

## **Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs**

### **Accession to the Geneva Act: Saudi Arabia**

1. On January 7, 2025, the Government of Saudi Arabia 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 (“Geneva Act”).

2. The instrument of accession was accompanied by the following declarations under the Geneva Act and the Regulations Under the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (“Regulations”):

- the declaration referred to in Article 11(1)(b) of the Geneva Act, that the law of Saudi Arabia does not provide for the deferment of the publication of an industrial design;
- the declaration referred to in Article 13(1) of the Geneva Act, that, in accordance with the law of Saudi Arabia, an international application may only contain one independent and distinct industrial design;
- the declaration referred to in Article 16(2) of the Geneva Act, whereby the recording of a change in ownership of an international registration in the International Register shall not have effect in Saudi Arabia until the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) has received the documents supporting the change in ownership;
- the declaration as required under Article 17(3)(c) of the Geneva Act, specifying that the maximum duration of protection provided for by the law of Saudi Arabia in respect of industrial designs is 15 years;
- the declaration referred to in Rule 12(1)(c)(i) of the Regulations, specifying that level two of the standard designation fee applies; and
- the declaration referred to in Rule 18(1)(b) of the 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.

3. In accordance with Article 28(3)(b) of the Geneva Act, the Geneva Act and the declarations will enter into force with respect to Saudi Arabia on April 7, 2025.

4. The accession by Saudi Arabia to the Geneva Act brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 76 and the total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement to 82. 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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