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HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Accession to the 1999 Act and Level of the Standard Designation Fee Concerning International Applications: Germany

1. On November 13, 2009, the Government of Germany 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.
2. The said instrument of accession was accompanied by the declaration as required under Article 17(3)(c) of the 1999 Act, specifying that the maximum duration of protection provided for by the law of Germany in respect of industrial designs is 25 years.
3. On the same date, the Government of Germany also deposited with the Director General of WIPO, a 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.
4. The 1999 Act will enter into force in respect of Germany on February 13, 2010. The declaration under Rule 12(1)(c)(i) will also enter into force on the same date, meaning that, as from that date, any designation of Germany under either the 1999 Act or the 1960 Act will entail the payment of level two of the standard designation fee.
5. The accession to the 1999 Act by Germany brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 37. The total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement remains 56. 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.

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