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HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Ratification of the 1999 Act: Denmark

1. On September 9, 2008, the Government of Denmark 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 Denmark on December 9, 2008.

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

– the declaration referred to in Article 11(1)(a) of the 1999 Act, whereby the maximum period for the deferment of the publication of an industrial design where Denmark is designated in an international registration is 6 months from the filing date or, where priority is claimed, from the priority date;

– the declaration referred to in Article 16(2) of the 1999 Act, whereby any change in ownership of an international registration, recorded in the International Register in respect of Denmark and in respect of any or all of the industrial designs that are the subject of the international registration, shall not have effect with respect to Denmark until the Office of Denmark has received a document establishing the change in ownership or other documentation showing to the satisfaction of the Office that the change in ownership has taken place;

– the 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 Denmark in respect of industrial designs is 25 years. However, the declaration also specifies that the maximum duration of protection for a design which constitutes a component part of a complex product so as to restore its original appearance (“spare parts”) is 15 years;

– the declaration for the application of level two of the standard designation fee, under Rule 12(1)(c)(i) of the Common Regulations under the 1999 Act, the 1960 Act and the 1934 Act of the Hague Agreement.

3. The ratification of the 1999 Act by Denmark brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 32 and the total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement to 53. 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*.

4. The 1999 Act and the declarations thereunder will enter into force in respect of Denmark on December 9, 2008.

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