

Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs

Termination of the London (1934) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs

1. Following the decision taken by the 15 Contracting Parties to the London (1934) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs, namely, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, France, Germany, Indonesia, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Morocco, the Netherlands, Senegal, Spain, Suriname, Switzerland and Tunisia, at their Extraordinary Meeting on September 24, 2009, to terminate that Act, the Director General of WIPO has received, as of July 18, 2016, all the required instruments of acceptance of termination or instruments of denunciation¹.
2. Consequently, in accordance with the above decision, and pursuant to Article 54(b) of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of May 23, 1969, the termination of the 1934 Act and of the Additional Act of Monaco, will become effective on October 18, 2016, that is, three months after the deposit of the last required instrument of acceptance of the termination of the 1934 Act².
3. It is recalled that the application of the 1934 Act has been frozen since January 1, 2010. Thus, since that date, it has not been possible to file international deposits under the 1934 Act, or to make designations governed by that Act in an international application³.
4. However, the prolongation (the renewal) of designations made under the 1934 Act before January 1, 2010, and the recording of any changes affecting such designations remain possible in the International Register up to the maximum duration of protection under the 1934 Act, which is 15 years.

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¹ The denunciation of the 1934 Act by Indonesia, Switzerland and the Netherlands took effect, on June 3, 2010, November 19, 2010, and December 13, 2011, respectively.

² Refer to The Hague Notification No. 130 (www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/hague).

³ Refer to Information Notice No. 9/2009 (www.wipo.int/edocs/hagdocs/en/2009/hague_2009_9.pdf).