

Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs

Accession to the 1999 Act: Uzbekistan

1. On October 10, 2024, the Government of Uzbekistan deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) its instrument of accession to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (“1999 Act”).

2. The instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declarations under the 1999 Act and the Common Regulations Under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement (“Common Regulations”):

- the declaration referred to in Article 7(2) of the 1999 Act, whereby, in connection with an international application in which Uzbekistan is designated, and in connection with the renewal of such international registration resulting from such an international application, the prescribed designation fee shall be replaced by an individual designation fee;
- the declaration referred to in Article 11(1)(b) of the 1999 Act, that the law of Uzbekistan does not provide for the deferment of the publication of an industrial design;
- the declaration referred to in Article 13(1) of the 1999 Act, that, in accordance with the law of Uzbekistan, an application may only contain one independent and distinct industrial design, or one design and its variants differing from that design by visually insignificant features and/or by color combination, or a group of industrial designs belonging to the same set of products as well as one or more industrial designs for separate products belonging to the same set of products;
- the declaration referred to in Article 16(2) of the 1999 Act, whereby the recording of a change in ownership of an international registration in the International Register shall not have effect in Uzbekistan until the Office of Uzbekistan has received the relevant documents for the change in ownership;
- 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 Uzbekistan in respect of industrial designs is 15 years;

- the declaration referred to in Rule 13(4) of the Common Regulations, notifying that the period of one month referred to in paragraph (3) of the said Rule for forwarding an international application filed through the Office of Uzbekistan shall be replaced by a period of six months, due to security clearance;
 - the declaration referred to in Rule 18(1)(b) of the Common Regulations, whereby the prescribed period of six months for notifying a refusal of the effects of an international registration is replaced by a period of 12 months; and
 - the declaration referred to in Rule 18(1)(c)(i) of the Common Regulations, whereby the international registration shall produce the effects referred to in Article 14(2)(a) of the 1999 Act from the date when the Office of Uzbekistan notifies the International Bureau of WIPO of the grant of protection, which shall be within six months from the date of expiration of the refusal period.
3. In accordance with Article 28(3)(b) of the 1999 Act, the 1999 Act will enter into force with respect to Uzbekistan on January 10, 2025.
4. Except for the declaration referred to in Article 7(2) of the 1999 Act, all declarations mentioned above will come into effect on the same date, in accordance with Article 30(1)(i) of the 1999 Act and Rule 35(1) of the Common Regulations.
5. The declaration referred to in Article 7(2) of the 1999 Act will come into effect at a later date, in accordance with Article 30(1)(ii) of the 1999 Act. Accordingly, level one of the standard designation fee will apply in accordance with Rule 12(1)(a)(ii) and (b)(i) of the Common Regulations, until the said declaration becomes effective. This declaration and the amount of the individual designation fee will be the subject of a further Information Notice.
6. The accession by Uzbekistan to the 1999 Act brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 75 and the total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement to 81. A list of the Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/treaties/en/documents/pdf/hague.pdf>.

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