

HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Ratification of the 1999 Act: Monaco

1. On March 9, 2011, the Government of Monaco 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 as referred to in Article 4(1)(b) of the 1999 Act, to the effect that international applications may not be filed through the Office of Monaco;
 - the declaration referred to in Article 11(1)(b) of the 1999 Act, whereby the law of Monaco 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 Monaco;
 - the declaration required under Article 17(3)(c) of the 1999 Act, specifying that the maximum duration of protection provided for by the legislation of Monaco in respect of industrial designs is 50 years.
3. The 1999 Act and the declarations thereunder will enter into force in respect of Monaco on June 9, 2011.
4. The ratification of the 1999 Act by Monaco brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 41. The total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement remains 58. A list of the Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement is available on WIPO's website at the following address: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/treaties/en/documents/pdf/hague.pdf.

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