

7. Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs¹

Hague Agreement (1925), revised at London (1934) and at The Hague (1960)² (supplemented by the Additional Act of Monaco (1961)),³ the Complementary Act of Stockholm (1967) and the Protocol of Geneva (1975),⁴ and amended in 1979), and the Geneva Act (1999) (Hague Union)

Status on December 1, 2009

State/IGO	Date on which State/IGO became party to the Agreement	Date on which State became party to the London Act	Date on which State became party to the Hague Act ²	Date on which State became party to the Complementary Act of Stockholm	Date on which State/IGO became party to the Geneva Act
African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	September 16, 2008	–	–	–	September 16, 2008
Albania	March 19, 2007	–	March 19, 2007	March 19, 2007	May 19, 2007
Armenia	July 13, 2007	–	–	–	July 13, 2007
Belgium ^{5,6}	April 1, 1979	–	August 1, 1984	May 28, 1979	–
Belize	July 12, 2003	–	July 12, 2003	July 12, 2003	–
Benin	November 2, 1986	November 2, 1986	November 2, 1986	January 2, 1987	–
Bosnia and Herzegovina	December 24, 2008	–	–	–	December 24, 2008
Botswana	December 5, 2006	–	–	–	December 5, 2006
Bulgaria	December 11, 1996	–	December 11, 1996	December 11, 1996	October 7, 2008
Côte d'Ivoire	May 30, 1993	May 30, 1993	May 30, 1993	May 30, 1993	–
Croatia	February 12, 2004	–	February 12, 2004	February 12, 2004	April 12, 2004
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	May 27, 1992	–	May 27, 1992	May 27, 1992	–
Denmark	December 9, 2008	–	–	–	December 9, 2008
Egypt	July 1, 1952	July 1, 1952	–	–	August 27, 2004
Estonia	December 23, 2003	–	–	–	December 23, 2003
European Union	January 1, 2008	–	–	–	January 1, 2008
France ⁷	October 20, 1930	June 25, 1939	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	March 18, 2007
Gabon	August 18, 2003	–	August 18, 2003	August 18, 2003	–
Georgia	August 1, 2003	–	August 1, 2003	August 1, 2003	December 23, 2003
Germany	June 1, 1928	June 13, 1939	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	February 13, 2010
Ghana	September 16, 2008	–	–	–	September 16, 2008
Greece	April 18, 1997	–	April 18, 1997	April 18, 1997	–
Hungary ⁸	April 7, 1984	–	August 1, 1984	April 7, 1984	May 1, 2004
Iceland	December 23, 2003	–	–	–	December 23, 2003
Indonesia	December 24, 1950	December 24, 1950 ⁹	–	–	–
Italy	June 13, 1987	–	June 13, 1987	August 13, 1987	–
Kyrgyzstan	March 17, 2003	–	March 17, 2003	March 17, 2003	December 23, 2003
Latvia	July 26, 2005	–	–	–	July 26, 2005
Liechtenstein	July 14, 1933	January 28, 1951	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	December 23, 2003
Lithuania	September 26, 2008	–	–	–	September 26, 2008
Luxembourg ⁶	April 1, 1979	–	August 1, 1984	May 28, 1979	–
Mali	September 7, 2006	–	September 7, 2006	September 7, 2006	–
Monaco	April 29, 1956	April 29, 1956	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	–
Mongolia	April 12, 1997	–	April 12, 1997	April 12, 1997	January 19, 2008
Montenegro	June 3, 2006	–	June 3, 2006	June 3, 2006	–
Morocco	October 20, 1930	January 21, 1941	October 13, 1999	October 13, 1999	–
Namibia	June 30, 2004	–	–	–	June 30, 2004
Netherlands ^{5,6}	April 1, 1979	–	August 1, 1984 ¹⁰	May 28, 1979 ¹⁰	–
Niger	September 20, 2004	–	September 20, 2004	September 20, 2004	–
Oman	March 4, 2009	–	–	–	March 4, 2009
Poland	July 2, 2009	–	–	–	July 2, 2009
Republic of Moldova	March 14, 1994	–	March 14, 1994	March 14, 1994	December 23, 2003
Romania	July 18, 1992	–	July 18, 1992	July 18, 1992	December 23, 2003
Sao Tome and Principe	December 8, 2008	–	–	–	December 8, 2008
Senegal	June 30, 1984	June 30, 1984	August 1, 1984	June 30, 1984	–
Serbia ¹¹	December 30, 1993	–	December 30, 1993	December 30, 1993	December 9, 2009
Singapore	April 17, 2005	–	–	–	April 17, 2005
Slovenia	January 13, 1995	–	January 13, 1995	January 13, 1995	December 23, 2003
Spain	June 1, 1928	March 2, 1956	–	–	December 23, 2003
Suriname	November 25, 1975	November 25, 1975	August 1, 1984	February 23, 1977	–

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Switzerland.....	June 1, 1928	November 24, 1939 ¹²	August 1, 1984	September 27, 1975	December 23, 2003
Syrian Arab Republic	May 7, 2008	–	–	–	May 7, 2008
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.....	March 18, 1997	–	March 18, 1997	March 18, 1997	March 22, 2006
Tunisia.....	October 20, 1930	October 4, 1942	–	–	–
Turkey	January 1, 2005	–	–	–	January 1, 2005
Ukraine.....	August 28, 2002	–	August 28, 2002	August 28, 2002	December 23, 2003
(Total: 56)	(56)	(14)	(34)	(34)	(37)

¹ The Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs was adopted on July 2, 1999. The Geneva Act entered into force on December 23, 2003.

² The Protocol to the Hague Act (1960) is not yet in force. It has been ratified by or acceded to by the following States: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands and Switzerland.

³ The Additional Act of Monaco (1961) is in force in respect of the following States as from the dates indicated: France (December 1, 1962), Germany (December 1, 1962), Liechtenstein (July 9, 1966), Monaco (September 14, 1963), Netherlands (as far as the Netherlands Antilles is concerned) (September 14, 1963), Spain (August 31, 1969), Suriname (November 25, 1975) and Switzerland (December 21, 1962). See also footnote 5.

⁴ The Protocol of Geneva (1975), in accordance with Article 11(2)(a) thereof, ceased to have effect as of August 1, 1984; however, as provided by Article 11(2)(b), States bound by the Protocol (Belgium (as from April 1, 1979), France (as from February 18, 1980), Germany (as from December 26, 1981), Hungary (as from April 7, 1984), Liechtenstein (as from April 1, 1979), Luxembourg (as from April 1, 1979), Monaco (as from March 5, 1981), Netherlands (as from April 1, 1979), Senegal (as from June 30, 1984), Suriname (as from April 1, 1979) and Switzerland (as from April 1, 1979)) are not relieved of their obligations thereunder in respect of industrial designs whose date of international deposit is prior to August 1, 1984.

⁵ Belgium had withdrawn from the Hague Union with effect from January 1, 1975. The Netherlands had denounced, in respect of the Kingdom in Europe and with effect from January 1, 1975, the Hague Agreement (1925) and the subsequent Acts to which the Netherlands had adhered, specifying that the said Agreement and Acts – London Act (1934) and Additional Act of Monaco (1961) – would remain in force in respect of the Netherlands Antilles and Suriname. As a result of their ratification of the Protocol of Geneva (1975) and its entry into force on April 1, 1979, Belgium and the Netherlands became, again, as from that date, members of the Hague Union.

⁶ The territories in Europe of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands are, for the application of the Hague Agreement, to be deemed a single country.

⁷ Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.

⁸ With the declaration that Hungary does not consider itself bound by the Protocol annexed to the Hague Act (1960). The London Act ceased to be effective in respect of Hungary as of February 1, 2005.

⁹ The London Act will cease to be effective in respect of Indonesia as of June 3, 2010.

¹⁰ Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe.

¹¹ Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from June 3, 2006.

¹² The London Act and the Additional Act of Monaco will cease to be effective in respect of Switzerland as of November 19, 2010.