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HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Levels of the Standard Designation Fee Concerning International Applications: Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Estonia, Iceland, Morocco, Romania, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine

1. As announced in Information Notice No. 10/2007, at its twenty-fourth (16th ordinary) session, which took place in Geneva from September 24 to October 3, 2007, the Assembly of the Hague Union approved amendments to Rule 12 of the Common Regulations under the 1999 Act, the 1960 Act and the 1934 Act of the Hague Agreement. As a result, new subparagraphs (1)(a)(ii) and (b) were established under Rule 12 and came into effect on January 1, 2008, introducing three levels of the standard designation fee, as follows:

– level one, for Contracting Parties whose Office does not carry out examination on substantive grounds;

– level two, for Contracting Parties whose Office carries out examination on substantive grounds other than novelty (for example, on issues such as the definition of a “design”, public order and morality, or the protection of State emblems);

– level three, for Contracting Parties whose Office carries out examination on substantive grounds, including a limited examination as to novelty (for example, an examination as to local novelty only, when the criterion for the validity of the design right is worldwide novelty), or examination as to novelty following opposition by third parties.

2. In conjunction with the above amendments to Rule 12, the Schedule of Fees was revised so as to establish and include the amounts of the fees at each of the three levels, as follows:

		<i>Swiss francs</i>
– level one	– for one design	42
	– for each additional design included in the same application	2

– level two	– for one design	60
	– for each additional design included in the same application	20
– level three	– for one design	90
	– for each additional design included in the same application	50

3. It is further recalled that the application of levels two or three is dependent on the making of a declaration by Contracting Parties in accordance with Rule 12(1)(c)(i), indicating the level of examination carried out by their Office and entering into force three months after its deposit with the Director General in accordance with Rule 12(1)(c)(ii).

4. On January 1, 2008, the following 10 Contracting Parties deposited their respective declarations, for levels 2 or 3, under Rule 12(1)(c)(i), with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO):

- for level two: Croatia, Estonia, Morocco, Switzerland and Ukraine;
- for level three: Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Iceland, Romania*, Serbia and Spain.

5. The application of the levels in question for the standard designation fee will take effect on April 1, 2008, with respect to the aforementioned Contracting Parties. Level one will continue to be applicable, by default, to the remaining Contracting Parties, to the extent that they have not made an individual fee declaration under Article 7(2) of the 1999 Act or under Rule 36(1) of the Common Regulations.

6. Annexed is a table containing, in respect of each Contracting Party, indications of the Act or Acts binding it and the type of designation fee, if any, payable for the designation of that Contracting Party. This table will be updated when necessary and attached to form DM/1, which is for applications for international registration governed exclusively or partly by the 1999 Act and/or the 1960 Act, and is available on WIPO’s website at <http://www.wipo.int/hague/en/forms/>. The table will ensure that users are aware of the precise level of standard designation fee applicable in respect of any given Contracting Party that has not made an individual fee declaration.

7. Applicants are highly recommended to consult the table when filing an international application under the 1999 Act and/or the 1960 Act, or to use the Fee Calculator, also available on WIPO’s website.

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* Romania also withdrew, with effect from April 1, 2008, its individual fee declarations under Article 7(2) of the 1999 Act and under Rule 36(1) of the Common Regulations.

CONTRACTING PARTIES OF THE HAGUE AGREEMENT

(in respect of each Contracting Party, the table below provides indications of the Act or Acts binding that Contracting Party and further indicates what kind of designation fee is payable, if any, for the designation of that Contracting Party*)

Contracting Parties of the Hague Agreement		Acts of the Hague Agreement		
		<i>1999 Act</i>	<i>1960 Act</i>	<i>1934 Act</i>
(AL)	Albania	1	1	
(AM)	Armenia	1		
(AN)	Netherlands Antilles			√
(BG)	Bulgaria		IF	
(BJ)	Benin		1	√
(BW)	Botswana	1		
(BX)	Benelux		1	
(BZ)	Belize		1	
(CH)	Switzerland	2	2	√
(CI)	Cote d'Ivoire		1	√
(DE)	Germany		1	√
(EE)	Estonia	2		
(EG)	Egypt	1		√
(EM)	European Community	IF		
(ES)	Spain	3		√
(FR)	France	1	1	√
(GA)	Gabon		1	
(GE)	Georgia	1	1	
(GR)	Greece		1	
(HR)	Croatia	2	2	
(HU)	Hungary	IF	IF	
(ID)	Indonesia			√
(IS)	Iceland	3		
(IT)	Italy		1	
(KG)	Kyrgyzstan	IF	IF	
(KP)	Democratic People's Republic of Korea		3	
(LI)	Liechtenstein	1	1	√
(LV)	Latvia	1		
(MA)	Morocco		2	√
(MC)	Monaco		1	√
(MD)	Moldova	IF	IF	
(ME)	Montenegro		1	
(MK)	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1	1	
(ML)	Mali		1	
(MN)	Mongolia	1	1	
(NA)	Namibia	1		
(NE)	Niger		1	
(RO)	Romania	3	3	
(RS)	Serbia		3	
(SG)	Singapore	1		
(SI)	Slovenia	1	1	
(SN)	Senegal		1	√
(SR)	Suriname		1	√
(TN)	Tunisia			√
(TR)	Turkey	1		
(UA)	Ukraine	2	2	

* A numeral (1, 2 or 3) indicates the applicable level of standard designation fee and the letters "IF" indicate that individual designation fees are applicable (the amounts of all these fees are indicated in the Fee Calculation Sheet). A tick ("√") indicates that no designation fee applies. Where no indication (numeral, letters or tick) appears, this means that the Contracting Party is not bound by the Act at hand.