

Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs

Freeze of the Application of the Hague Act (1960)

1. At its forty-fourth (20th extraordinary) session, which took place in Geneva, from July 9 to 17, 2024, the Assembly of the Hague Union decided to freeze the application of the Hague Act (1960) (“1960 Act”) with effect from January 1, 2025.
2. As a result of the freeze, as of January 1, 2025, it will no longer be possible to file international applications under the 1960 Act or to make new designations governed by that Act. Nevertheless, the renewal of designations made under the 1960 Act before January 1, 2025, and any recordings in the International Register affecting such designations will continue to be possible throughout the life of an international registration up to the maximum duration of protection provided for by the national law of the designated Contracting Party.
3. The Assembly of the Hague Union also adopted a set of consequential amendments to the Common Regulations Under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement (“Common Regulations”) that will enter into force on the same date. Since the resulting provisions focus on the implementation of the Geneva Act (1999), the title of the Common Regulations changes to “Regulations Under the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs” and all references to the 1960 Act are deleted, while a transitional provision applicable to the designations governed by that Act is introduced. Finally, the amendments also remove all references to the London Act (1934)*.
4. For more information on the decision to freeze the application of the 1960 Act and the related amendments to the Common Regulations, documents H/A/44/1 and H/A/44/3 are available at:
<https://www.wipo.int/about-wipo/en/assemblies/2024/a-65/index.html>, and documents H/LD/WG/12/3, H/LD/WG/12/4 and H/LD/WG/12/9 are available at:
https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=75417.

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* The application of the London Act (1934) (“1934 Act”) was frozen with effect from January 1, 2010 (refer to Information Notice [No. 9/2009](#)). According to the International Register, the last designations governed by the 1934 Act will expire on December 30, 2024.