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HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Ratification of the 1999 Act: France

1. On December 18, 2006, the Government of France deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), its instrument of ratification of 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 France on March 18, 2007.
2. The said instrument of ratification was accompanied by the following declarations:
 - a declaration as referred to in Article 4(1)(b) of the 1999 Act, to the effect that international applications may not be filed through the Office of France;
 - a declaration as required under Article 17(3)(c) of the 1999 Act, specifying that the maximum duration of protection provided for by the legislation of France in respect of industrial designs is 25 years.
3. The ratification of the 1999 Act by France brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 21. The total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement remains 45. A list of the Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement, 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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