

Key Benefits, Advantages and Practical Use of the Hague System

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AGENDA

What is the
Hague System

Advantages and
Benefits of the
Hague System

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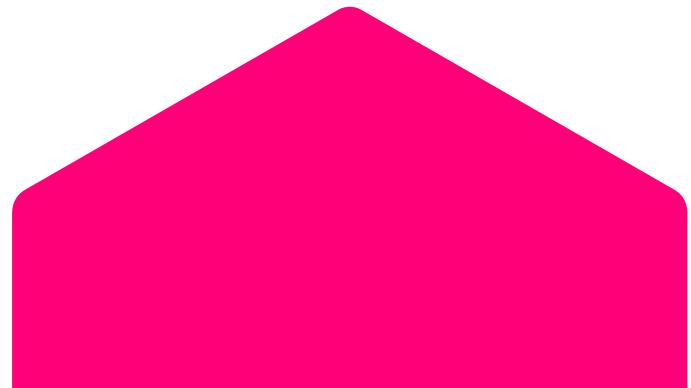
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Designs & The Hague System



What designs?

INDUSTRIAL
DESIGNS

TWO
DIMENSIONAL
OR THREE
DIMENSIONAL

MAY BE SHAPE
OR COLOR OF
THE DESIGN

INCLUDES
PATTERN OR
LINES OF THE
DESIGN

SHAPE, COLOR,
PATTERN AND
LINES

What is The Hague System?

International system for registering up to 100 designs in a single application.

Enables protection of designs in close to 100 countries around the world.

All designs must belong to the same Locarno class.

Who can use the Hague System?

Anyone who

Is a national of a
Hague member
country

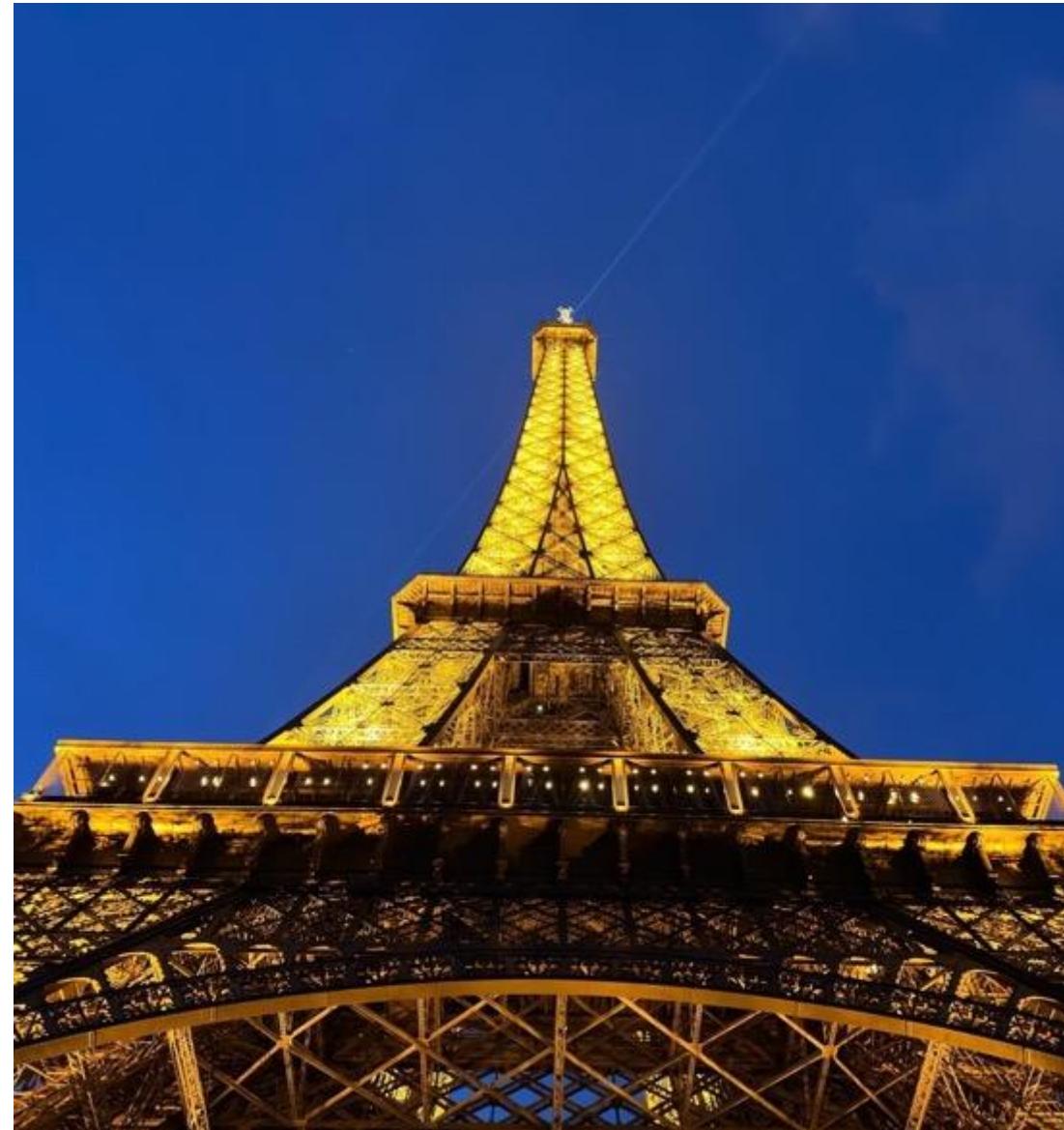
Is domiciled or
resident in a Hague
member country

Has a real and
effective commercial
establishment in a
Hague member
country

Advantages of the Hague System

- Cost efficient
- Time efficient
- Easy to use





Paris Route (Direct)

- Direct application to all national offices.
- Broad scope.
- Open to anyone.



Multiple:

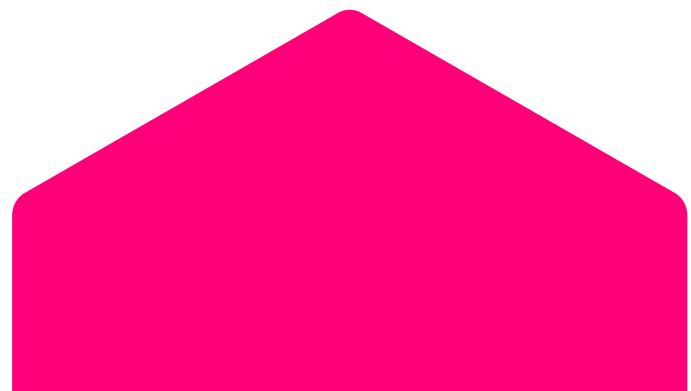
- Filings
- Certificates
- Renewals
- Languages
- Currencies
- Jurisdictions
- Representation





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The Hague System



Cost efficient

One
application

One
language

One set of
fees

One
currency

Paris Route

CP	Filing Fee	Local Agent	Total (CHF)
EM	330	561	891
GB	60	450	510
US	1,050	1,417	2,467
CN	140	701	841
		Total:	4,709

Hague Route

DESCRIPTION	CHF
Basic Fee	397
Standard designation fees (GB) (1 x 42)	42
Individual designation fees (EM) (1 x 59)	59
First part individual designation Fees (US) (1 x 1,150)	1,150
Individual Designation Fee (CN) (1 x 497)	497
Publication (7 x 17)	119
Total:	2,264 (52% savings)

Benefits

Lower overall filing
and management
cost compared to
the Paris route

International
design protection
is accessible for
All budgets

Time efficient

Multiple designs in one application

Single application covers multiple countries

Tailored publication schedule

Formalities examination handled by the International Bureau

Benefit

Reduced administrative timelines.

Faster route to international design protection.

Streamlined product launch.

Easy to use

Online filing system.

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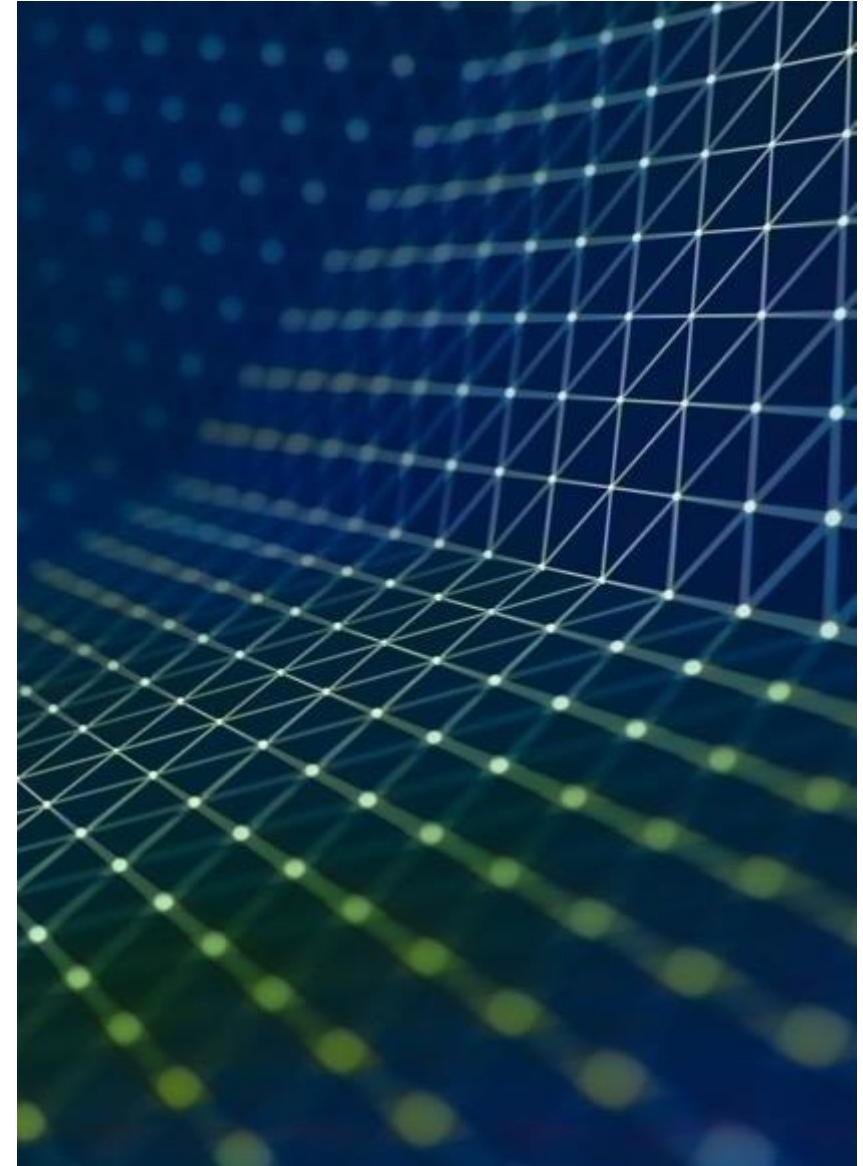
Centralized management of applications and registrations.

02

Global coverage in one click.

03

Available support through out the process.



Benefits

01

Lower risk of
administrative
errors.

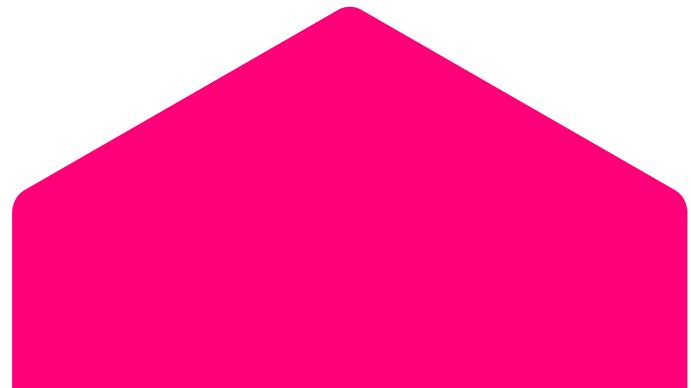
02

Manageable
deadlines.

03

Strategic expansion
with less
resources.

How The Hague System Works





What is possible with the Hague System?

One or several applicants in the application

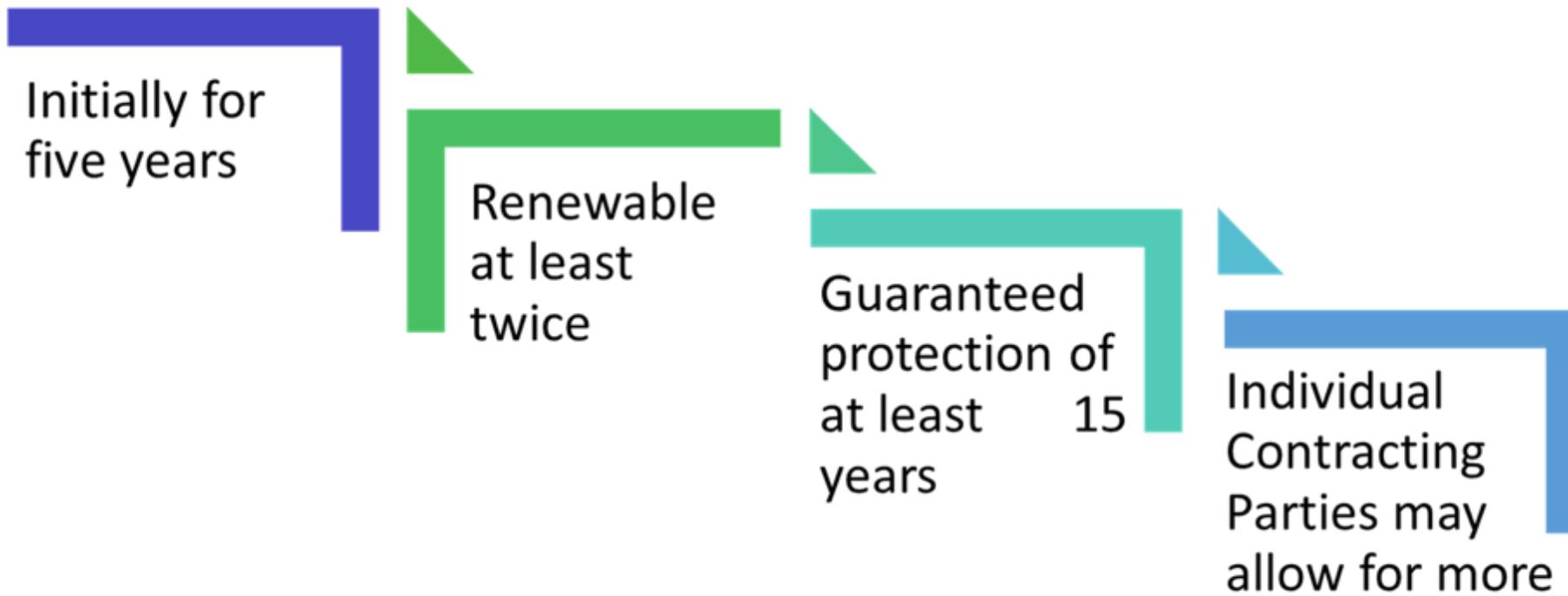
Applicant can be a legal entity or physical person.

Choose the publication schedule that suits your strategy

Claim priority over a national or international application

Pay part of the fee at the time of filing the application

Duration of Protection



WIPO's Role



Formal examination



Recording in the International Register



Send certificate of registration to holder



Publication in the International Designs Bulletin



Notification to holder of the decision from designations.

Role of IP Offices

Grant of protection

Refusal procedure

Rights resulting from protection

What about Refusals?

Refusal is based on substantive grounds.

Refusal in one designation has no effect on other designations.

Refusal is overcome directly with the national office concerned.



Available Resources

Hague System Fee Calculator

Enter the details below to quickly estimate the application or renewal fees in Swiss francs (CHF)

Type:

Date:

Entitlement:

Add the number of designs:

Add the number of reproduction(s) of the design(s):

If using the paper application form, add the number of pages of reproductions: [\(free if you use the e-filing interface\)](#)

Add the number of words of description:

[Locarno Classification](#) (for KR designations only):

[Economic Status](#) (for US designations):

[Economic Status](#) (for IL designations):

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3 Member information

Which member(s) are you interested in?

Search member



All groupings

- Examining Offices - Novelty, Article 1(xvii) 1999 Act
- Unity of Design - Article 13(1) 1999 Act
- EM - European Union
- OA - African Intellectual Property Organization

All members

- (OA) African Intellectual Property Organization
- (AL) Albania
- (AM) Armenia
- (AZ) Azerbaijan
- (BY) Belarus

- Limited Deferment of Publication - Article 11(1)(a) 1999 Act
- Least Developed Countries (LDCs)
- No Deferment of Publication - Article 11(1)(b) 1999 Act
- DAS Participating Offices for Design Applications

- Confidential Copies - Article 10(5) 1999 Act
- Statement of Grant of Protection - Rule 18bis(1) Common Regu...

- (DE) Germany
- (GH) Ghana
- (GR) Greece
- (HU) Hungary
- (IS) Iceland

- (MD) Republic of Moldova
- (RO) Romania
- (RU) Russian Federation
- (RW) Rwanda
- (KN) Saint Kitts and Nevis

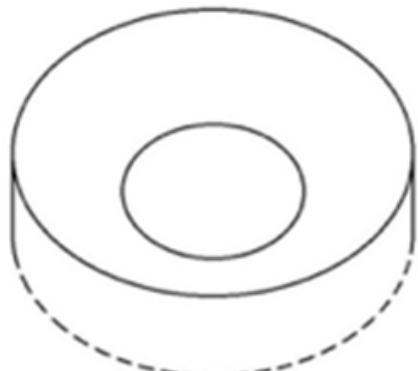
Guidance Documents

EXAMPLE OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMATIC PRACTICE

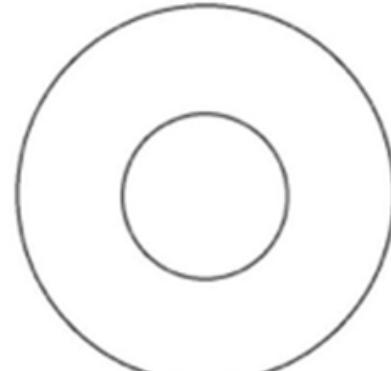
The contours of a three-dimensional product with curved surfaces have not been clearly shown in the representation since shading is not provided in the drawings.

Indication of the product: "Pharmaceutical tablet"

1.1



1.2



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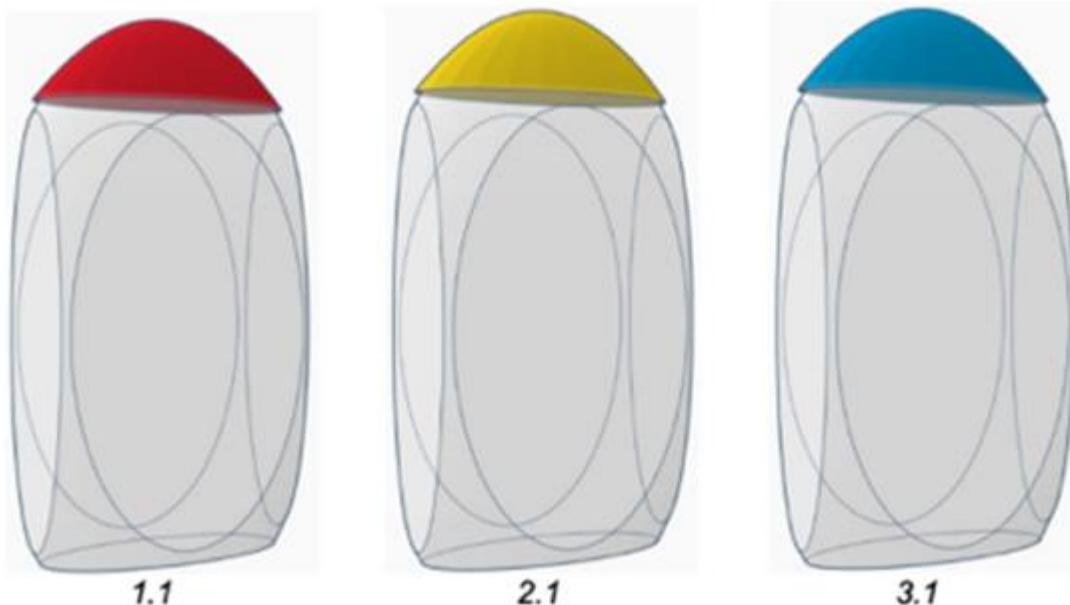


Guidance on Preparing Reproductions

Guidance Documents

Example:

(Designs 1 to 3) Indication of the product: "Bottles for cosmetics"



Guidance on
Multiple Designs

International Designs Bulletin

The Bulletin is the official publication of the Hague System. It contains data regarding new international registrations, renewals, and modifications affecting existing international registrations. The search feature below covers entries published in the Bulletin after 2012. For older records, please refer to the Bulletin archives.

Publication

Year*

2025

Bulletin No. - Publication date*

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Recording Type

Recording Type*

Registrations (1960 and 1999 Acts)

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The Hague Express Database – updated weekly – provides the status of and historical information regarding international design registrations.
 Note: Information on international registrations published before 1999 is provided on a best effort basis.

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SEARCH BY

Design Names Numbers Dates Country

Indication of product =

Locarno class =

Description =

search ↗

FILTER BY

	Designation	Locarno class	Reg. Year	Contracting party	Expiration
CH	83,607	BE	57,880	LU	57,877
FR	57,158	DE	56,626	EM	52,732
TN	41,142	EG	41,127	MA	36,724
AN	33,092	MC	24,646	US	24,255
GB	18,206	HU	15,774	JP	13,974
UA	11,610	KR	11,451	NO	11,284
ME	9,926	RS	9,789	MK	9,651
VN	8,355	CA	8,053	BQ	7,926
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<input type="checkbox"/>	DM/243874	TMC S.R.L.	2025-01-22	12-06,12-06	Boat	TR,NO,EM,GB	

Global Design Database

A world-wide collection of designs data; including WIPO Hague registrations and information from participating offices.

searches ▾ records ▾

SEARCH BY

Design Names Numbers Dates Country Priority

Indication of product =

Design class ▾ =

Description =

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BW Designs	203	CA Designs	208,521	CH Designs	139,526		
CN Designs	8,473,343	CR Designs	1,718	CU Designs	772		
DE Designs	1,326,474	EG Designs	10,121	EM Designs	1,783,578		
ES Designs	503,456	FR Designs	828,347	GE Designs	3,118		
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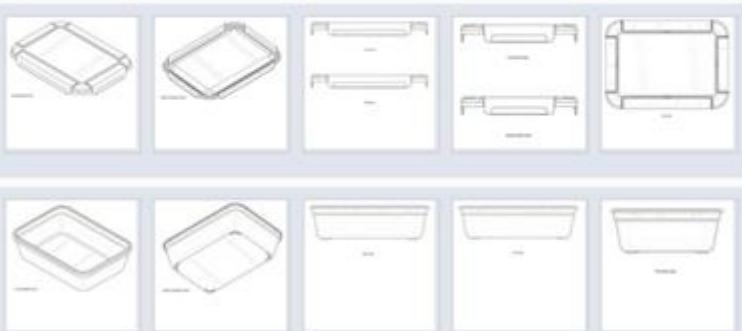
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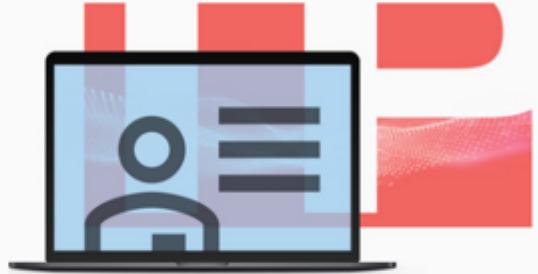
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Hague System – The International Design System

Protecting your designs internationally since 1925

What is the Hague System?

The Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs provides a practical business solution for registering up to 100 [designs](#) in 99 countries [\[PDF\]](#), by filing a single international application.

- › [Who can use the Hague System?](#)
- › [How much does it cost to secure international design protection?](#)
- › [Do I need a national or regional application or registration before I can file an international application?](#)

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Celebrating 100 Years of Design Protection

Customer Service

Questions about the Hague System?

Our Hague System Customer Service team is available to answer all your questions and assist you throughout the lifecycle of your international design applications and registrations. To ensure optimal handling of enquiries use Contact Hague.

Support hours: Monday to Friday, 09:00-18:00 (Geneva time)

[Send us your questions](#)

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Request a certified document or an extract from the Hague Registry.

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Filing

New Filed application(s) Draft(s) (20) My Workbench

Application language*



The application language determines notably the language of the registration certificate.

New application

New application using data from a filed application

New application from a draft

Warning

It is a requirement under the law of the United States of America that, for designs created in the United States of America, the applicant first obtains a license from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) before filing outside of the United States of America.

It is a requirement under the law of the Russian Federation that designs created in the Russian Federation by Russian legal entities or nationals are subject to a security clearance procedure by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT) to ensure that the designs do not contain state secrets.

Confirm

APPLICANT DESIGNATION DESIGN RELATED DESIGNS/VARIANTS AND MAIN/PRINCIPAL DESIGN DESCRIPTION CREATOR CLAIM PRIORITY EXHIBITION OTHER CONTENT (IF APPLICABLE)

PUBLICATION SIGNATURE

WIPO reference 158810

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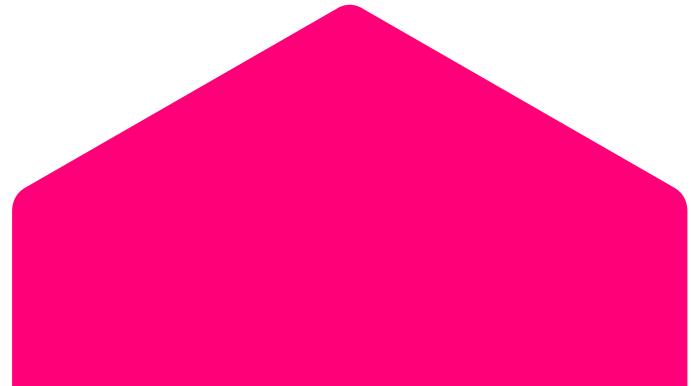
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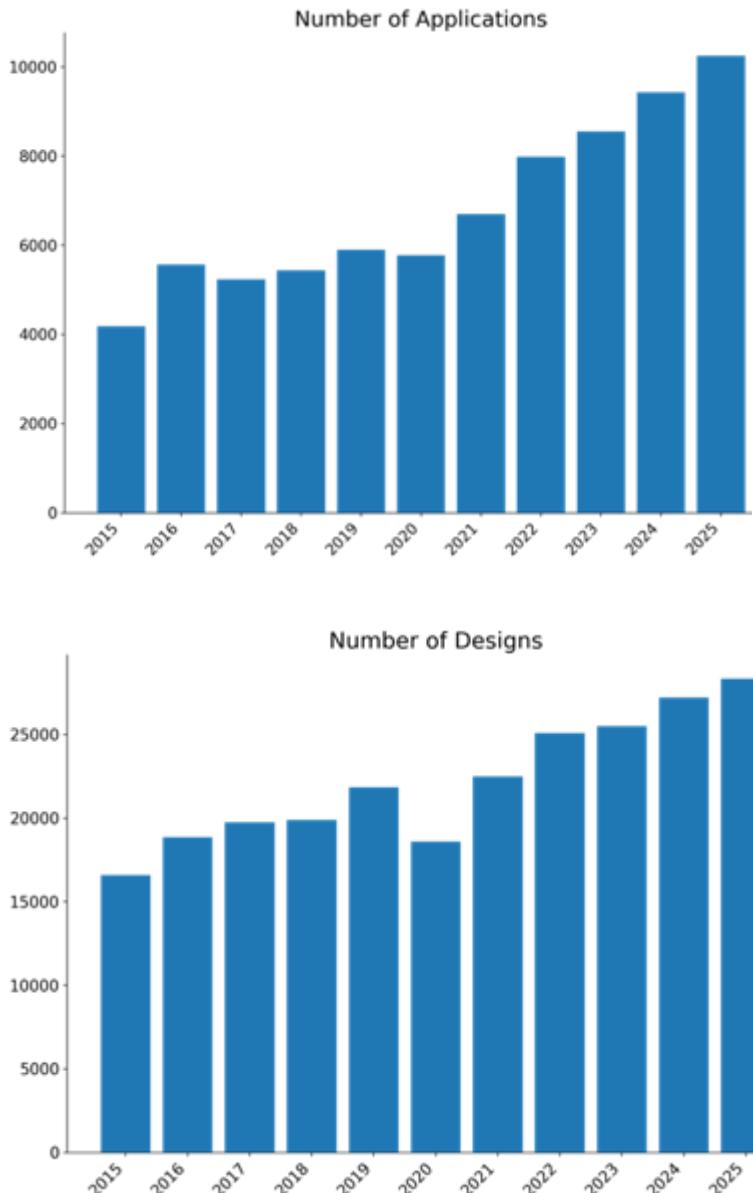
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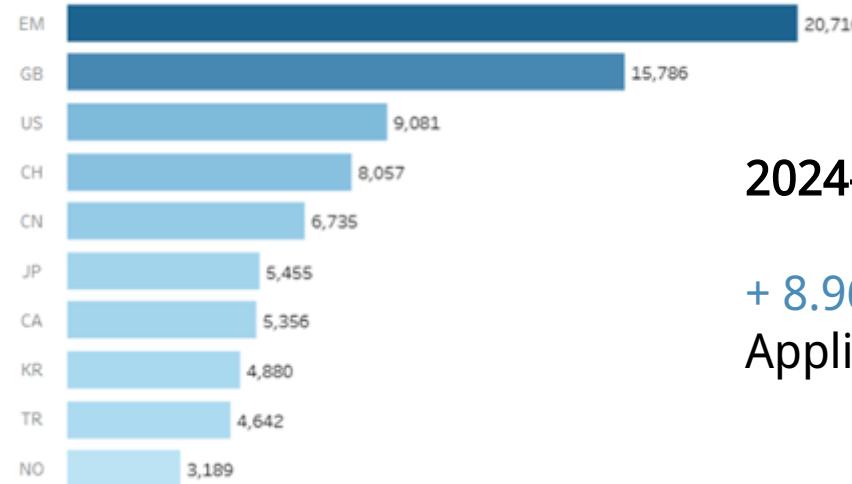
A Growing System



Growth of the Hague System



Top Designations (2025)



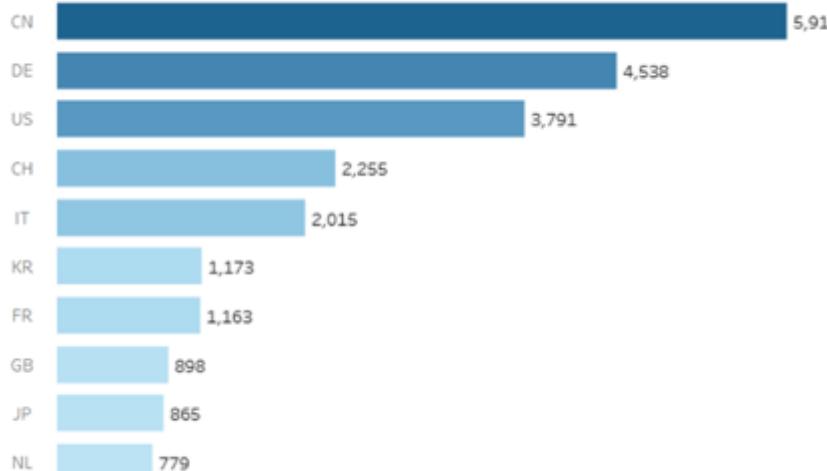
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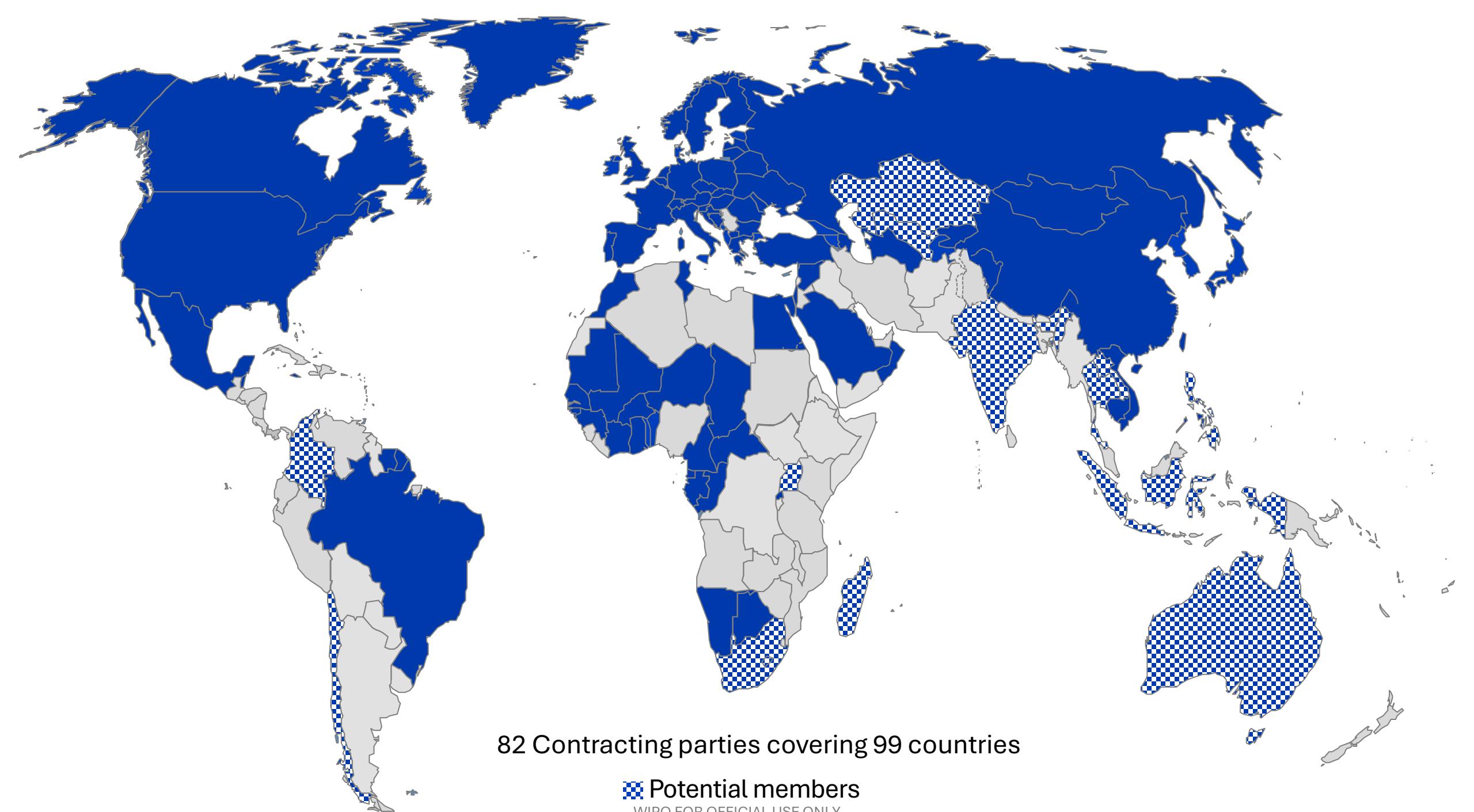
+ 8.96%
Applications

+ 12.7%
Registrations

+ 4.6%
Designs in Applications

Top Origins (2025)





Key Takeaways – The Hague System

Simple

Efficient

Growing



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