

Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs

Designation of Viet Nam in an international application

Changes in declarations

1. On May 21, 2025, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) received from the Government of Viet Nam a notification concerning changes in the declarations made by Viet Nam on September 30, 2019, under the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (“Geneva Act”) (see [Information Notice No. 6/2019 Corr.](#)).
2. Through this notification, Viet Nam formally withdrew the declaration made under Article 5(2)(a), whereby an international application designating Viet Nam shall contain a claim for protection of the design, pursuant to Article 5(2)(b)(iii).
3. The notification further indicated that the declaration previously made by Viet Nam under Article 11(1)(b) was modified into a declaration under Article 11(1)(a), whereby an international application designating Viet Nam may contain a request for deferment of publication, the maximum period of which is seven months from the filing date.
4. It is highlighted that this modification has no practical impact as all international registrations remain subject to the standard 12-month publication period under the Hague System.
5. In accordance with Article 30(1)(ii) and (3) of the Geneva Act, the above-mentioned changes in the declarations will take effect on August 21, 2025.

Indication of a principal design and its variants

6. Additionally, users are hereby informed that, on the same date, a new feature will be introduced in the application form (eHague and form DM/1) concerning designations of Viet Nam. This new feature enables applicants to indicate, at the time of filing, which design in the application is the principal design and which designs are to be considered as its variants. This change ensures alignment with Vietnamese legal requirements, under which variants must be expressly identified in the design application.

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