

Guide on Law Governing the Supreme Legislation Committee in Dubai

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Legislation Governing the Supreme Committee for Legal Affairs in Dubai

Dubai has introduced *Law No. (14) of 2024*, significantly reshaping the structure, operations, and responsibilities of the *Supreme Legislation Committee (SLC)* and its General Secretariat. The Law replaces *Decree No. (23) of 2014, Executive Council Resolution No. (12) of 2014*, reinforcing Dubai's dedication to establishing a sustainable legislative framework that aligns with local and national development objectives.

The new legislation reflects the emirate's forward-thinking governance and its efforts to enhance legislative efficiency while preparing for future developments. This article delves into the key provisions of the Law, the recently issued *Decision No. (3) of 2024, and the strategic plan for 2024-2029* unveiled by the Supreme Legislation Committee, highlighting Dubai's focus on innovation, legal alignment, and sustainable growth.

Law No. (14) of 2024 establishes the Supreme Legislation Committee as the central body responsible for legislative oversight and coordination in Dubai. It defines the key objectives of the Committee, such as:

- I. Improving legislative quality** to align with global standards and developments.
- II. Ensuring legal consistency** across local and federal frameworks in the UAE.
- III. Streamlining legislative procedures** to facilitate the efficient issuance, review, and implementation of laws.
- IV. Developing sustainable legal frameworks** that adapt to future challenges and evolving governance needs.

The Law also assigns specific responsibilities to the *General Secretariat* of the Committee. The Secretariat plays a pivotal role in ensuring operational continuity, developing legislative guidelines, and fostering cooperation between local, regional, and international bodies.

To discharge its duties effectively, the Committee must adhere to *guidelines issued by the Chairman*, ensuring its actions are aligned with local and federal laws, international agreements, and legal opinions.



Operational Guidelines for the Committee

Pursuant to Law No. (14) of 2024, His Highness Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, First Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Finance of the UAE, issued *Decision No. (3) of 2024, approving operational guidelines for the Committee*.

Law No. (14) of 2024 establishes the Supreme Legislation Committee as the central authority responsible for legislative oversight and coordination in Dubai, setting forth key objectives to guide its work. These objectives include *improving legislative quality to align with global standards and developments, ensuring legal consistency across local and federal frameworks within the UAE,*

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"Laws are the backbone of governance. They must evolve with society to foster growth, protect rights, and ensure justice."



streamlining legislative procedures to facilitate the efficient issuance, review, and implementation of laws, and developing sustainable legal frameworks that can adapt to future challenges and evolving governance needs. The Law also assigns specific responsibilities to the General Secretariat, which plays a crucial role in maintaining operational continuity, developing legislative guidelines, and fostering cooperation with local, regional, and international bodies. To ensure the effective discharge of its duties, the Committee is required to follow guidelines issued by the Chairman, ensuring that its activities are aligned with local and federal laws, international agreements, and relevant legal opinions.

Replacement of Existing Legislation and Continuity of Regulations

Law No. (14) of 2024 repeals Decree No. (23) of 2014 and Executive Council Resolution No. (12) of 2014, which previously governed the operations of the Supreme Legislation Committee. It also **annuls any other legislation** that conflicts with the new provisions. However, **Resolution No. (110) of 2023 will remain in effect until the Committee is reconstituted by a decree from the Ruler of Dubai.**

Notably, the Law ensures regulatory continuity, stipulating that existing decisions, regulations, and guidelines issued under the former framework will remain in force unless they conflict with the new Law or are replaced by updated regulations.

Strategic Plan 2024-2029

Building on the foundation laid by Law No. (14) of 2024, the Supreme Legislation Committee has launched its strategic plan for 2024-2029, reflecting Dubai's ambition to advance its legislative framework to ensure future-readiness and alignment with national development goals. **The key objectives of the plan include fostering an innovative legislative environment to position Dubai as a leading hub influencing economic, social, and cultural development.**

The Committee is committed to improving legislative quality by developing high-standard laws that respond to global trends and meet local needs. Promoting legislative awareness is another priority, with a focus on educating stakeholders and the public about new laws and their implications. The strategy also emphasizes **operational and service excellence by enhancing institutional efficiency and ensuring smooth legislative processes.** Furthermore, the Committee aims to create integrated frameworks that balance economic growth with sustainability, promote transparency, and safeguard individual rights, reinforcing Dubai's commitment to progressive governance.

Collaboration and Legislative Efficiency

Ahmad Saeed bin Meshar, Secretary-General of the Supreme Legislation Committee, emphasized that the 2024-2029 strategic plan reflects the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister, and Ruler of Dubai. The Committee **aims to develop a proactive, innovative legislative framework that not only addresses present challenges but also anticipates future trends, supporting Dubai's continuous growth.**

The Committee's focus on collaboration with government entities at the local, federal, and international levels underscores the importance of collective effort in shaping effective legislation. **The new strategy emphasizes the role of oversight, accountability, and legislative efficiency in building a fair, transparent, and sustainable society.**

The 2024-2029 strategic plan places significant **emphasis on achieving a balance between economic growth and environmental protection.** It recognizes that sustainable development requires laws that safeguard public interest and individual rights.

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By aligning its legislative framework with global standards and sustainability goals, Dubai aims to remain a preferred destination for living, working, and visiting, while fostering an environment conducive to investment and innovation.

Conclusion

Law No. (14) of 2024 marks a pivotal step in Dubai's legislative evolution, reflecting the emirate's commitment to streamlining governance, enhancing legal consistency, and preparing for future challenges. The operational guidelines under Decision No. (3) of 2024 provide a clear roadmap for the Supreme Legislation Committee to function efficiently, ensuring alignment with Dubai's strategic objectives.

"Our strategic vision is rooted in innovation, collaboration, and sustainability, ensuring Dubai's legislative framework is future-ready and aligned with global standards."

The 2024-2029 strategic plan further reinforces the Committee's role in promoting legislative innovation and operational excellence. With a focus on collaboration, transparency, and sustainability, the plan aims to build a robust legislative framework that balances growth with environmental responsibility, supports societal needs, and ensures the protection of individual rights.

Dubai's commitment to effective governance through quality legislation positions the emirate as a global leader in legislative development, paving the way for sustainable growth and continued success in the years ahead.



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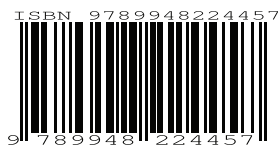
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