

Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs

Withdrawal of the declaration under Article 13(1) of the 1999 Act: Japan

1. On December 16, 2020, the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) received from the Government of Japan a notification indicating that Japan withdraws the declaration under Article 13(1) of the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs made on February 13, 2015, whereby Japan requires only one independent and distinct design in a single application (refer to [Information Notice No. 3/2015](#))*.

2. In accordance with Article 30(3) of the 1999 Act, the said withdrawal will take effect on the date indicated in the notification, namely April 1, 2021.

January 28, 2021

* Notwithstanding the declaration made by Japan under Article 13(1) of the 1999 Act, in practice, the Japan Patent Office (JPO) already allowed multiple design registrations under the said Act.