

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

### **Accession to the 1999 Act: Saint Kitts and Nevis**

1. On July 8, 2024, the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis 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 4(1)(b) of the 1999 Act, whereby international applications may not be filed through its Office;
  - 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 Saint Kitts and Nevis in respect of industrial designs is 25 years; and
  - the declaration referred to in Rule 12(1)(c)(i) of the Common Regulations, specifying that level two of the standard designation fee applies.
3. In accordance with Article 28(3)(b) of the 1999 Act, the 1999 Act and the declarations made will enter into force with respect to Saint Kitts and Nevis on October 8, 2024.
4. The accession of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the 1999 Act brings the number of Contracting Parties to this Act to 74 and the total number of Contracting Parties to the Hague Agreement to 80. 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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