

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

### **Changes in the issuance of priority documents and extracts**

1. Reference is made to [Information Notice No. 6/2020](#) in which the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) informed users of the Hague System that it stopped transmitting paper communications by postal mail service, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This included the issuance of certified copies of international applications filed under the Hague System (“priority documents”) as well as extracts from the International Register.
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