

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

### **New Interface for the Electronic Filing of International Applications and the Creation of a Portfolio Manager**

#### **NEW INTERFACE FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS**

1. Users are hereby informed that, as of June 3, 2013, a new electronic filing interface (E-Filing) is available on the web site of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at: <http://www.wipo.int/hague/en>.
2. The new E-Filing interface includes new features designed to facilitate the filing of international applications.
3. It is recalled that pursuant to Section 204(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions for the Application of the Hague Agreement, the International Bureau of WIPO has published the particulars applicable to electronic filing of international applications in Information Notices Nos. 4/2010 and 13/2007 Corr. In connection with the launch of the new E-Filing interface, the said particulars have been revised and they are attached to the present notice for the convenience of users.
4. The new E-Filing interface offers many improvements compared to the previous interface, such as:
  - user accounts;
  - uploading of multiple reproductions simultaneously;
  - real-time checking of certain formalities;
  - saving of applications in progress;
  - a fully integrated fee calculator;
  - online payment by credit card;
  - instant acknowledgement of receipt with all the details of the submitted application; and
  - more.

## **CREATION OF A PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

5. Users filing international applications through the new E-Filing interface have access through their user accounts to a personalized environment referred to as the “E-Filing Portfolio Manager”, where an application may be saved, edited and from which data from a stored application may be used as a template.

## **TUTORIALS**

6. A video tutorial on the new E-Filing interface, as well as the E-Filing Portfolio Manager, is available on the WIPO web site at: [http://www.wipo.int/hague/en/forms/new\\_efiling.html](http://www.wipo.int/hague/en/forms/new_efiling.html). Furthermore, each section of the E-Filing interface provides assistance for the completion of the application. In this regard, users are invited to consult the question mark icons (“?”) in each section.

June 3, 2013

## ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS UNDER THE HAGUE AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Section 204(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions for the Application of the Hague Agreement the International Bureau has ascertained the following manner and format for electronic communications:

### ELECTRONIC FILING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

(a) An international application filed through the electronic filing interface (E-Filing) available on the WIPO web site is deemed to be an international application presented on the official form under Rule 7(1)(a) of the Common Regulations under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement.

(b) Any reproduction accompanying an international application filed through the E-Filing interface shall be in the following image formats:

- JPEG
- TIFF

(c) Any reproduction shall have a resolution of 300 x 300 dots per inch (dpi). A reproduction uploaded with a different resolution is automatically adjusted to have a resolution of 300 x 300 dpi. This automatic operation can result in a change of the dimensions of the image. The International Bureau shall not be held responsible if the automatic adjustment of non-compliant reproductions generates undesired dimensions.

(d) The dimensions of the representation of each industrial design appearing in a photograph or other graphic representation should not exceed 16 x 16 centimeters and one of those dimensions should be at least 3 centimeters at a resolution of 300 x 300 dpi.

(e) The file of a reproduction or power of attorney accompanying an international application filed through the E-Filing interface shall not exceed the following file size: 2 megabytes.

(f) Any power of attorney accompanying an international application filed through the E-Filing interface shall be in PDF format.

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