

THE HAGUE SYSTEM: BRINGING BELIZEAN DESIGN TO THE WORLD



A cost-effective and user-friendly route for nationals and residents of Belize to acquire and manage industrial designs rights internationally





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Who is entitled to use the Hague System?

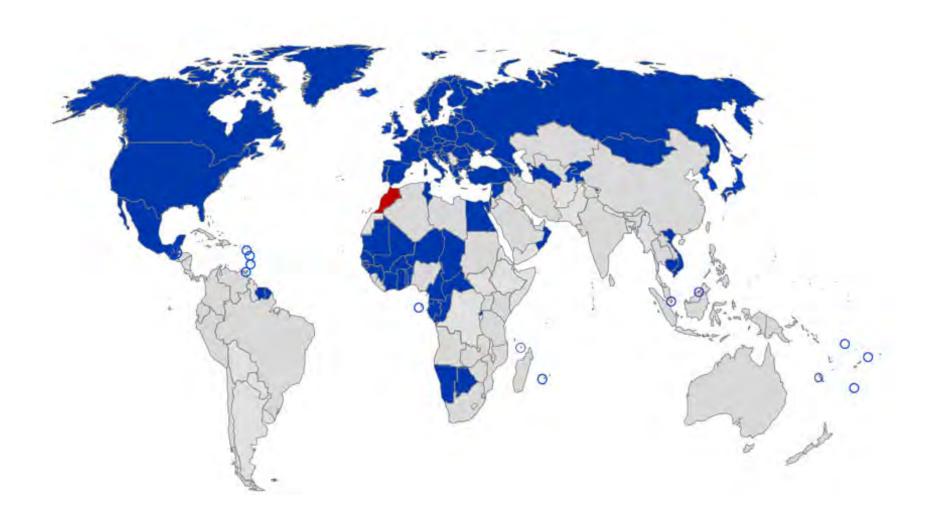
How?

If you are a Belizean national or have a domicile, residence or industrial or commercial establishment in Belize, you may seek industrial design protection in up to 92 countries, including Belize, through the Hague System

By filing an international application (IA) at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) designating one or more Hague Union Members where to get protection for your design(s)

Hague Union Members

75 members (including the European Union and OAPI), covering 92 countries as of 19 July 2021







Procedure

- You may file your international application (IA) with WIPO on line
- WIPO registers and publishes your industrial design(s)
- WIPO notifies the international registration (IR) to the IP Offices of the designated Hague Union Members
- Each designated Member has a limited time (6 or 12 months) to confirm whether it confers protection to your industrial design(s) in its territory

Hague System Advantages

Reduced costs and speedier procedures

- Single application (filed at WIPO), instead of many filed at different Offices
- Single filing language (English, French or Spanish) at your choice
- Single currency for fee payment (CHF), instead of fees in various currencies
- Single international procedure and set of deadlines
- Local agent(s) only required if protection is refused by a designated Office
- Single request and date for renewal at WIPO, online
- Single procedure for modifications at WIPO

You gain

- Brand presence abroad
- International reputation for your designs
- Franchising and partnership opportunities





Before preparing your international application (IA)

TIP

- Make sure your design is not prohibited by law
- Check the novelty of your design by making an international design search in available databases

Make a free-of-charge search by using DESIGNview and WIPO Global Design Database



https://www.tmdn.org/tmdsview-web/welcome?lang=es#/dsview and WIPO Global Design Database https://www3.wipo.int/designdb/en/

Prepare your international application (IA):

- fill out the relevant form (DM/1) that you may download from



- or fill out the form directly online through the online filing facility eHague at



http://www.wipo.int/hague/en/forms/

https://hague.wipo.int/#/landing/home

Make sure you provide all the necessary information in your international application

Your international design application – DM/1

- Mandatory content ...
- Additional mandatory content required by some Contracting Parties if designated ...
- Optional content ...
- Optional content only relevant for some Contracting Parties if designated ...

Regarding the presentation of design reproductions, consult both

Hague Guide for Users at:

https://www.wipo.int/hague/en/guide/

Guidance on preparing and providing reproductions in order to forestall possible refusals by Examining Offices on the ground of insufficient disclosure, at:

http://www.wipo.int/hague/en/news/2016/news_0006.html

TIP

Check in advance how much you will have to pay by using the Hague System Fee Calculator at



http://www.wipo.int/hague/en/fees/ calculator.jsp



Advantages of filing your international application electronically through eHague

- upload several reproductions simultaneously
- check formalities in real time
- save your application in progress
- consult the fully integrated Fee Calculator
- pay your fees online by credit card
- lower fees when your application contains many reproductions
- fast delivery of your application
- instant acknowledgement of receipt
- receive and download notifications relating to your application (+ e-mail alert)
- retrieve current status of your application in real time

WIPO will publish your international registration in the International Designs Bulletin at:

https://www.wipo.int/haguebulletin/?locale=en

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You may check the status of your international registration by consulting the Hague Express database at:

https://www3.wipo.int/designdb/hague/en/

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To learn more about the procedures and practices of the various Hague Union **Members**

TIP

Find out about procedures and practices in Hague Union members in the Hague System Member Profiles database at

https://www.wipo.int/hague/memberprofiles/#/

To renew your international registration ...

TIP

Use the **Hague e-Renewal Service** at

https://webaccess.wipo.int/erenewal_dm/ IndexController?lang=EN

For more information on how to take advantage of the Hague System to protect your designs internationally, you may consult ...



...and the guidebook "The Hague System in Belize" at

https://internationalipcooperation.eu/en/caripi/ip-information