



# **STATE OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY of the Republic of Macedonia**

## **Advantages of the Hague System from the User's**

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## Advantages of the Hague System from the User's

- Republic of Macedonia is a member state of WIPO. Main international conventions and agreements governing industrial property are ratified. Concerning ID, on March 18, 1997, Republic of Macedonia became party to The Hague Agreement (The Hague Act of November 28, 1960), on September 8, 1991, to the Locarno Agreement (1968) for International classification for industrial designs, and on March 22, 2006, enters into force The Geneva Act, 1999 Act.



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- In Republic of Macedonia, the procedure for international registry of industrial designs, according to the provisions of The Hague Agreement, shall be initiated by a submission of an application for international registry of industrial design, directly to the International Bureau of WIPO.





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- The Hague System for International Registration of Industrial Designs provides a centralized registration system where you can e-file up to 100 designs in a number of countries in one single application, in one language (English or French) with one set of fees in one currency (Swiss Francs). An international registration produces the same effects in each of the designated countries, as if the design had been registered directly with each national office.
- At the same time, the international deposit facilitates the maintenance of protection: there is a single deposit to renew and one simple procedure for recording any changes.



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- As a result of advantages of the Hague System for International Registration of Industrial Designs, during 1997 in Republic of Macedonia the total number of the filed applications for industrial designs has increased for nearly seven times (1996 – 36 appl.), first of all, of the income of the international applications for ID according to the Hague Agreement.



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- Statistics: period 1992-1996 total 182 applications before SOIP  
during 1997 total 281 applications (before SOIP 29)  
period 1998-2002 total 3042 (before SOIP 313)  
period 2003-2010 total 6490 (before SOIP 389)  
as a result of Hague System.
- From Macedonia to abroad according the Hague System, number is low – 22 ID





In addition, according to **Strategy for Intellectual property of the Republic of Macedonia**, analysis of statistical data for registered industrial property rights in the Republic of Macedonia shows a low level of interest among domestic industrial property right holders for protection thereof. Simultaneously, the applications for protection by foreign right holders are numerous, as show of statistical data before.

- The low level of registration of industrial property rights by domestic applicants is, to a great extent, the result of the low level of knowledge of the business community concerning the economic benefits that may be acquired from intellectual property rights, but and economic factor is reason. The low level of knowledge is particularly evident in small and medium enterprises and Government of RM planned activities and budget for raising the awareness concerning the importance of intellectual property rights.



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