<https://www.tenderboard.gov.bh/Legislation/Laws/>

**Legislative Decree No.36 of 2002 With Respect to Regulating Government Tenders and Purchases (Translated)**

**Article 5:**

Contracts for goods, constructions or services subject to this Law shall not be divided with the intent to fraudulently avoid the conditions, rules, procedures and other restrictions and guarantees provided for in the Law. A buyer shall ensure consolidating all the similar requirements that are linked by a certain connection or a single aim to be purchased in one bulk.

**Decree No.37 of 2002 With Respect to Promulgating the Implementing Regulations of the Law Regulating Government Tenders and Purchases (Translated)**

**Article 28**

The Board shall be empowered to exclude the suppliers and contractors who previously gained pre-qualification if it has conclusive evidence from any government authority confirming that he/it will not be able to carry out the works subject to the pre-qualification or he/it has violated his/its contractual obligations in any project inside or outside the Kingdom or he/it has deliberately submitted false information regarding his/its financial and management resources and technical capabilities, or that his/its contractual obligations inside the Kingdom have become in excess of his/its financial and management resources and technical capabilities so as to adversely influence the implementation of the works subject to the pre- qualification.

**Article 32**

Suppliers and contractors who are interested in taking part in a public tender shall prove their qualifications by fulfilling the following conditions:

(d)  They, their managers or employees shall not have been convicted for financial or professional offences in the name and on behalf of the company or owing to submitting false details about their qualifications to enter into purchase contracts unless they have been reinstated.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO. (62) OF 2014   
WITH RESPECT TO ANTI-COMMERCIAL FRAUD**

<https://bahrainbusinesslaws.com/laws/Anti-Commercial-Fraud-Law>

Article (5)

Without prejudice to any severer penalty provided for in another Law, a prison term of not more than five years and a fine of not more than BD 5,000, or an amount equal to the value of the commodity subject of the offense, whichever is higher, or either, shall be imposed on everyone who has imported or procured to the country something of human or animal food, drugs, medical plants, drugs, agricultural produce or natural or industrial products which are fraudulent or rotten, knowing about this event. They shall also be considered so if they are not conforming to the natural technical regulations or not fit for use, or if the validity date written on them from the date of production in the country of origin has expired.

With due regard to the provisions of Article (10) of this Law, the competent Authority shall destroy the materials referred to in the previous paragraph at the expense of the consignee, if he knows that they are fraudulent or rotten, and shall fix a time limit for him to re-export them abroad if he does not know that they are fraudulent or rotten. If he does not do so within the time limit prescribed, such materials shall be destroyed at his own expense.

 Law 62 of 2014 (the new Commercial Anti-Fraud Law): <https://www.tamimi.com/law-update-articles/new-commercial-anti-fraud-law-in-bahrain/>Bottom of Form

**Fraud**

[**Bahrain's Approach to Combating Corruption**](https://bahrain.bh/wps/portal/en/BNP/HomeNationalPortal/ContentDetailsPage/!ut/p/z1/lVNLc4IwEP4r9OCRyfIK4Yh1FDtjtSoqXBweEVIhIEbtz2_oTa2vPWV3vt1vH19QiFYo5NGRZZFgFY8K6QchXmtDCzzyDjDpmTp8LZwp7o40GA0MtDwHaHMfJGDoTsf9ngamhsJn8uGGufBc_h1AeL_8Rb4zdzBgXXdNfTYwYPyQf4FCFNYJS1FALYKJDRtVIwlVTZJEKnFwquJ4E6eOnZgYWy064aIWOQpiXq8p70AUVwehiJwqW8aztCpliAumJlXTHOr2EFeBtsxeoI_z7rzPSQ_w2CO2bneN8cRoz8e-d7vQlawVF_RHoNUd2jjKm4hxphQ0Y_viTwT7DjRUPmmqiKpmifSTnBWp0rAsF_vLHq439GIPD0dftsOf3cz3-4DJoG-amExty74E_CPKR7IIpCzsm1MNpe6OjJ6Qz6umlN9k9qIKPEAzylFd-tJKYnCrOJZLdTslp_kme_sFVkYbRA!!/)

Ministry of Interior - The General Directorate of Anti-corruption and Economic and Electronic Security actively exposes cybercrimes and investigates reports received via the [Direct form](https://www.acees.gov.bh/acees-form/).

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The General Directorate consists of the following entities:

* [Anti-Corruption Crime Directorate](https://www.acees.gov.bh/corruption/): This entity works to combat crimes involving public servants, as defined by the Penal Code. These crimes include bribery, embezzlement, exploitation, and abuse of influence, as well as bribery and embezzlement in the private sector.
* [Anti-Economic Crime Directorate:](https://www.acees.gov.bh/anti-fraud-and-economic-crimes-directorate/)This entity is responsible for combating fraud, breach of trust, forgery, and counterfeiting of currency, cheques, and credit cards.
* [Financial Investigation Directorate:](https://www.bahrainfiu.gov.bh/en/about-directorate/#:~:text=The%20Financial%20Intelligence%20Directorate%20is%20considered%20the%20national,terrorist%20financing%20and%20illicit%20cross-border%20transfer%20of%20funds.) This entity focuses on combating money laundering, terrorist funding, and crimes involving the transfer of money across borders.
* [Cybercrime Directorate:](https://www.acees.gov.bh/cyber-crime/about-cyber-crime/) This entity is dedicated to combating all cybercrimes, including theft, email hacking and abuse, defamation, harassment, or extortion through electronic channels.
* [International Affairs & Interpol Directorate:](https://www.acees.gov.bh/interpol/) This entity serves as a link between the Ministry of Interior and the communication divisions and directorates of its counterparts in all member states of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). It ensures cooperation in security, intelligence, and extradition matters.
* [System Detection Directorate:](https://www.acees.gov.bh/system-detection-directorate/) This entity collects information, conducts investigations, and prepares security and intelligence reports on all cases handled by the aforementioned directorates.
* [Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism](https://www.moic.gov.bh/en/Tiles/BusinessServices/Commercial%20Registration%20and%20Companies%20Control/Anti-Money%20Laundering/anti-money-laundering-and-combating-the-financing-of-terrorism)
* Bahrain is part of the Financial Action Task Force (‘FATF’) through the full membership of the Gulf Cooperation Council in the FATF and is committed to the implementation of all international standards in this area. Bahrain is also a founding member of the regional MENA-FATF and hosts its secretariat.

[The Ministry of Industry and Commerce](https://www.moic.gov.bh/en/Pages/Home.aspx) (MoIC), through Anti-money Laundering Department, works with a strong determination to prohibit and actively prevent money laundering and the financing of terrorism, deploys the highest operating standards and laws to ensure that all its activities are undertaken within the legal parameters.

The [Central Bank of Bahrain](https://www.cbb.gov.bh/) views the fight against money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (‘CFT’) as a key priority. In order to ensure effective compliance with relevant standards and to preserve Bahrain’s strong reputation as a well-regulated financial center, the [CBB](https://www.cbb.gov.bh/)maintains a Compliance Directorate, which is tasked with leading the [CBB](https://www.cbb.gov.bh/)’s AML/CFT efforts.

* [SOURCE](https://www.bahrain.bh/wps/portal/en/BNP/HomeNationalPortal/ContentDetailsPage/!ut/p/z1/pZLbUtswEIZfJTdc2lqfZPnSKTkxpC5OHIhuGB_kRMWWhaMk9O0rk2kZcgA61Y200r-a_f5dRNEDoiLd8VWqeCPSSsdLih-tiQdj8g3gx7Vrw90iiHF_asF05KD79wJrnoAWTMI4Gl5b4FqIfiUfLqwQvpb_VxDMAwzYtkPXno0ciD7NXyCKqMx5gZbMI5j4UBoWyZnhkjw1SIALA2dlVgR-7mLsdepcKKnWaJkJ-cjEFaRZs1U9tWa9Jy5WRVPrK6G4kTdtu5WdkScXx2Wf1kU_duWcbSH0Y7vvAIxmR9inrty8CsYRYMsm9k3kDBwIo9v-XTJfQJRA13j-8_mZhpq3EYq9KPTAVs1ONq1Kq1duHbFW1EyoK9huWLmtelyUTVunB-aWdcFG10rfl3NmSD7jPfohSJIhYDIaui4mse_5Z394MySy0VI75l90fKInacfZHiWiA6jQ7B_nYvzH0w96es7T_xmiA9IF5vDWPkCk-UG8lxuz617F1MasuHjqHrs9lbLDzJva5Flt7qWZFjUX5ppV-iiluWeVfmRmXjXbAs2YQLJOkqQmzi9u0AzHg3I6cFyaeXL33fgNiavrHA!!/?uri=nm:oid:Z6_1I50H8C001TU00QVIAROFD1041&st=).

**Compliance**

**Central of Bank of Bahrain’s Compliance Directorate:**

[**https://www.cbb.gov.bh/compliance/**](https://www.cbb.gov.bh/compliance/)

Regulations issued by the CBB provide a framework for financial institutions in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Key legislation and guidelines include:

* [Central Bank of Bahrain and Financial Institutions Law](https://cbben.thomsonreuters.com/rulebook/central-bank-bahrain-and-financial-institutions-law-2006)
* CBB Rulebook: Operational Risk Management rules for [Conventional Banks](https://cbben.thomsonreuters.com/rulebook/central-bank-bahrain-volume-1-conventional-banks-0) and [Islamic Banks](https://cbben.thomsonreuters.com/rulebook/central-bank-bahrain-volume-2-islamic-banks)
* CBB Rulebook: Operational Risk Management rules for [Insurance](https://cbben.thomsonreuters.com/rulebook/central-bank-bahrain-volume-3-insurance) and [Investment Business](https://cbben.thomsonreuters.com/rulebook/central-bank-bahrain-volume-4-investment-business)
* CBB Rulebook: Outsourcing rules for [Markets and Exchanges](https://cbben.thomsonreuters.com/rulebook/mae-markets-and-exchanges), [Market Intermediaries](https://cbben.thomsonreuters.com/rulebook/mir-market-intermediaries-and-representatives-license) and [Crypto-Asset businesses](https://cbben.thomsonreuters.com/rulebook/cra-crypto-asset)
* CBB Rulebook: Rules for other [Specialized Licensees](https://cbben.thomsonreuters.com/rulebook/central-bank-bahrain-volume-5-specialised-licensees)

These regulations cover a variety of contractual and operational areas, including **due diligence, risk management, and monitoring and oversight for relevant financial institutions**, which include Conventional Bank licensees, Islamic Bank licensees, insurance licensees, investment firm licensees, licensed exchanges, licensed market operators, market intermediaries, licensees providing regulated crypto-asset services and specialized licensees. A licensee must seek the CBB’s prior written approval before committing to a new material outsourcing arrangement.

**Due Diligence**

* Due diligence is essential to avoid fraud. Any legitimate business in Bahrain will operate under a valid Commercial Registration (CR)
* <https://cbben.thomsonreuters.com/rulebook/fc-11-general-requirements-7>
* CR – Ministry of Industry & Commerce (MoIC)

<https://www.bahrain.bh/wps/portal/en/!ut/p/z0/fY69DoIwFIVfpQuJTq0YgdWfAR3UEbqQUq94tdxCW4i-vY0P4HjOd_LlcMkrLknN2KmAlpSJuZZZszpuRFnshSjP14PILmWRp_luLdKcn7j8P4gGfI6j3HKpLQV4B161NDRAifjYyTGDd2BIrFUPpzC27eSRwHum6BbBDD70QCERDowKcGPBDqh9IrTte3AalWEOOvTB_W6zhXZLPrxk_QV37wSl/#:~:text=To%20start%20a%20business%20in,Ministry%20of%20Industry%20and%20Commerce>.

* <https://www.moic.gov.bh/en/Pages/Home.aspx>
* Commercial Registration Portal: <https://www.sijilat.bh>

## Sijili is a Virtual Commercial Registration for Individual Enterprise: Bahrainis who are doing business online through social media platforms have to be issue a virtual commercial registration.

* Foreign Business Opportunities: <https://www.bahrainedb.com/business-opportunities>

1. Article 19: Particulars that the participant shall submit within his pre-qualification offer, provided that it shall, in particular, include the following: Financial status (bank statement – most recent audited balance sheet). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)