

Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs

Declarations under Articles 7(2), 11(1)(b) and 14(3)(a) of the 1999 Act and Rule 36(1) of the Common Regulations: Bulgaria

1. On September 28, 2011, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) received from the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria an official letter relating to the adoption by the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria of amendments to the Law on the Industrial Design, which has been in force since February 12, 2011.
2. As a consequence of the said amendments and as agreed in further exchanges with the Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria, the declarations previously made by Bulgaria under Articles 7(2), 11(1)(b) and 14(3)(a) of the Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (hereinafter referred to as “the 1999 Act”) and under Rule 36(1) of the Common Regulations Under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement (hereinafter referred to as “the Common Regulations”) are no longer applicable.
3. Therefore, an individual designation fee in connection with any international application in which Bulgaria is designated, and in connection with the renewal of an international registration designating Bulgaria under the 1999 Act, is not payable in respect of Bulgaria (see Information Notice No. 4/2012, “Level of the standard designation fee concerning international applications: Bulgaria”).
4. Furthermore, international applications designating Bulgaria under the 1999 Act may contain a request for deferment of publication.
5. Finally, the designation of Bulgaria in an international registration shall also have effect where Bulgaria is the applicant’s Contracting Party.
6. The above-mentioned changes in respect of a designation of Bulgaria take immediate effect as from the date of this Information Notice. The formal withdrawal of the declarations under Articles 11(1)(b) and 14(3)(a) of the 1999 Act will be the subject of a separate Information Notice upon its receipt by the Director General.

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