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| INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1/2018  |

**Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs**

**Change in the amounts of the individual designation fee: United States of America**

1. The Government of the United States of America has notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) a declaration modifying the amounts of the individual designation fee payable in connection with an international application in which the United States of America is designated under Article 7(2) of the Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs.
2. In accordance with Rule 28(2)(b) of the Common Regulations Under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement, the Director General of WIPO has established, after consultation with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), the following new amounts, in Swiss francs, of the said individual designation fee:

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| **Items**  | **Amounts***(in Swiss francs)* |
| International Application | First part:– default amount |  908 |
| – amount for “small entity” |  454 |
| – amount for “micro entity” |  227 |
| Second part:– default amount |  662 |
| – amount for “small entity” |  331 |
| – amount for “micro entity” |  166 |

1. In accordance with Article 30(1)(ii) of the 1999 Act, and as per the declaration received, these new amounts will take effect on January 16, 2018. In this regard, it should be noted that the new amounts will be payable where the United States of America is designated in an international application whose international registration date is on or after the above date, in light of Article 10(2) of the 1999 Act. Accordingly, notifications for the payment of the second part of the individual designation fee will invite to the payment of either the old or the new amount, depending on the date of the international registration concerned.

January 12, 2018