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Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs

Amendments to Rule 21 of the Regulations Under the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement

1. At its thirty-sixth (16th extraordinary) session, which took place in Geneva, from October 3 to 11, 2016, the Assembly of the Hague Union ("Assembly") adopted amendments to Rules 5, 14, 21, 26, and the Schedule of Fees of the Regulations Under the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement[1]. As decided by the Assembly, the amendments to Rule 5 entered into force on January 1, 2017[2], while the effective dates for the other amendments were left at the International Bureau's discretion. The amendments to Rule 14 entered into force on April 1, 2023[3].

2. Users of the Hague System are hereby informed that the remaining amendments adopted by the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, namely those to Rule 21 and the Schedule of Fees, will enter into force on July 1, 2026. The amended texts of Rule 21 and of the Schedule of Fees are reproduced in the Annex to the present Information Notice[4].

3. The amendments to Rule 21 will introduce the ability to record a change in the name and/or address of the creator in the International Register. Creators' information may change for the same reasons as holders' information, for instance, as a result of a change of residence or, in the case of a natural person, a change in marital status.

4. The amendments to Rule 21 will also introduce the ability to record a creator's name and address in the International Register, for any or all of the industrial designs, where no such information was previously included in the international registration.

5. The International Bureau has created a dedicated new form (DM/10) for these requests, which will be available on the WIPO website starting July 1, 2026. Use of form DM/10 will be mandatory under Rule 21(1)(a).

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1 "Common Regulations Under the 1999 Act and the 1960 Act of the Hague Agreement" at the time of the said adoption by the Assembly.

2 Refer to Information Notice No. 11/2016.

3 Refer to Information Notice No. 6/2023.

4 As a result of the introduction, with effect from April 1, 2023, of new Rule 21(1)(a)(v) concerning a change in the name or address of the representative, the new subparagraph adopted at the thirty-sixth session under Rule 21(1)(a) has been renumbered as subparagraph (vi). Similarly, the consequential minor amendment to Rule 26(1)(iv), adopted at the thirty-sixth session, is no longer applicable following the simplification of that subparagraph, which also entered into force on April 1, 2023.

6. The recording of these changes will be subject to the payment of a fee of 144 Swiss francs for one international registration and 72 Swiss francs for each additional international registration included in the same request.

7. The recording of these changes will be published in the International Design Bulletin, pursuant to Rule 26(1)(iv).

8. Background information concerning the amendments can be found in document H/A/36/1 of the Assembly, which is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/h_a_36/h_a_36_1.pdf.

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Regulations
Under the Geneva Act (1999) of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs

(as in force on July 1, 2026)

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CHAPTER 4

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

Rule 21
Recording of a Change

(1) [*Presentation of the Request*]

(a) A request for the recording shall be presented to the International Bureau on the relevant official form where the request relates to any of the following:

(i) a change in the ownership of the international registration in respect of all or some of the industrial designs that are the subject of the international registration;

(ii) a change in the name or address of the holder;

(iii) a renunciation of the international registration in respect of any or all of the designated Contracting Parties;

(iv) a limitation, in respect of any or all of the designated Contracting Parties, to one or some of the industrial designs that are the subject of the international registration;

(v) a change in the name or address of the representative~~.~~;

(vi) the provision of the name and address of the creator, or a change in the name or address of the creator, of any or all of the industrial designs that are the subject of the international registration.

(b) The request shall be presented by the holder and signed by the holder; however, a request for the recording of a change in ownership may be presented by the new owner, provided that it is

(i) signed by the holder, or

(ii) signed by the new owner and accompanied by an attestation from the competent authority of the holder's Contracting Party that the new owner appears to be the successor in title of the holder.

(2) [*Contents of the Request*]

(a) The request for the recording of a change shall, in addition to the requested change, contain or indicate

(i) the number of the international registration concerned,

(ii) the name of the holder, or the name of the representative where the change relates to the name or address of the representative,

(iii) in case of a change in the ownership of the international registration, the name and address, given in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, and email address of the new owner of the international registration,

(iv) in case of a change in the ownership of the international registration, the Contracting Party or Parties in respect of which the new owner fulfills the conditions to be the holder of an international registration,

(v) in case of a change in the ownership of the international registration that does not relate to all the industrial designs and to all the Contracting Parties, the numbers of the industrial designs and the designated Contracting Parties to which the change in ownership relates, ~~and~~

(vi) in case of the provision of the name and address of the creator of the industrial design, the numbers of the industrial designs concerned, where the person is not a creator of all the industrial designs that are the subject of the international registration, and

(vii) the amount of the fees being paid and the method of payment, or instruction to debit the required amount of fees to an account opened with the International Bureau, and the identification of the party effecting the payment or giving the instructions.

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(9) [*Recording of a Change in the Name of the Creator*] Any recording of a change in the name of the creator under paragraph (1)(a)(vi) shall be void *ab initio* if such a recording concerns a change in the person of the creator.

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SCHEDULE OF FEES
(as in force on July 1, 2026)

Swiss francs

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V. *Miscellaneous Recordings*

13.	Change in ownership	144
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