

Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs

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ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACT OF THE REVISION OF THE SCHEDULE OF FEES THAT ENTERED INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 2024

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BACKGROUND

1. At its twelfth session, held from December 4 to 6, 2023, the Working Group on the Legal Development of the Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs (hereinafter referred to as the “Working Group”), discussed document [H/LD/WG/12/7 Rev.](#) entitled “Proposal for Amending the Schedule of Fees”. The Working Group requested the International Bureau to prepare, for a future session, a broader review of the Schedule of Fees of the Hague System, including an assessment of the impact of the revision of the Schedule of Fees that was entering into force on January 1, 2024¹.

2. The International Bureau has prepared the present document to provide a preliminary assessment of the filing activities in 2024, since the revised Schedule of the Fees entered into force on January 1, 2024.

IMPACT ON 2024 FILINGS

3. The Assembly of the Hague Union (hereinafter referred to as the “Assembly”), at its forty-third (24th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from July 6 to 14, 2023, adopted an amendment to the Schedule of Fees² increasing the amount of the basic fee for each additional design included in an international application from 19 Swiss francs to 50 Swiss francs (item 1.2 of the Schedule of Fees)³, with an entry into force date of January 1, 2024.

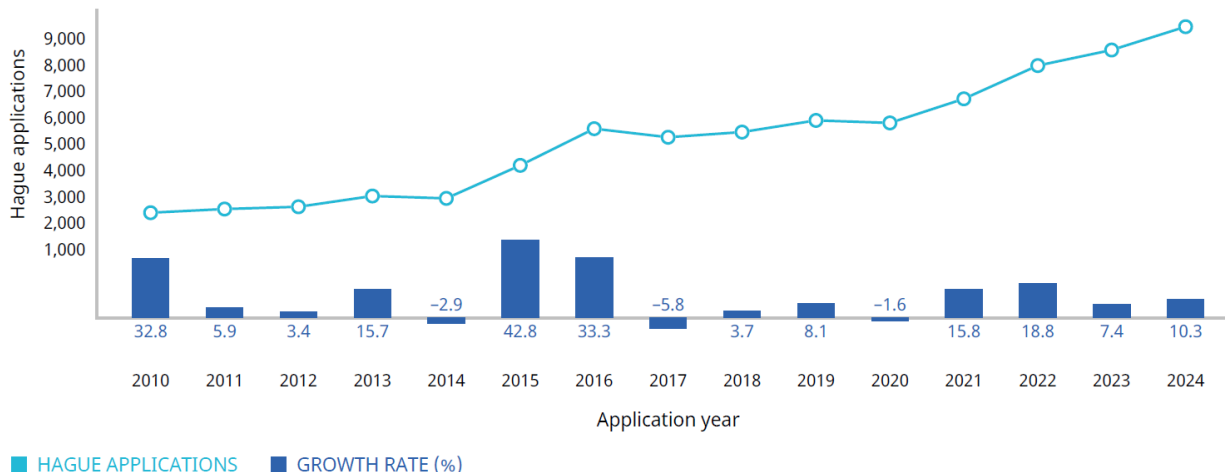
¹ See document [H/LD/WG/12/9](#) “Summary by the Chair”, paragraph 13.

² For further information, see documents [H/A/43/1](#) “Proposed Amendments to the Schedule of Fees Annexed to the Common Regulations Under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement” and [H/A/43/2](#) “Report”.

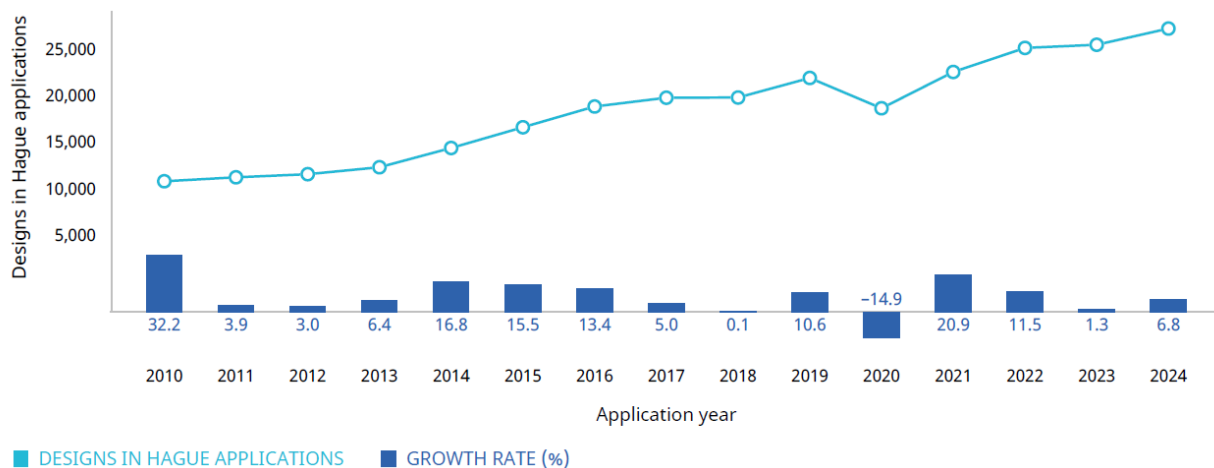
³ The Assembly of the Hague Union adopted these amendments to the Schedule of Fees in order to address the deficit of the Hague Union (see document [H/A/43/2](#) “Report”).

4. In 2024, the number of international applications grew by 10.3 per cent, while the number of designs in applications grew by 6.8 per cent.

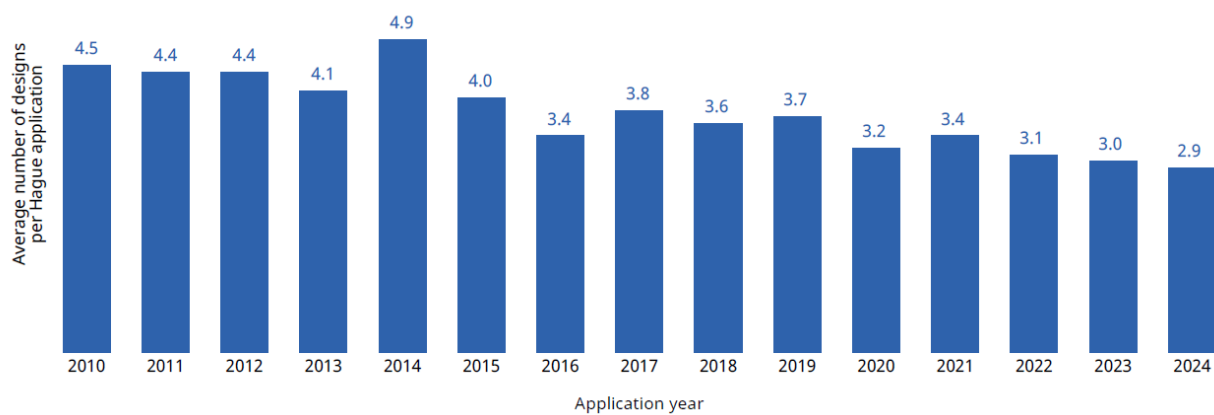
International Applications, 2010 – 2024



Designs Contained in International Applications, 2010 – 2024



Average Number of Designs per International Application, 2010 – 2024



5. The Chief Economist analyzed filing trends before and after the adjustment of the Schedule of Fees and concluded that the increase in the basic fee for each additional design may have had a modest impact on filing behavior. However, the faster growth in the number of international applications compared to designs contained in international applications also reflects compositional shifts across Hague origins that may have had a greater influence, specifically, a growing share of international applications from Asian countries, where applicants tend to include fewer designs per application compared to their European counterparts⁴.

ADDITIONAL INCOME

6. In 2024, the International Bureau received 9,455 international applications which contained 27,161 designs⁵. Therefore, 17,706 additional designs were contained in international applications. On that basis, it is estimated that the increase in the amount of the basic fee for each additional design included in an international application from 19 Swiss francs to 50 Swiss francs represents an additional income of around 0.549 million Swiss francs.

PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES

7. It is recalled that document [H/LD/WG/12/7 Rev.](#) was prepared at the request of the Working Group at its eighth session in 2019⁶. The document contained a proposal to increase the amount of the basic renewal fee for each additional design from 17 Swiss francs to 50 Swiss francs. The proposal is repeated in the Annex to this document.

8. In 2024, the International Bureau recorded 5,949 renewals of international registrations which contained 22,986 designs⁷. Therefore, 17,037 additional designs were contained in those international registrations. On this basis, it is estimated that if this proposed amount had been in force in 2024, it could have represented an additional income of up to 0.562 million Swiss francs.

9. *The Working Group is invited to:*
- (i) consider and comment on the contents of this document; and*
 - (ii) provide further instructions to the International Bureau, including to indicate whether it recommends to the Assembly of the Hague Union for adoption, the proposed amendment to the Regulations with respect to the Schedule of Fees, as reproduced in the Annex to this document, and suggest a date for its entry into force.*

[Annex follows]

⁴ In particular, applications from origins with a lower average number of designs per application – especially China and the Republic of Korea – experienced faster growth than those with a higher average number of designs per application, such as Germany and Switzerland, which experienced declines in international applications filed in 2024. In addition, there has generally been a decline in the average number of designs contained in international applications from several origins, which started well before the amendment of the Schedule of Fees entered into force.

⁵ See the [Hague Yearly Review 2025](#).

⁶ See paragraphs 25 to 27 of document [H/LD/WG/8/8](#) “Summary by the Chair”.

⁷ See the [Hague Yearly Review 2025](#).

**Regulations
Under the Geneva Act (1999)
of the Hague Agreement**

(as in force on [XXX])

[...]

**SCHEDULE OF FEES
(as in force on [XXX])**

Swiss francs

[...]

III. *Renewal of an International Registration*

7. Basic fee

7.1 For one design

200

7.2 For each additional design included in the same international registration

50~~17~~

[...]

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