

HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Communication with regard to the declaration under Rule 18(1)(c) of the Common Regulations: Spain

1. On June 28, 2011, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) received from the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM) a communication regarding the declaration under Rule 18(1)(c) of the Common Regulations Under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement, made by Spain on September 23, 2003 (please see Information Notice No. 11/2003).
2. It should be recalled that in the declaration made by Spain under said Rule, it was established that the effect of an international registration in Spain would be produced, at the latest, six months after the expiry date of the applicable refusal period.
3. In the aforementioned communication, OEPM subsequently clarifies that under Spanish legislation, and specifically Article 76.5 of Law 20/2003 of July 7, 2003, the effects of an international registration in Spain shall begin on the date on which said registration is published by the International Bureau, provided that said registration is not the subject of a refusal of protection in Spain.

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