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THE HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL DEPOSIT OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Extension to 25 years of the term of protection accorded by Benelux to designs deposited internationally

1. The International Bureau has been advised by the Benelux Designs Office that Benelux design registrations whose maximum period of validity has not expired on October 28, 2001, may as from that date be prolonged up to a maximum of 25 years from the date of deposit. This extension of the maximum term of protection from 15 to 25 years will also be applicable to international deposits having effect in Benelux.
2. Users of the Hague system are invited to note the above information for the purposes of their renewal requests for international deposits designating Benelux that have a deposit date later than October 27, 1986.
3. The owners of international deposits designating Benelux that have a deposit date later than October 27, 1986, who have effected renewal of those deposits for a fourth period without including Benelux may make a complementary renewal for Benelux by filing a request to that effect with the International Bureau before the expiry date of the deposit in question and by paying, in addition to the corresponding State fee, the international renewal fee.

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