



**Law No. (7) of 2019**  
**on Protection of the Arabic Language**

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**We, Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani Emir of the State of Qatar,**

After having perused the Constitution, and

The draft-law presented by the Council of Ministers, and

After having consulted the Shura Council,

**Have decided the following Law:**

**Article (1)**

All governmental and non-governmental authorities shall be committed to protect and support the Arabic language in all the activities and events they carry out.





## Article (2)

The ministries, other governmental entities and public corporations and bodies shall be committed to use the Arabic language in their meetings and discussions, and in all decisions, regulations, instructions, documents, contracts, correspondence, designations, programmes, publications, audio, visual or text announcements and other operations, issued therefrom.

The provision of the preceding paragraph shall apply to private associations and institutions, private institutions of public interest, and authorities whose budgets are funded by the State.

## Article (3)

State legislation shall be drafted in the Arabic language and a translation thereof in other languages may be issued, if the public interest so requires.





#### Article (4)

The Arabic language shall be the language of talks, negotiations, memoranda and correspondence with other governments, regional and international bodies and organizations and official conferences, and a text written in other adopted language of such authorities shall be attached thereto.

The Arabic language shall be adopted in writing treaties, agreements and contracts concluded between the State and other countries and regional and international bodies and organizations. Another language may be adopted, provided that a translation in Arabic language is attached thereto.

#### Article (5)

The Arabic language shall be the language of education in the public educational institutions, unless the nature of some curricula requires





teaching them in another language, as determined by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

The private educational institutions shall be committed to teach the Arabic language as an independent basic subject within the curricula thereof, in cases and in accordance with the rules and controls set by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

#### **Article (6)**

Universities and higher education institutions of the State shall be committed to teach in the Arabic language, unless the nature of some academic programmes requires teaching in another language, as determined by the University's Board of Trustees or the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, as the case may be.

#### **Article (7)**

Scientific research funded by governmental and non-governmental authorities shall be published in the Arabic language and they may be





published in other languages, provided that, in such case, the researcher submits a brief abstract of the research in the Arabic language.

### Article (8)

Companies and institutions with commercial, financial, industrial, scientific, recreational purposes or other purposes, shall be given Arabic names.

International and local companies and institutions whose foreign names or product names have an international reputation with a registered trademark, may retain the foreign name, provided that it is written in the Arabic language along with the foreign language.

### Article (9)

Data and information related to Qatari goods and products shall be written in the Arabic language, and a translation in another language may be attached thereto.





### Article (10)

Trademarks, trade names, coins, stamps and medals shall be written in the Arabic language, and a text corresponding thereto may be written in another language, provided that the Arabic language shall be more prominent.

### Article (11)

Without prejudice to any more severe penalty provided for in another law, whoever violates any of the provisions of Articles No. (2/ second paragraph), (5/ second paragraph), (8), (9), and (10) of this Law shall be punished by a fine not exceeding (50,000) fifty thousand Riyals.

### Article (12)

The person responsible for the actual administration of the violating legal person shall be punished by the same penalty prescribed for acts committed in violation of the provisions of this Law, if he is proved





to be aware of such acts and the violation occurs due to his breach of his job duties.

### Article (13)

The authorities subject to the provisions of this Law shall adjust their positions according to the provisions thereof within six months from the date of its entry into force.

The Council of Ministers may extend such time limit for other similar period or periods.

### Article (14)

The Council of Ministers shall issue the necessary decisions to implement the provisions of this Law.





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### Article (15)

All competent authorities, each within its competence, shall implement this Law. It shall be published in the Official Gazette.

**Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani**

**Emir of the State of Qatar**

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