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The Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs

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Class 21: Toy

CHRISTOS FRAGKOS, Athens
INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION NO. 096375



Class 4: Dental
brush for dental
technician

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AKOVOS CHATZIDIMITRIOU, Athens
INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION NO. 095 013

Class 21:3D-sliding spherical puzzle-toy

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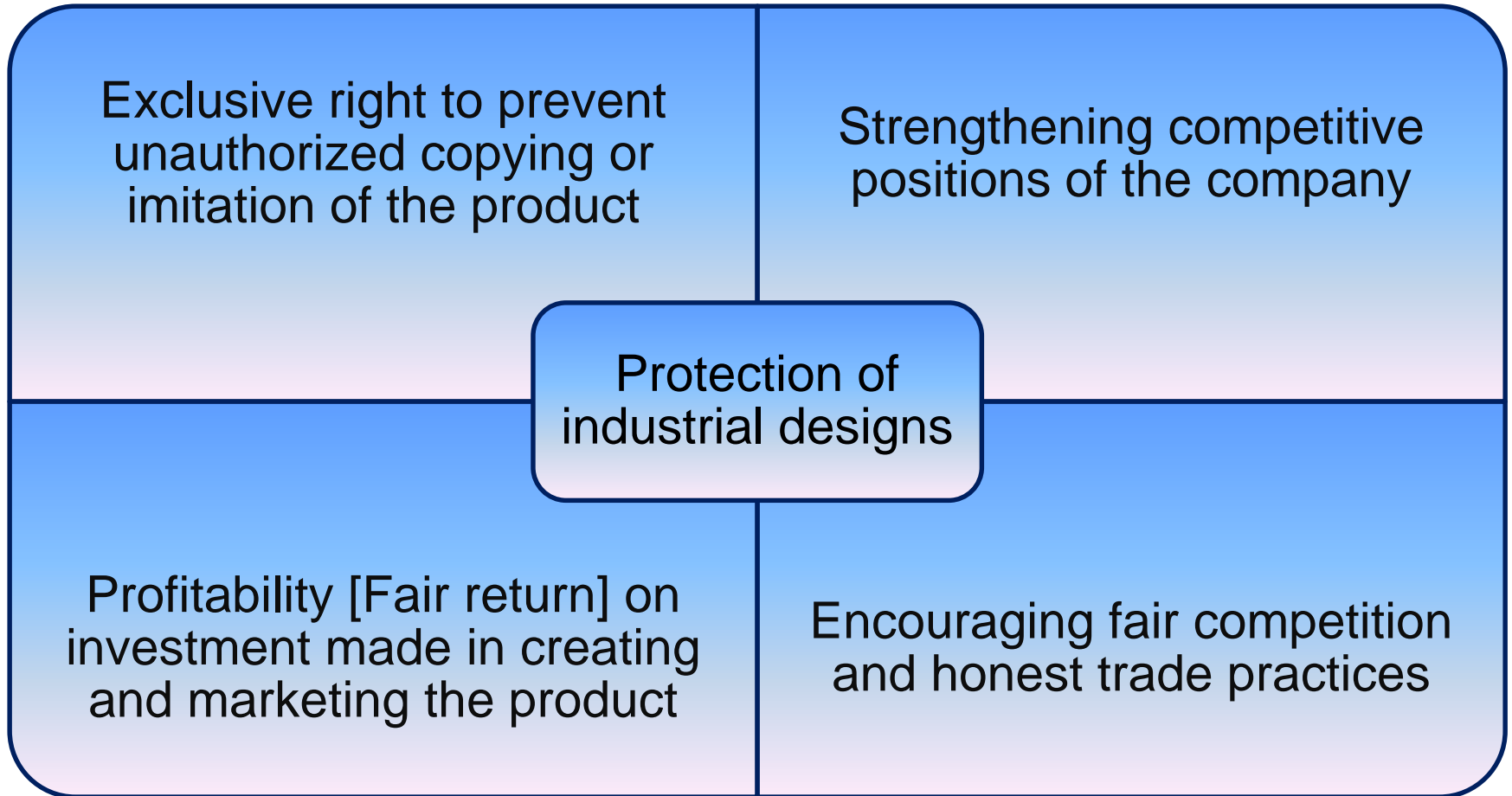
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KAINOTOMIES VERDE KYVIKA LOGIKA PAIGNIDIA A.E.B.E.(VERDES INNOVATIONS SA),
Korinthos,
ILIAS CHRONOPOULOS, Kifissia Attiki
ANASTASIA CHRONOPOULOU, Kifissia Attiki
KALLIOPI CHRONOPOULOU, Kifissia Attiki (GR)

INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION NO. 093 553

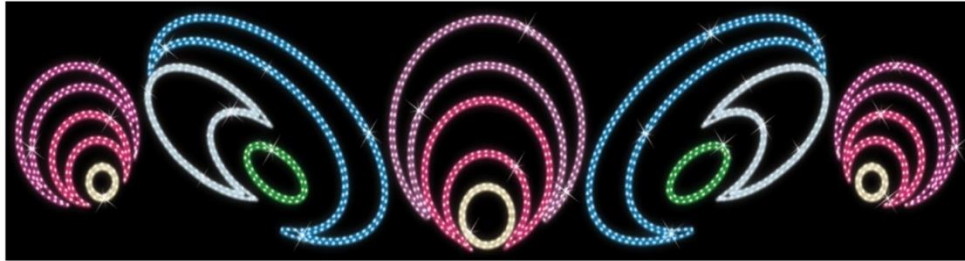
Why Protect Industrial Designs?



I. PALEOHORINOS FOTISTIKA A.B.E.E., GEFIRA ANCHIALOS-THESSALONIKI (GR)

INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION NO. 101 619
Class 24 “Luminous decorations”

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Description: 2D and 3D illuminated decorations made of aluminium, plexiglas, pvc net, pvc carpet, artificial branches, strip light, rope light, light strings and with or without powder coated frames; the designs are used for indoor or outdoor decoration.

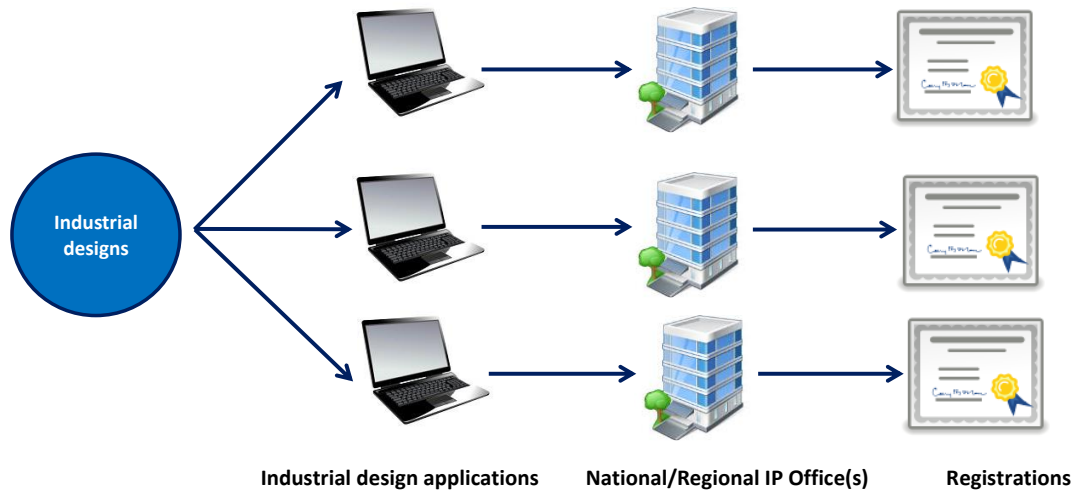




Basic Features and Advantages of the Hague System

Independent filings vs. Hague Route

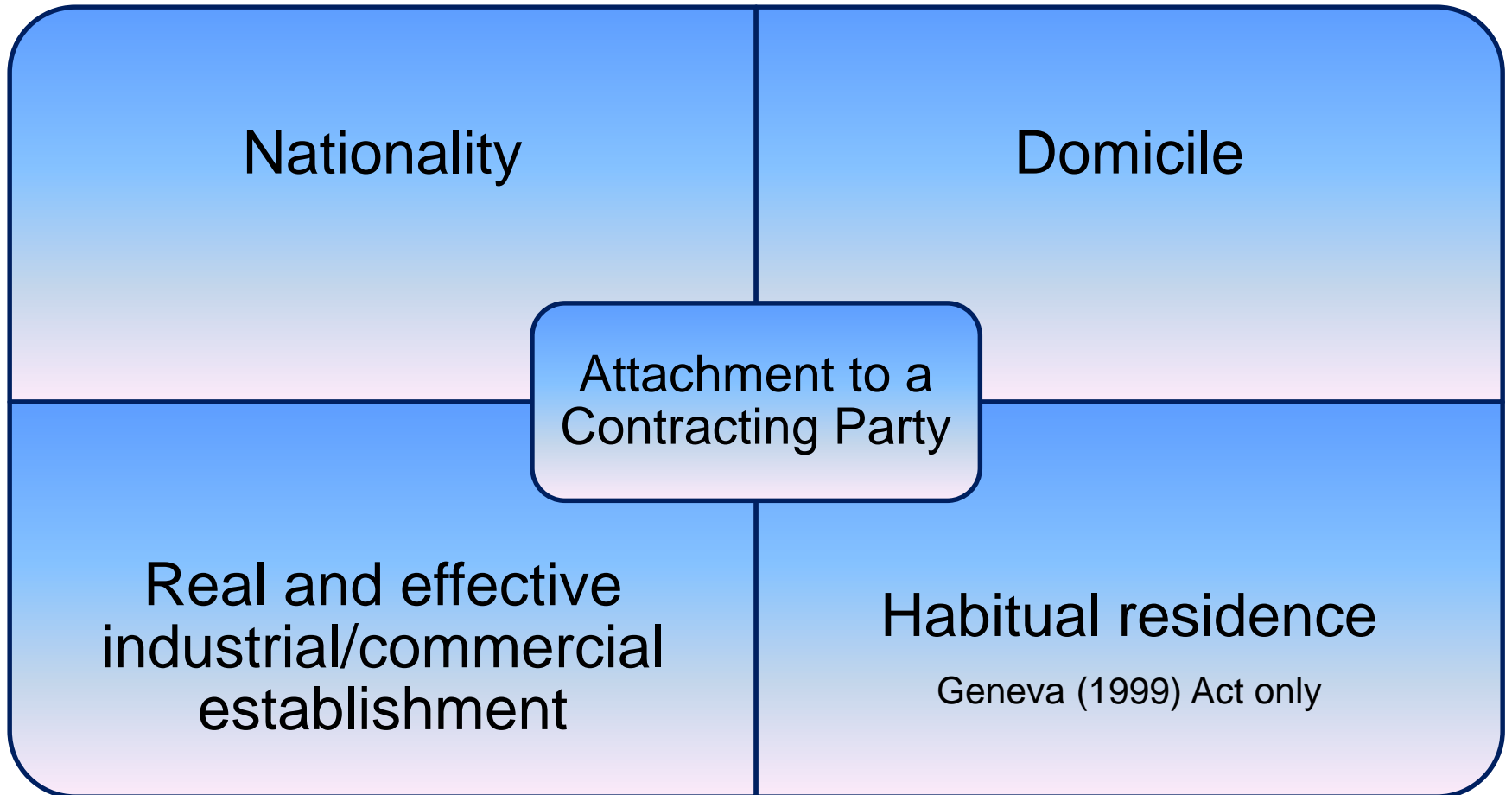
Direct/Paris Route



The Hague System



Who Can Use the System?



Main Features of the Hague System



Simplicity

The Hague System enables holders to obtain protection for their designs with a minimum of formality



Cost-effectiveness

Payment of a single set of fees in one currency



Efficiency

Considerable facilitation of the subsequent management of the registration



Flexibility

Right holders have more opportunities in targeting national, regional or global markets

What is the Hague System?

One to many relationships

- File a single international application for a single international registration in which one or more Contracting Parties are designated

“Bundle of rights”

- If no refusal, the resulting international registration has the effect of a grant of protection in each designated Contracting Party

The Hague System is a Procedural Arrangement

Issues such as:



the conditions for protection



the refusal procedure to be applied when deciding whether a design may be protected



the rights which result from protection

are governed by the law of each Contracting Party designated in an international registration

The International Application

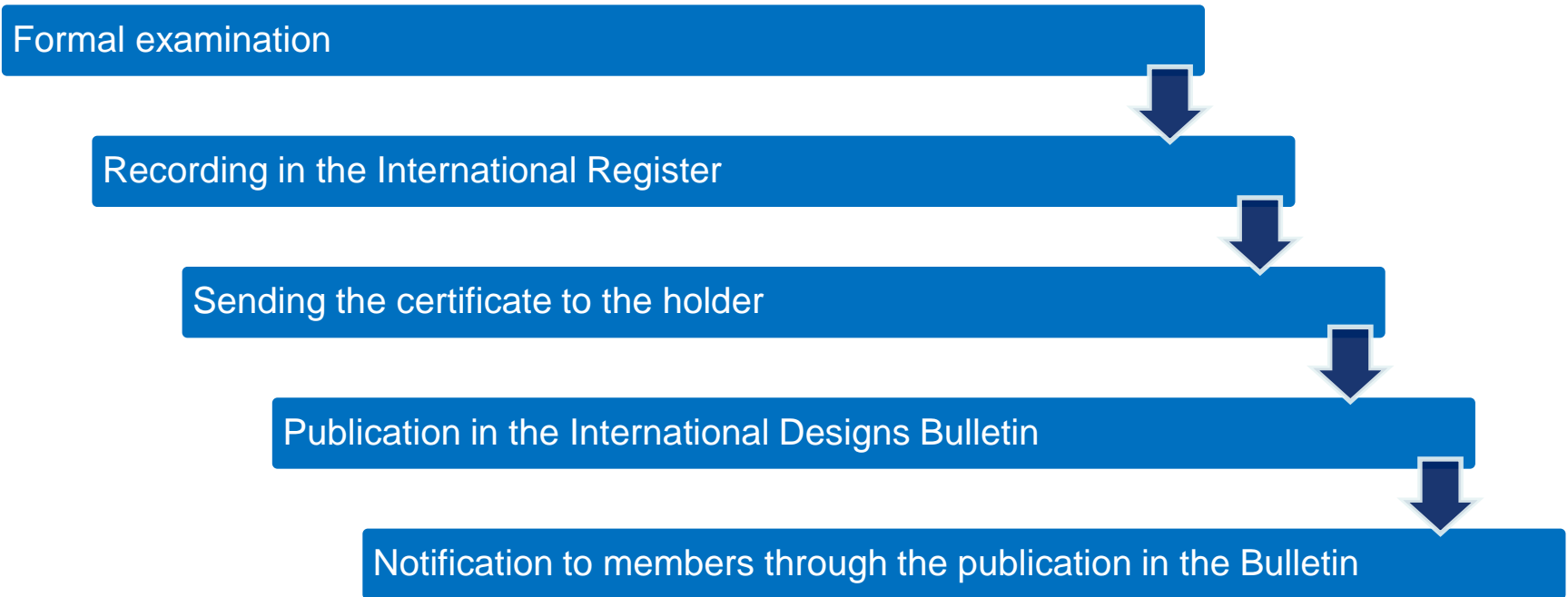
In English, French or Spanish

May be filed directly with the International Bureau through the E-filing interface but also on paper

May comprise several different designs up to a maximum of 100 if they belong to the same class of the International Classification (Locarno)

One set of fees (in CHF) is to be paid

The Hague System Procedure: Role of the International Bureau



If the International Bureau finds that the international application does not fulfill the applicable requirements, it invites the applicant to make the required corrections within three months from the date of invitation sent by the International Bureau.

International registration has the same effect as a regularly-filed application in all designated Contracting Parties.

The Hague System Procedure (II)

Refusal by a designated Contracting Party

on same substantive grounds as for national/regional filings

must be communicated within time limit

effect limited to territory of the member that has refused

International registration (where not refused)

no refusal = same rights as a local design registration

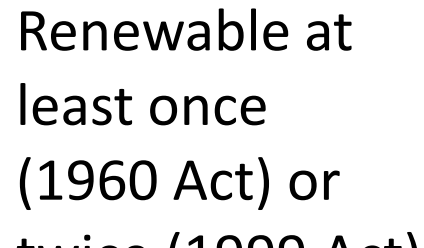

a bundle of independent national/regional rights

advantages of central management

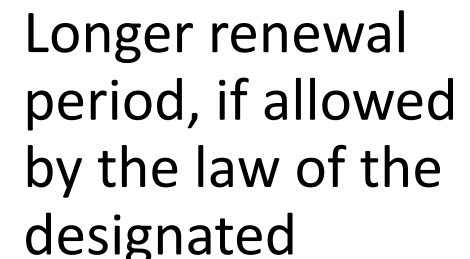

The Hague System Procedure (III)



Duration of protection:
five years



Renewable at least once (1960 Act) or twice (1999 Act)



Longer renewal period, if allowed by the law of the designated Contracting Party

General Advantages of the Hague System



Hague System (international route)

one Office for filing
one language
one currency
one international registration
one renewal
one modification
foreign attorney or agent
(first needed if refused)

National/regional route

many Offices for filing
many languages
many currencies
many registrations
many renewals
many modifications
foreign attorney or agent
(first needed at filing)



Legal Framework

Hague Agreement

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Hague Act (1960)

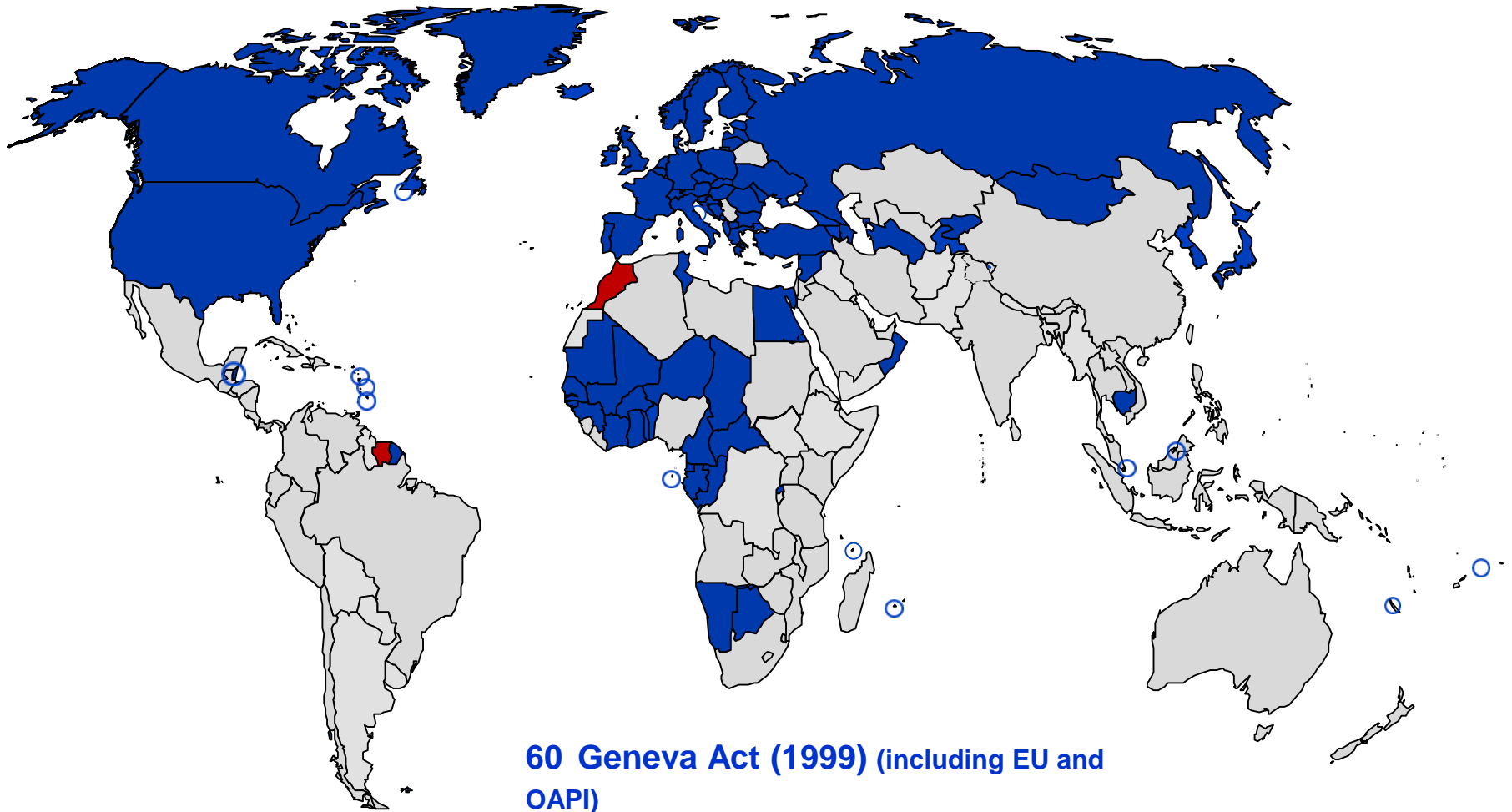
Geneva Act (1999)

- **Common Regulations, last revised: January 1, 2019**
- **Administrative Instructions, last revised: January 1, 2019**
- **National Laws and Regulations**



Going Global – Geographical Scope of the Hague System

Hague Union



60 Geneva Act (1999) (including EU and OAPI)

10 Hague Act (1960)

70 Contracting Parties

Hague Union Members According to the Most Recent Applicable Act

Geneva Act (1999)
60 members

•African Intellectual Property Organization, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Croatia, D.P.R. of Korea, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Namibia, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Syrian Arab Republic, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the United States of America (60)

Hague Act (1960)
10 members

•Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Greece, Italy, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Senegal and Suriname (10)

Geneva Act (1999)

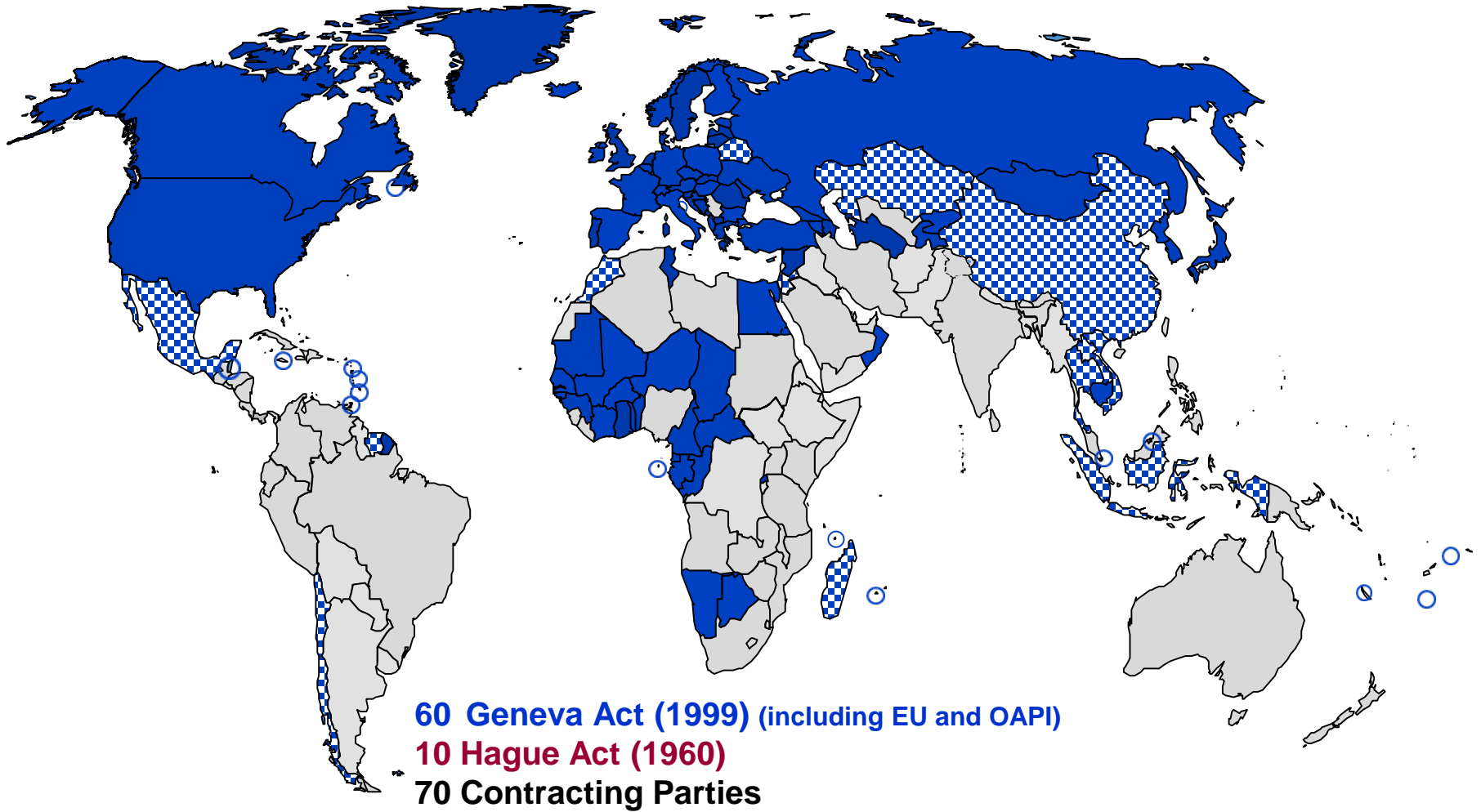
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	Belize (November 9, 2018)
	San Marino (October 26, 2018)
	Benelux Union (December 18, 2018)
	Canada (July 16, 2018)
	United Kingdom (March 13, 2018)
	Russian Federation (November 30, 2017)
	The Kingdom of Cambodia (November 25, 2016)
	D.P.R. of Korea (June 13, 2016)

Potential Accessions in 2019

	China
	Morocco
	Israel
	Mexico
	Madagascar
	Jordan
	Vietnam
	Indonesia
	Samoa
	Suriname
	Eurasian Patent Organization

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Potential Contracting Parties of Geneva (1999) Act



Some Statistics

International Applications - 2018



5,404 international applications were received containing 19,296 designs (max. 100 designs / application)



3.7 % increase compared to the respective period in 2017 in the number of applications



-0.7% decline compared to the respective period in 2017 in the number of designs

Designations under the Hague System, in 2018

- The EU is the most designated Hague Member
 - (2018: 3,265 international registrations designated EU, containing 13,268 designs).
- The designation of the EU in an international registration covers all its Member States, including Greece.
- By comparison, Greece was only designated 45 times in 2018, since it can only be designated under the 1960 Act.

Who filed most in 2018?

- Germany: 3,964 designs
- Switzerland: 2,510 designs
- Republic of Korea: 1,547 designs
- France: 1,454 designs
- Netherlands: 1,382 designs (+71.3%)
- Italy: 1,261 designs
- United States of America: 1,293
- Japan: 1,268 (+52.6%)
- Turkey: 478
- Greece: 410

Top applicants in 2017 (design count)

(2018 complete statistics not yet available: Paleohorinos Fotistika A.B.E.E in top ten)

■ Samsung Electronics	762
■ LG Electronics	668
■ Fonkel Meubelmarketing	490
■ Procter and Gamble	488
■ Volkswagen	369
■ I. Paleohorinos Fotistika A.B.E.E.	357
■ Drylock Technologies	315
■ Kronoplus Limited	294
■ Swatch	285
■ Wenko-Wenselaar	250

International Applications Originating from Greece in 2018

- International applications :
 - **10** (in 2017: 9), which contained **410 designs** (in 2017: 371)

- I. PALEOHORINOS FOTISTIKA A.B.E.E., GEFIRA ANCHIALOS-THESSALONIKI:
 - **5** international applications, which contained **322** designs

I. PALEOHORINOS FOTISTIKA A.B.E.E. GEFIRA ANCHIALOS-THESSALONIKI (GR)

INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION NO. 103775
Class 24 “Luminous decorations”

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Latest Developments

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Guidance on reproductions (last updated November 2018)



Improvement of the E-filing interface



New Hague Information tools



Developments in the legal framework

Guidance on Reproductions

Disclosure criteria may differ depending on jurisdiction. This new Guidance is a useful tool to help applicants forestall possible refusals on the ground of insufficient disclosure of an industrial design by Examining Offices.

Prepared in consultation with Examining Offices under the Hague System and several user organizations

Detailed guidance on how to prepare and provide reproductions to overcome the most common refusal issues

- Not enough views
- Unclear representations of the claimed design
- Unclear relief or contours of surfaces of a three-dimensional product
- Difference in form/color between the representations of the claimed design

Information on which guidance should be taken into account when designating specific Contracting Parties

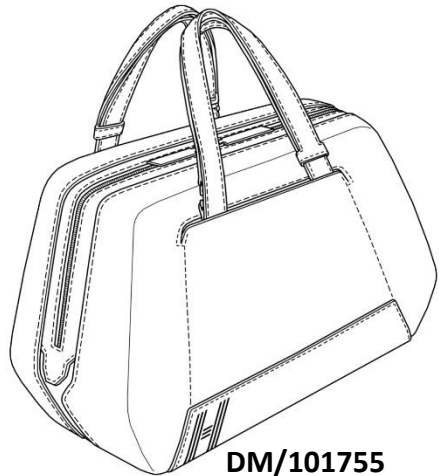
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Industrial Designs



DM/099943

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DM/101755
HERMES SELLIER



DM/100835

HERIS SERAMIK VE TURIZM SANAYI A.S.



DM/101844

LENTO OBJEKT
GMBH

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DM/101165

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO.,LTD.

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Reproduction Examples That Have Passed the Disclosure Test Before All Concerned Offices (1)

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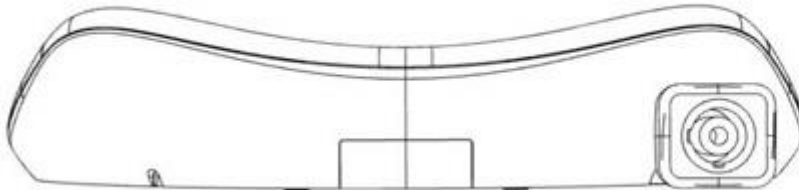
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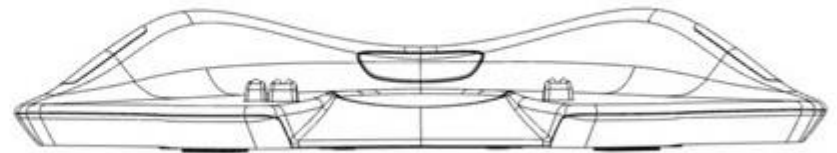
D089713 – Hilti Aktiengesellschaft

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1.3) Back

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1.4) Front

D087535 – Softbank Robotics

Reproduction Examples That Have Passed the Disclosure Test Before All Concerned Offices (2)

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1.2) Back

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1.3) Left

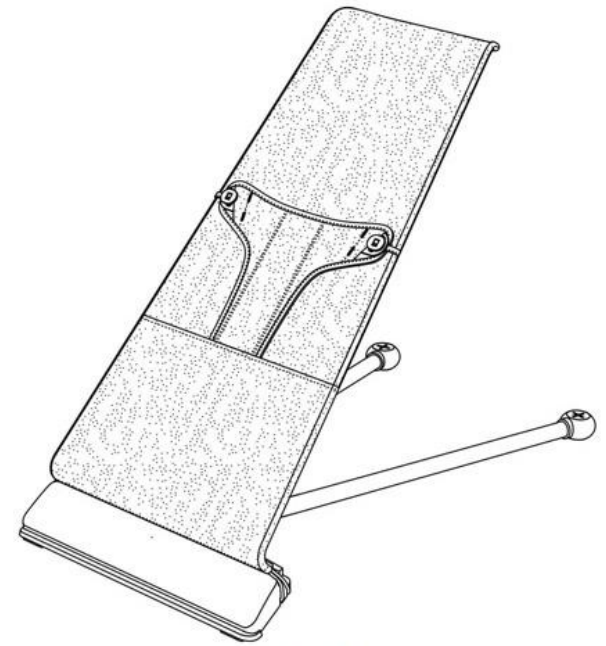
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1.4) Right

D089858 – Ninebot (Beijing) Tech

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1.1) Perspective

D086974 – Babybjörn AB

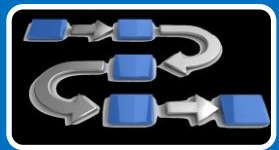
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Send corrections to irregularities or defects



Retrieve in real-time current status of international application

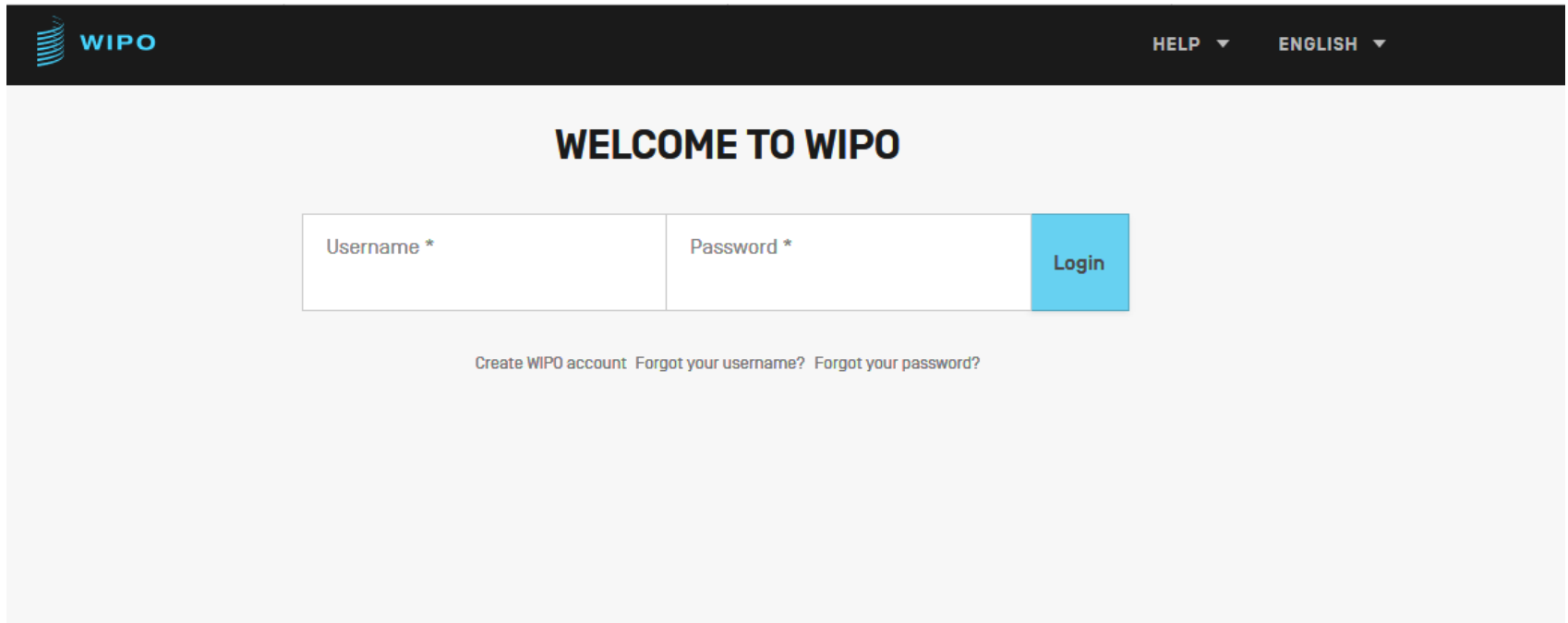


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Indication of access code obtained from the IP office of first filing, so that the IP office of the designated Contracting Party is able to access the priority document via the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS)

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1 New	2 Filed application[s] [21]	3 Draft[s] [12]	4 E-filing communication [3 unread]	5 E-filing tutorial
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- New application
- New application using data from a filed application
- New application from a draft

Warning

It is a requirement under the law of the United States of America that, for designs created in the United States of America, the applicant first obtains a license from the United States Patent and Trademark Office [USPTO] before filing outside of the United States of America.

It is a requirement under the law of the Russian Federation that designs created in the Russian Federation by Russian legal entities or nationals are subject to a security clearance procedure by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property [ROSPATENT] to ensure that the designs do not contain state secrets.

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- 2 – List of applications filed with the IB
- 3 – Draft applications not yet filed with the IB
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- 5 – An online tutorial

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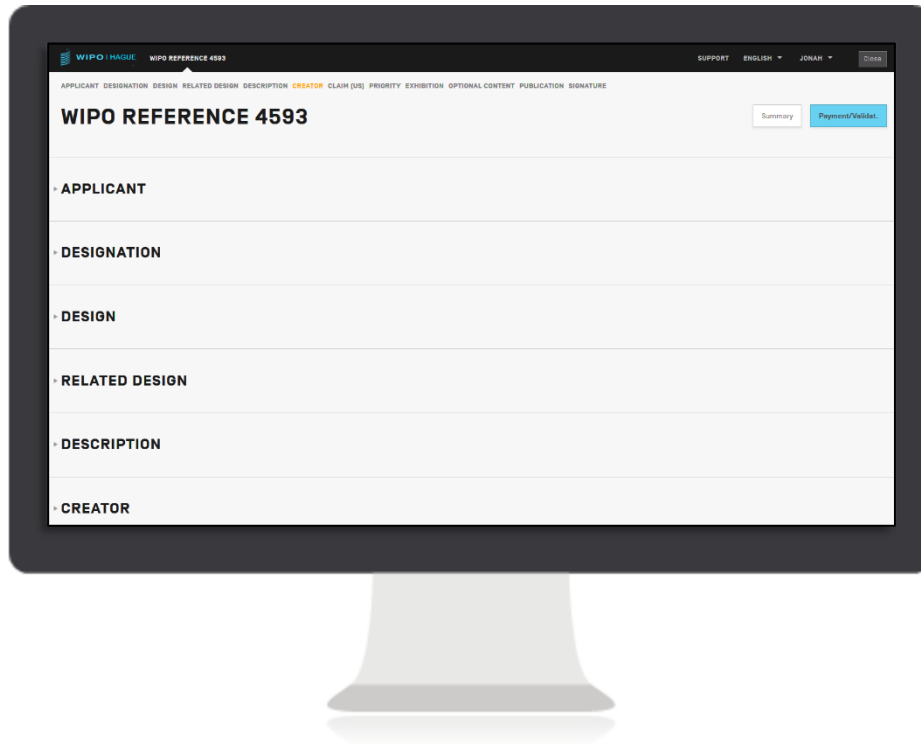
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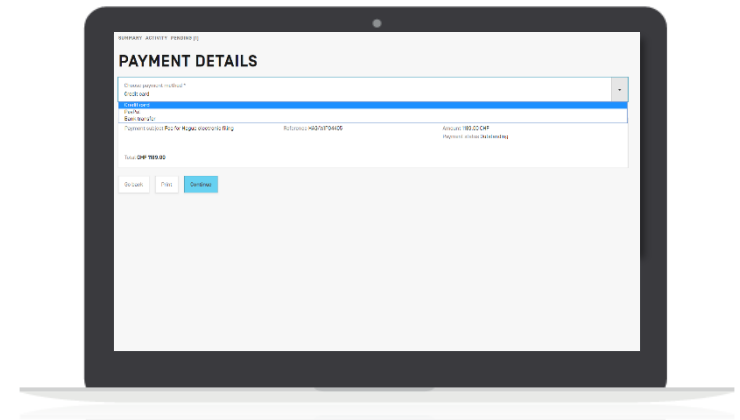
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- Submit documents

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- General Information
- Information on Designated Contracting Party
- Information on Applicant's Contracting Party (Indirect Filing)

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Design | Names | Numbers | Dates | Country

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MD Designs	10,390	MK Designs	974	MN Designs	2,768	NZ Designs	49,130
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Developments in the Legal Framework



Amendments to the Common Regulations Under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement concerning a safeguard against non-delivery of an electronic communication entered into force on 1.1.2017



The appointment of a representative may be made in the international application. The naming of the representative in the international application at the time of filing shall constitute an appointment by the applicant of such representative. The power of attorney is no longer required at the time of filing since 01.01.2019



Filing the international application via fax is not possible since 01.01.2019



Modes of payment are more flexible for the IB in accepting payments by debit cards or other new forms of payment (online payment system) since 01.01.2019



Entry into force of the twelfth edition of the Locarno Classification on 01.01.2019

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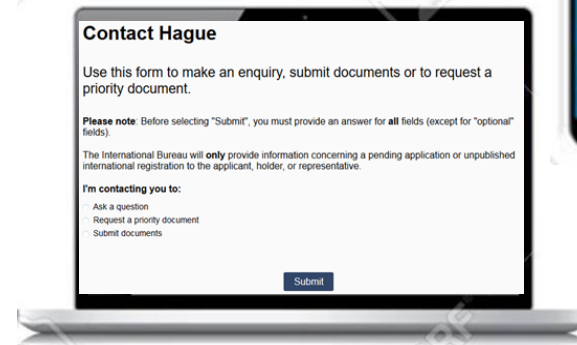
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