentage change
1	• First-Time Application for the Disbursement of Subsidized Construction Materials	325	192	-41%
2	• Application for Renewal of a Subsidized Construction Materials Disbursement Letter	21	17	-19%
3	• Application for Exchange of Subsidized Materials	17	8	-53%
4	• Request for a Certificate of Receipt of Materials (To Whom It May Concern)	38	19	-50%
5	• Request for a Certificate of Non-Receipt of Materials (To Whom It May Concern)	58	41	-29%
Total		459	277	-40%

Based on the data of the Supply Department (Construction Supplies) for March 2026, it was observed that the number of first-time applications for the disbursement of subsidized construction materials reached **192 procedures**, representing a **decrease of 41%** compared to the previous month. In addition, **17 transactions** were processed for the renewal of subsidized construction materials disbursement letters, with a **decrease of 19%** compared to the previous month. The number of applications for the exchange of subsidized materials reached **8 applications**, representing a **decrease of 53%** compared to the previous month. Furthermore, **19 applications** were submitted for certificates of receipt of materials (To Whom It May Concern), with a **decrease of 50%**. Regarding applications for certificates of non-receipt of materials (To Whom It May Concern), the number of applications reached **41 applications**, representing a **decrease of 29%** compared to the previous month.

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The most prominent decisions issued during the month of March 2026

Ministerial Decisions: •

- Ministerial Decision No. (20) of 2026, dated 1/3/2026, regarding the fixing of selling prices for all types of food commodities.
- Ministerial Decision No. (21) of 2026, dated 1/3/2026, regarding the prohibition of exporting all types of food commodities.
- Ministerial Decision No. (22) of 2026, dated 2/3/2026, regarding the amendment of commercial activities.

N.	Activity Name	International Code	Amended Activity Name	Sector	Regulatory Authority
.1	Retail Sale of Watches of All Types	477331	Retail Sale of Precious Watches	General Trading Activities and Related Services	Ministry of Commerce and Industry – Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Department
.2	Wholesale of Watches and Jewellery	464980	Wholesale of Precious Watches	General Trading Activities and Related Services	Ministry of Commerce and Industry – Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Department – Ministry of Interior – General Department of Security Systems
.3	Retail Sale of Jewellery and Goldsmiths' Articles	477332	Retail Sale of Jewellery	General Trading Activities and Related Services	Ministry of Commerce and Industry – Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Department – Ministry of Interior – General Department of Security Systems

Ministerial Decision No. (25) of 2026, dated 10/3/2026, regarding the rules and procedures of the matrix of violations, penalties, and measures applicable to Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions in relation to Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing, which stipulates the following:

Article Two

First: Low-Risk Violations:

Violation	Applicable Measures and Penalties
• Providing policies and procedures governing the entity's operations, or a risk assessment study, that does not comply with the requirements of the Anti-Money Laundering, Combating the Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation Law and the relevant Ministerial Decisions.	• Written Warning • An Order Requiring Compliance with Specific Measures • A Financial Penalty of KWD 200 ▪
• Failure to comply with the obligations related to the controls, decisions, instructions, and circulars issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.	• Written Warning • An Order Requiring Compliance with Specific Measures • A Financial Penalty of KWD 200 ▪
• The entity executing a transaction based on incomplete documentation.	• Written Warning • An Order Requiring Compliance with Specific Measures • A Financial Penalty of KWD 500 ▪
• Failure to train the entity's employees or personnel on the requirements, decisions, procedures, and circulars related to Anti-Money Laundering, Combating the Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation.	• Written Warning • An Order Requiring Compliance with Specific Measures • A Financial Penalty of KWD 200 ▪

Second: Medium-Risk Violations:

Violation	Applicable Measures and Penalties
• Dealing with Cash Amounts in Transactions and Purchases.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 3,000 • Closure of the Establishment and Referral to the Competent Investigation Authorities • Withdrawal of the Commercial License
• Failure to appoint a Kuwaiti Compliance Officer who is knowledgeable of the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism Law and the relevant Ministerial Decisions.	▪ Issuance of an Order Requiring Compliance with Specific Measures ▪ In the Event of Recurrence, a Financial Penalty of KWD 500 shall be imposed ▪ Suspension of the Commercial License until the Violation is Rectified
• Failure to apply Customer Due Diligence (CDD) procedures.	• An Order Requiring Compliance with Specific Measures • In the Event of Recurrence, a Financial Penalty of KWD 500 shall be imposed • Suspension of the Commercial License for a Period of Three Months • Withdrawal of the Commercial License
• Failure of the entity to retain financial records for a period of five years.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 1,000 • Suspension of the Commercial License for a Period of Three Months • Withdrawal of the Commercial License
• Failure to establish and implement policies, procedures, systems, and controls related to Anti-Money Laundering, Combating the Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation, and to circulate them to local and foreign branches.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 500 • Suspension of the Commercial License for a Period of Three Months • Withdrawal of the Commercial License
• Failure to submit a risk assessment study for the entity.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 500 • Suspension of the Commercial License for a Period of Three Months • Withdrawal of the Commercial License
• Failure to implement an electronic system for recording all customer data and transactions specified by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 500 • Suspension of the Commercial License until the Violation is Rectified
• Failure to identify the Beneficial Owner and retain records of the Beneficial Owner and the beneficial ownership structure in business transactions.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 500 • Suspension of the Commercial License for a Period of Three Months • Withdrawal of the Commercial License

Third: High-Risk Violations:

Violation	Applicable Measures and Penalties
Failure to apply Enhanced Customer Due Diligence (EDD) measures.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 4,000 • Suspension of the Company's Activity for a Period of Six (6) Months • Withdrawal of the Commercial License ▪
Failure to register with or provide access to the systems related to local and international sanctions lists concerning Terrorist Financing and Proliferation Financing.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 4,000 • Suspension of the Company's Activity for a Period of Six (6) Months • Withdrawal of the Commercial License ▪
Failure to notify the Committee for the Implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs when refraining from providing a service to a customer due to their inclusion on local and international sanctions lists related to Terrorist Financing and Proliferation Financing, within three working days.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 4,000 • Suspension of the Company from Conducting the Activity for a Period of Six (6) Months • Withdrawal of the Commercial License ▪
Providing services to any person listed on local and international sanctions lists related to Terrorist Financing and Proliferation Financing.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 8,000 • Suspension of the Company from Conducting the Activity for a Period of One Year • Withdrawal of the Commercial License ▪
Failure to notify the Kuwait Financial Intelligence Unit (KFIU) in the event of suspicious transaction indicators within two working days.	• A Financial Penalty of KWD 5,000 • Suspension of the Company from Conducting the Activity for a Period of One Year • Withdrawal of the Commercial License ▪

- Ministerial Decision No. (27) of 2026 dated 15/3/2026, concerning the prohibition of selling tobacco and cigarettes through delivery platforms.
- Ministerial Decision No. (28) of 2026 dated 15/3/2026, concerning the prohibition of exporting empty pallet products.
- Ministerial Decision No. (29) of 2026, concerning the regulation of the circulation and sale of energy drinks.

Conclusion

This concludes our report, in which we have endeavoured to present all available data and statistics on the majority of the Ministry's departments in a manner that demonstrates the extent of their development and growing role. We have highlighted the key indicators and illustrated them using graphical representations, in addition to providing our statistical analysis of the monthly indicators.

We hope that this report has successfully presented the most significant aspects contributing to the development and advancement of the Ministry. We trust that it meets your approval.

With sincere regards and best wishes for success.