

INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 21/2020

## Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs

## Syrian Arab Republic: Closure of the Office

1. The Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property Protection (DCIP) of the Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection of the Syrian Arab Republic has informed the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) that it has not been open to the public since April 16, 2020, and will remain so until further notice.

2. Accordingly, under Rule 4(4) of the Common Regulations under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement, all periods under the Hague System that concern this Office and that expire on a day on which the DCIP is not open to the public will expire on the first subsequent day on which the DCIP reopens.

3. For further information, users of the Hague System may visit the DCIP's website at the following address: http://www.dcip.gov.sy/, or contact the DCIP at the following e-mail address: intreg@dcip.gov.sy

4. Information on measures adopted by the Intellectual Property Offices and legislative and regulatory measures implemented by WIPO Member States in response to the COVID-19 pandemic may also be found on the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker webpage at the following address: https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/#/covid19-policy-tracker/ipo-operations.

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