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HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Accession to the 1999 Act: Singapore

1. On January 17, 2005, the Government of Singapore deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to the Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs. The 1999 Act will enter into force with respect to Singapore on April 17, 2005.
2. The said instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declarations:
 - the declaration referred to in Article 11(1)(b) of the 1999 Act, according to which the law of Singapore does not provide for the deferment of the publication of an industrial design (so that it will not be possible for an applicant to request the deferment of the publication in an international application designating Singapore);
 - the declaration referred to in Article 13(1) of the 1999 Act, whereby designs that are the subject of the same international application must conform to a requirement of unity of design, unity of production or unity of use, or must belong to the same set or composition of items, or that only one independent and distinct design may be claimed in a single application;
 - the declaration referred to in Article 17(3)(c) of the 1999 Act, whereby the maximum duration of protection provided by the legislation of Singapore for industrial designs is 15 years.
3. The accession to the 1999 Act by Singapore brings the number of Contracting Parties of this Act to 17 and the total number of Contracting Parties of the Hague Agreement to 41. A list of the members of the Hague Union, indicating the date on which Contracting Parties became bound by the 1934 Act, the 1960 Act and/or the 1999 Act, is available on WIPO's website, at the following address: www.wipo.int.

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