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### HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

#### **Ratification of the 1999 Act and Individual Fees under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act: Bulgaria**

1. On July 7, 2008, the Government of Bulgaria 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.

2. The said instrument of ratification was accompanied by the following declarations:

– the declaration referred to in Article 7(2) of the 1999 Act, whereby Bulgaria wants to receive, instead of the prescribed designation fee, an individual designation fee in connection with any international application in which it is designated, and in connection with the renewal of an international registration designating Bulgaria under the 1999 Act;

– the declaration referred to in Article 11(1)(b) of the 1999 Act, whereby the law of Bulgaria does not provide for the deferment of the publication of an industrial design (it will therefore not be possible for an applicant to request the deferment of the publication in an international application designating Bulgaria under that Act);

– the declaration referred to in Article 14(3)(a) of the 1999 Act, to the effect that where Bulgaria is the applicant's Contracting Party, the designation of Bulgaria in an international registration shall have no effect;

– 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 Bulgaria in respect of industrial designs is 25 years.

3. At the time of deposit of their instrument of ratification of the 1999 Act, Bulgaria also notified a change in the amounts of the individual fee payable under the 1960 Act. These new amounts are the same as those contained in the above-mentioned declaration made under Article 7(2) of the 1999 Act. Therefore, in accordance with Rule 28(2)(b) of the Common Regulations Under the 1999 Act, the 1960 Act and the 1934 Act of the Hague Agreement, the Director General of WIPO has established, after consultation with the Office of Bulgaria, the following amounts of the individual fee which must be paid in connection with any international application in which Bulgaria is designated, and in connection with the renewal of an international registration designating Bulgaria under the 1999 Act:

<b>ITEMS</b>		<b>Amounts</b> <i>(in Swiss francs)</i>
International Application	– for one design	124
	– for each additional design	66
Renewal (under the 1999 Act)	– for the first renewal	248
	– for the second renewal	331
	– for the third renewal	413

4. The ratification of the 1999 Act by Bulgaria brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 30. The total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement remains 51. A list of the Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement, indicating the date on which these 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*

5. The 1999 Act, the above-mentioned declarations and the amounts of the individual designation fee will enter into force with respect to Bulgaria on October 7, 2008.

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