

Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs

Accession to the Geneva Act: Lao People's Democratic Republic

1. On July 14, 2026, the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs ("Geneva Act").

2. The instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declarations under the Geneva Act and the Regulations Under the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs ("Regulations"):

- the declaration referred to in Article 4(1)(b) of the Geneva Act, whereby international applications may not be filed through its Office;
- the declaration referred to in Article 11(1)(a) of the Geneva Act, notifying that the maximum period for deferment of the publication of an industrial design provided for by its regulations is 18 months from the filing date, or where priority is claimed, from the priority date;
- the declaration as required under Article 17(3)(c) of the Geneva Act, specifying that the maximum duration of protection in respect of industrial designs provided for by its law is 15 years;
- the declaration referred to in Rule 12(1)(c)(i) of the Regulations, specifying that level two of the standard designation fee applies; and
- the declaration referred to in Rule 18(1)(b) of the Regulations, whereby the prescribed period of six months for notifying a refusal of the effects of an international registration is replaced by a period of 12 months.

3. In accordance with Article 28(3)(b) of the Geneva Act, the Geneva Act and the declarations will enter into force with respect to the Lao People's Democratic Republic on October 14, 2026.

4. The accession by the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Geneva Act brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 79 and the total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement to 85. A list of the Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/documents/d/treaties/docs-en-hague.pdf>.

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