



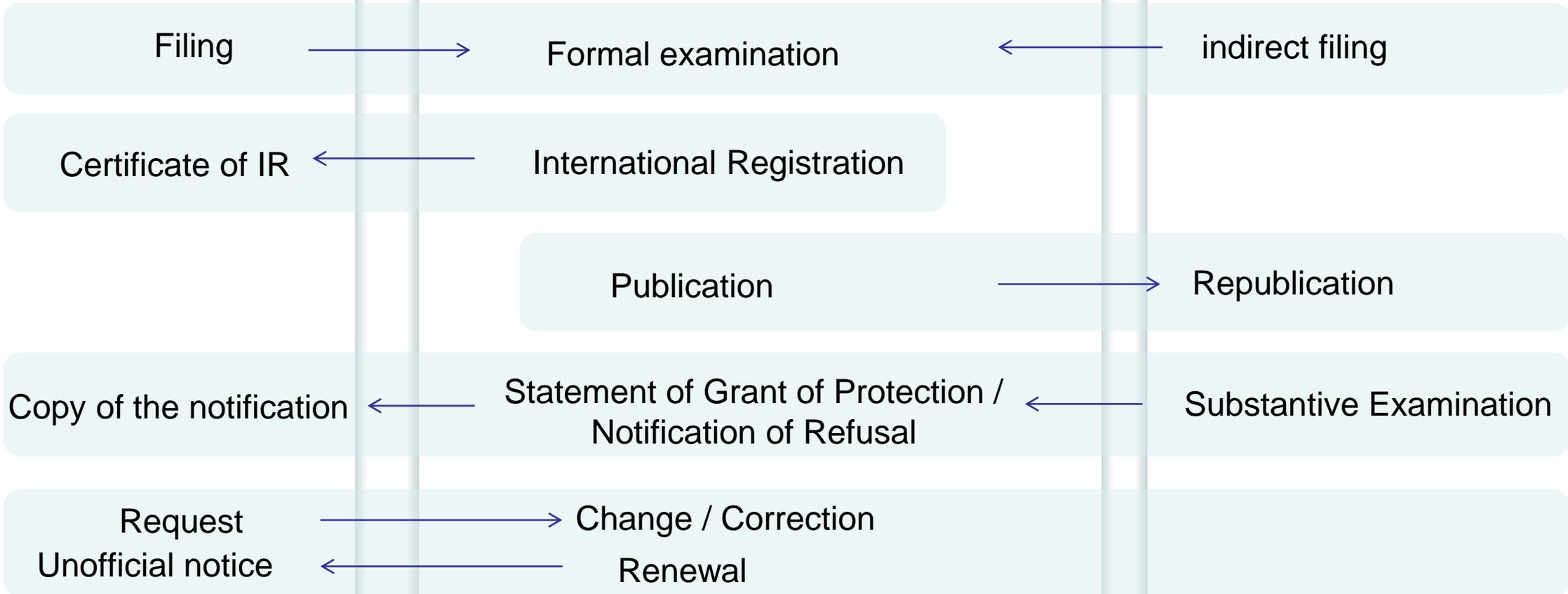
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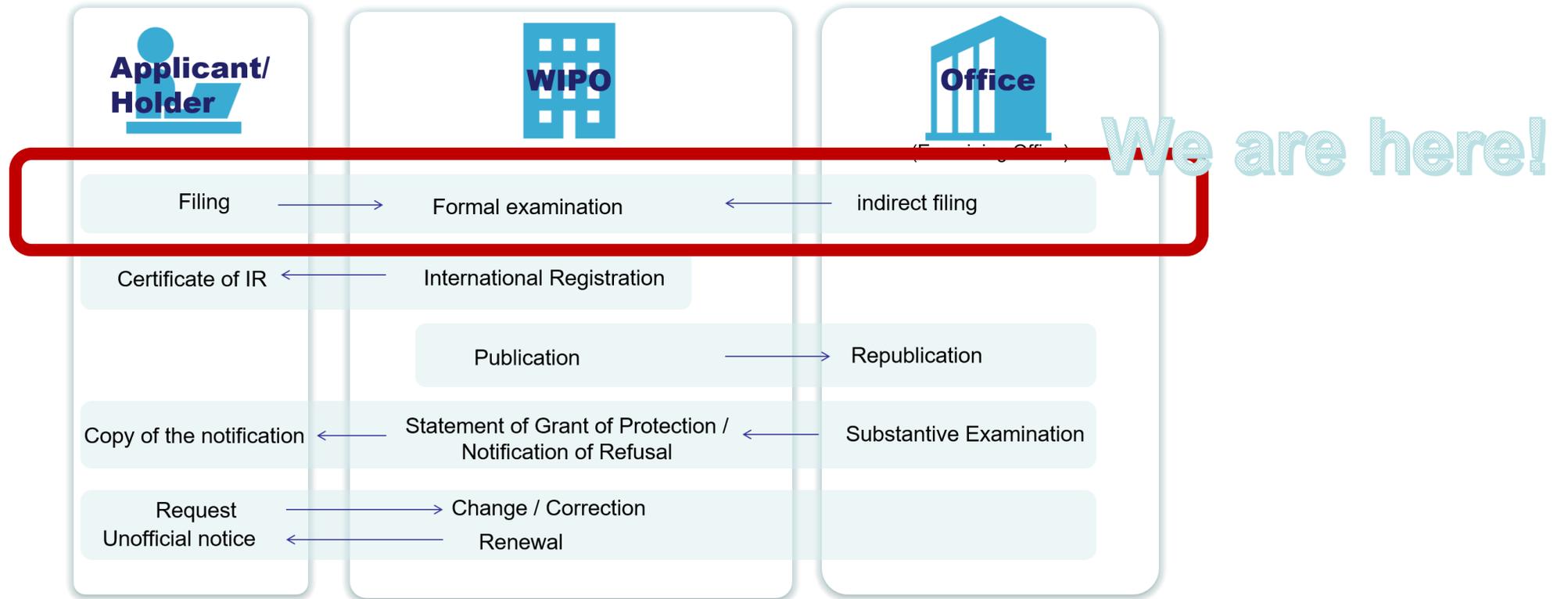
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**November 10, 2021**

# Roles of WIPO and Offices

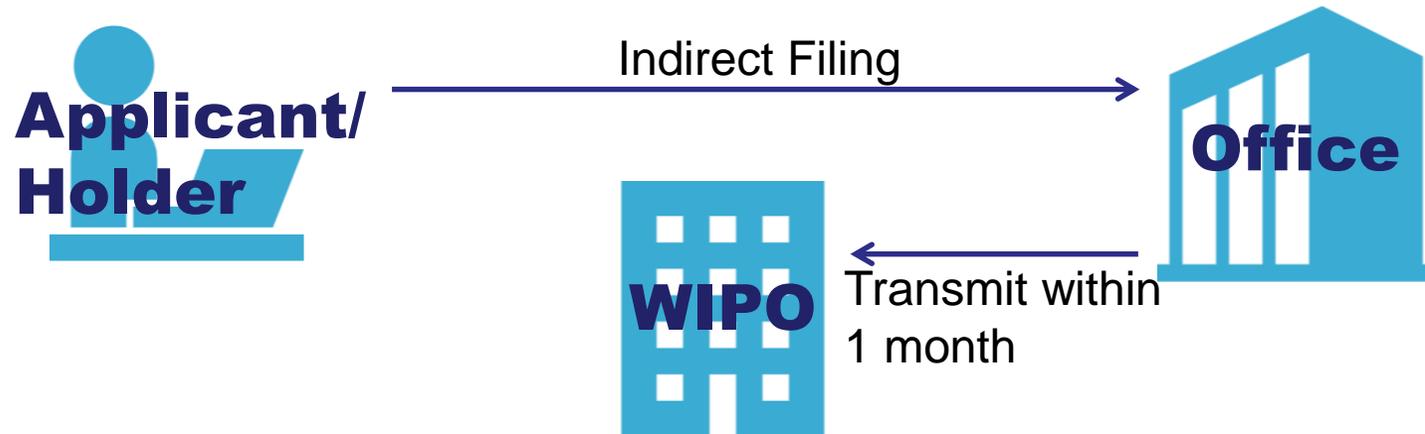




# Formal examination

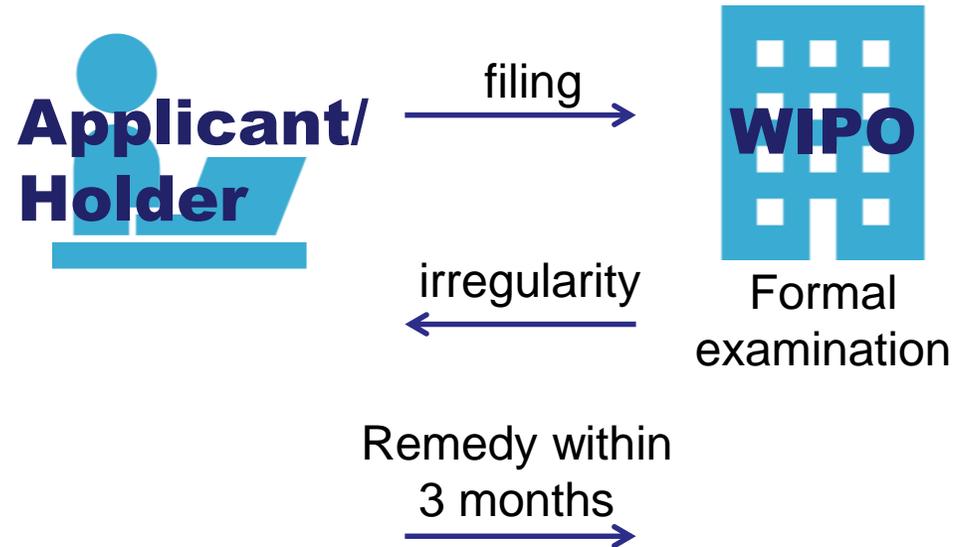
# Indirect Filing

- Indirect filing: filing through the Office of the applicant's Contracting Party
- The filing date: the date on which the application was received by the Office of the applicant's Contracting Party concerned
- Offices transmit the IA to the IB within 1 month
- No examination by the Office
- Transmittal fee
- Prohibition of filing through the office



# General principles of examination by the International Bureau

- the International Bureau checks that it complies with the prescribed formal requirements
- Time limit for correcting irregularities: within three months from the date of the invitation sent by the International Bureau



# International application: mandatory contents

- Prescribed language (EN, FR or ES)
- Prescribed data of Applicant
- At least 1 design, at least 1 reproduction, monoblock system
- Indication of product or products constituting the design
  - Preferably using terms in the Locarno Classification
- Designated Contracting Parties
- Prescribed fees
- Signature

# International application: additional mandatory contents

(If Examining Office and requires element in IA to be accorded a Filing Date)

- Identity of creator

*Romania*

- Brief description of reproduction or characteristic features

*Romania, Syria, Viet Nam*

- A claim

*USA, Viet Nam*

**USA:** The ornamental design for [name of article] as shown and described.

**Viet Nam:** “Application for overall protection for industrial design(s) as shown and described.”

# International application: special requirements for Applicant and Creator

- IA filed in name of creator
  - *Finland, Ghana, Hungary, Iceland, Mexico*
- Oath or declaration of creator
  - *USA*

## International application: optional contents

- Request for deferment of publication
- Priority claim
- Representative's data

# Reproductions

- Form – photographs, other graphic representations
- Quality – all details of the design are clearly distinguished, allowing publication
- Matter shown but protection is not sought indicated

# Common Irregularities

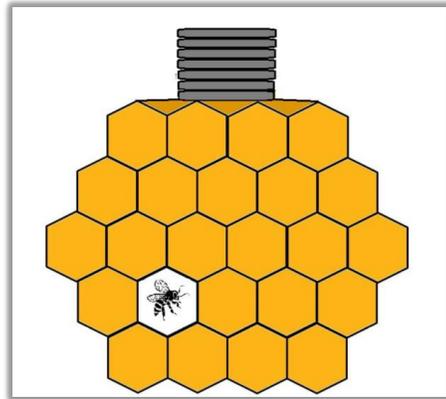
## ✓ Number of Designs

The number of designs indicated in IA is different from the number of designs for which reproductions were received.

**Example:** Reproductions 1.1 to 1.2 represent different designs due to the difference in the appearance. The fees for each additional design must be paid accordingly.

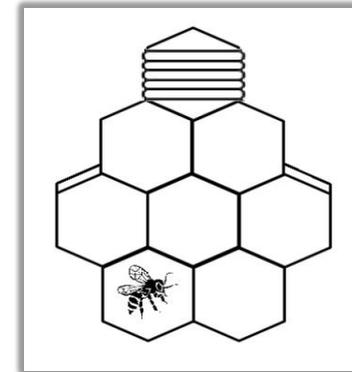
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**Acceptable 1.1**



**1.2**

**2.1**



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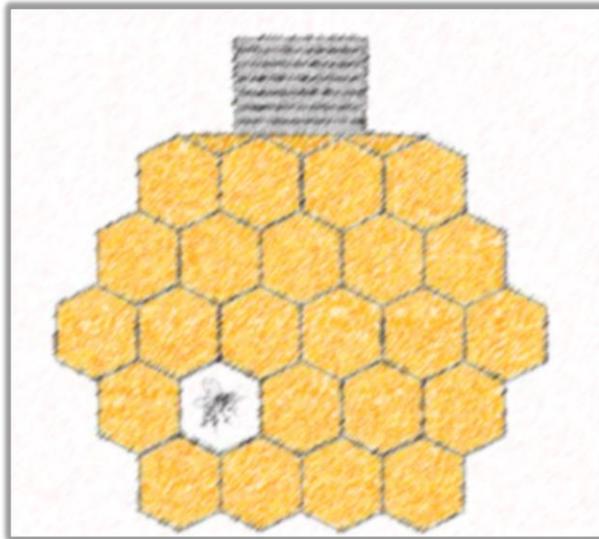
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## ✓ Quality of the Reproductions

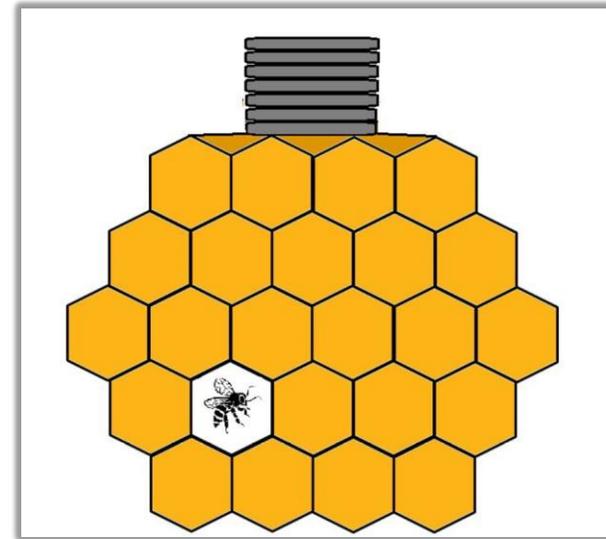
The reproduction is **not clearly shown**.

**Example:** Reproduction 1.1 is **not of a quality permitting all the details** of the design or the product shown in them to be clearly distinguished when published in the International Designs Bulletin.

**Not Acceptable**  
1.1



**Acceptable**  
1.1



**Solution:** Provide a new copy of professional quality for the reproduction.

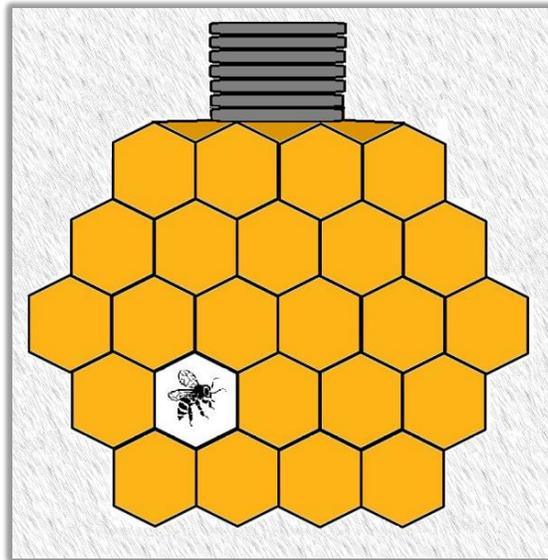
# Common Irregularities

## ✓ **Background of the Reproductions**

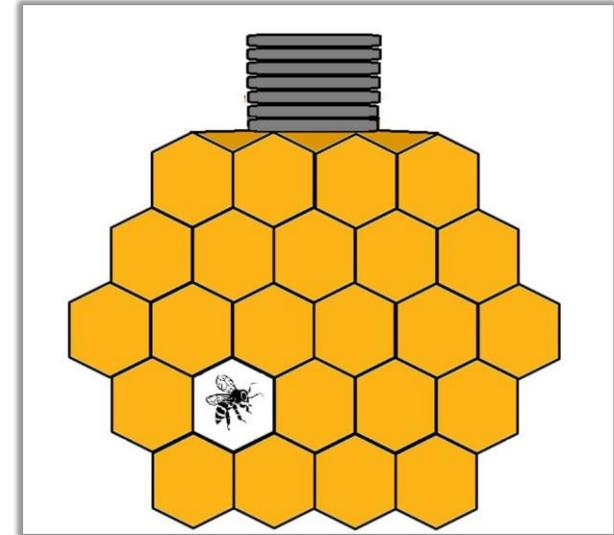
The designs or products are **not shown against a neutral and plain background.**

**Example:** Reproduction 1.1. is **not shown against a neutral and plain background.**

**Not Acceptable**  
1.1



**Acceptable**  
1.1



**Solution:** Provide new photographs and/or graphic representations of the industrial designs or products shown against a neutral and plain background.

# Common Irregularities

## **Reproductions – not accepted**

- Technical drawings, with axes and dimensions
- Explanatory text or legends
- No multiple views

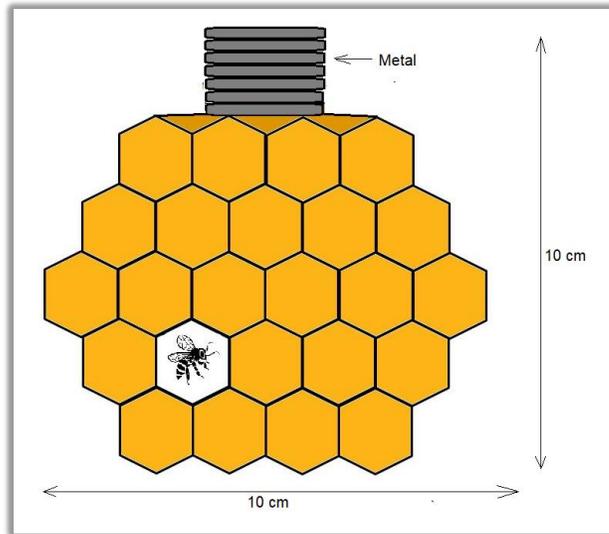
# Common Irregularities

## ✓ Information Included in the Reproduction

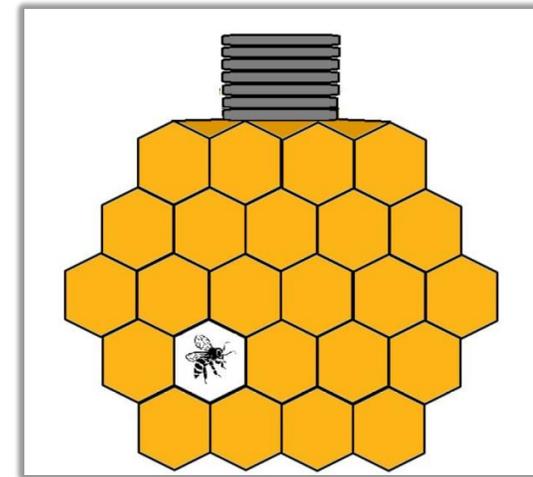
Reproduction **should not include explanatory texts, legends, axes of symmetry or ratings.**

**Example:** Reproduction 1.1 includes explanatory texts, legends, axes of symmetry or ratings, and therefore do not comply with the provisions set out in the instruction administrative 402.c).

**Not Acceptable**  
1.1



**Acceptable**  
1.1



**Solution:** Send a new copy of the reproduction without non-permitted elements.

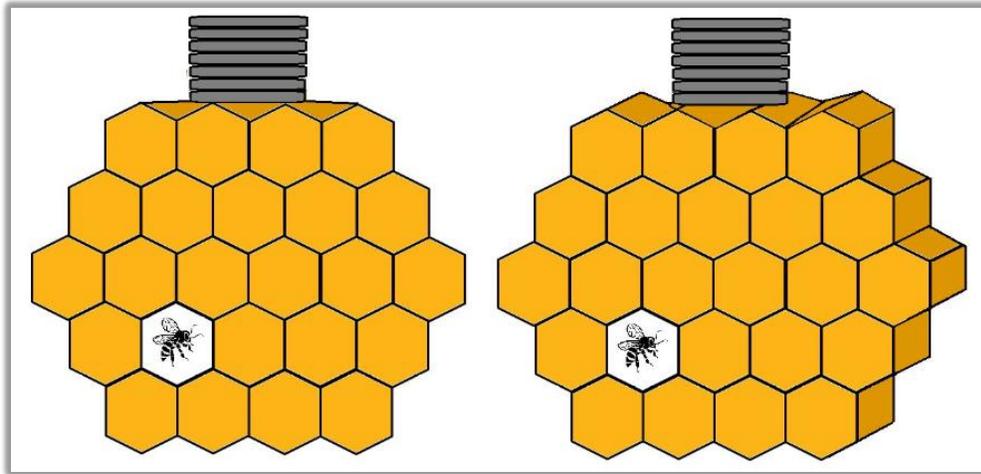
# Common Irregularities

## ✓ Multiple Views in One Reproduction

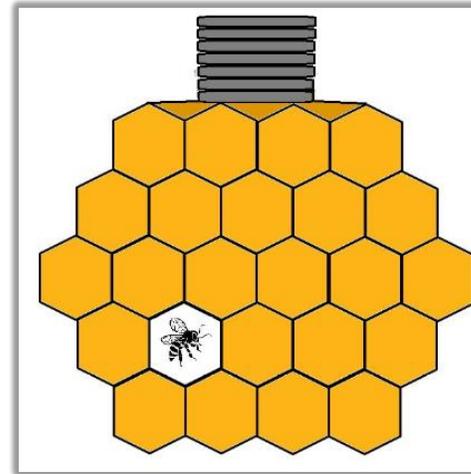
Reproduction **should not include multiple views**.

**Example:** Reproduction 1.1 includes multiple views, and therefore does not comply.

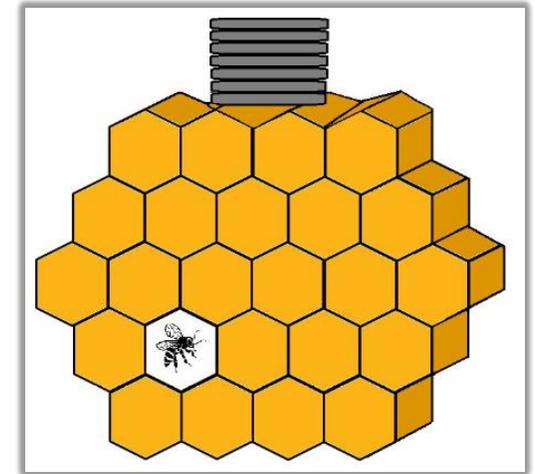
**Not acceptable**  
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**Acceptable**  
1.1



1.2



**Solution:** Send a new copy of the reproductions, one view per reproduction.

# Irregularities – receipt of notification

## ■ By electronic notification ([noreply.hague@wipo.int](mailto:noreply.hague@wipo.int))

Fri 22/01/2021 23:09  
noreply Hague  
Notification from the Hague System

To  [REDACTED]

Dear User,

Please be advised of a notification under the Hague System regarding the international application [REDACTED]. This notification can be accessed and downloaded directly for a period of 90 days only from the date of this email: [Access the notification](#)

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Best regards,

The Hague Registry

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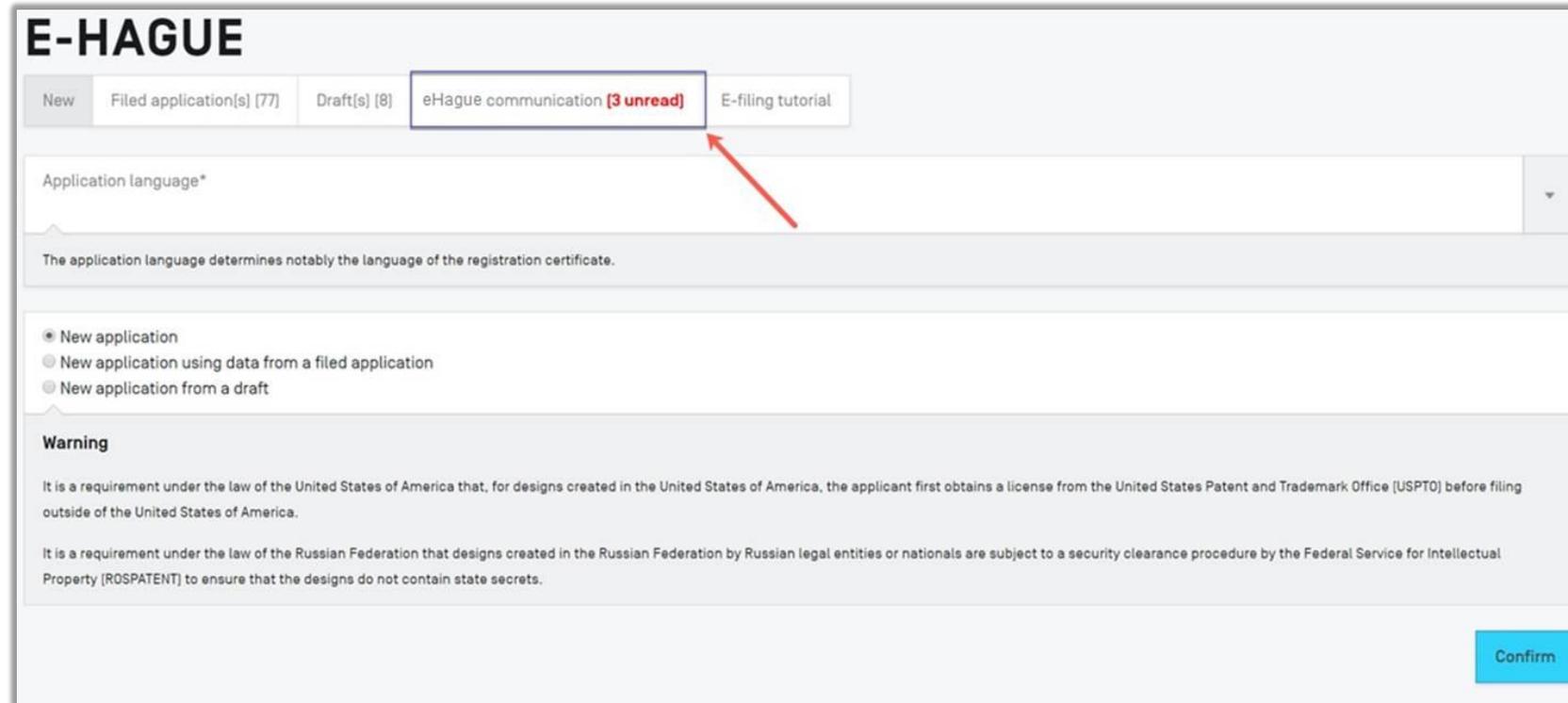
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# Irregularities – receipt of notification

## ■ Correction through eHague Portfolio Manager



# Irregularities – how to reply

- Through eHague if IA filed online

COMMUNICATION									
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# Irregularities – how to reply

## ■ Through Contact Hague

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### Contact Hague

**I am: \***

an international design registration applicant, holder or representative

**User type: \***

legal entity

**My request concerns: \***

forms

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**More specifically: \***

Upload a form  
 Ask a question about a form

Please read the instructions before proceeding to reply to an irregularity or upload documents.

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- Tel: +41 22 338 7575 (Monday to Friday – 9:00-18:00 Central European Time CET)

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- Fax communications are no longer used

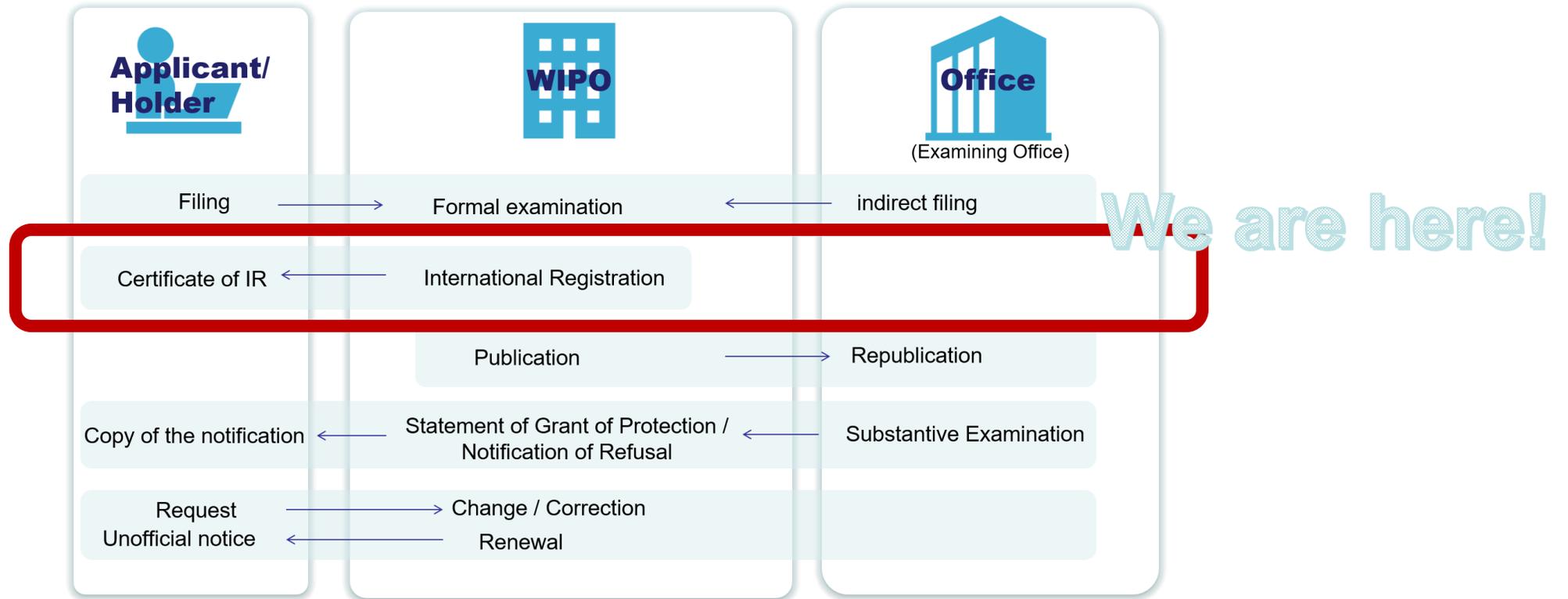
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# International Registration

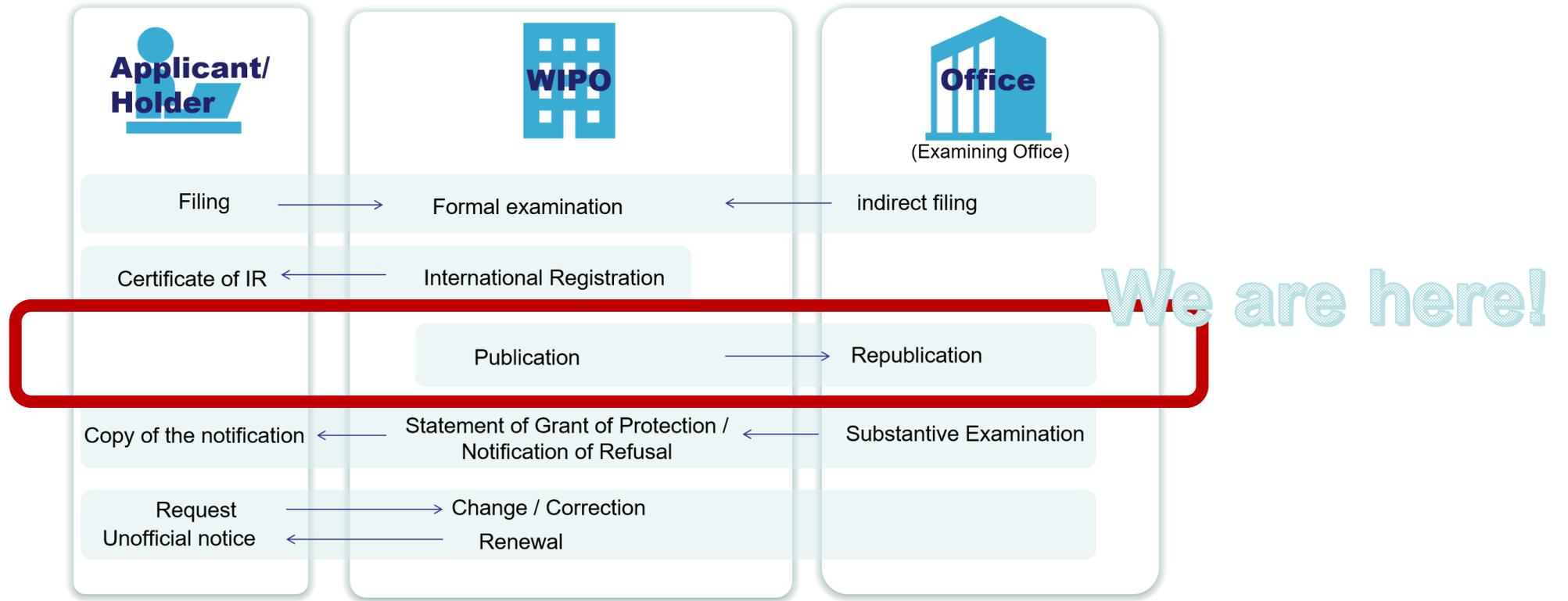
# Registration in the International Register

Where the International Bureau finds that the international application conforms to the applicable requirements,

- registers the industrial design in the International Register
- sends a certificate to the holder
- The IR has the same effect in each designated CP as a regularly-filed application

# Contents of the Registration

- all the data contained in the international application;
- reproduction of the industrial design;
- the date of the international registration;
- the number of the international registration; and
- the relevant class of the International Classification, as determined by the International Bureau.



# Publication

# Publication of the international registration

- Centralized publication of an international registration having effect in all the designated Contracting Parties
- available on the WIPO website
- published on a weekly basis

# International Designs Bulletin

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DM/210 973	1. Air humidifier / 1. Humidificateur d'air / 1. Humidificador de aire
DM/213 804	1. Necklace; 2. Bracelet; 3.-4. Pair of earrings; 5. Finger ring; 6. Bracelet / 1. Collier; 2. Bracelet; 3.-4. Paire de boucles d'oreilles; 5. Bague; 6. Bracelet / 1. Collar; 2. Pulsera; 3.-4. Par de pendientes; 5. Anillo; 6. Pulsera
<b>DM/213 850</b>	1. Motor scooter / 1. Scooter / 1. Escúter
DM/213 851	1.-5. Faucet; 6.-7. Faucet handle / 1.-5. Robinet; 6.-7. Poignée de robinet / 1.-5. Grifo; 6.-7. Manija de grifo
DM/213 922	1. Surface pattern of a firearm barrel / 1. Motif de surface d'un barillet d'arme à feu / 1. Patrón de superficie del cañón de un arma de fuego
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# Contents of Publication

- (i) the data recorded in the International Register;
- (ii) the reproduction or reproductions of the industrial design;
- (iii) where publication has been deferred, an indication of the date on which the period of deferment expired or is considered to have expired.

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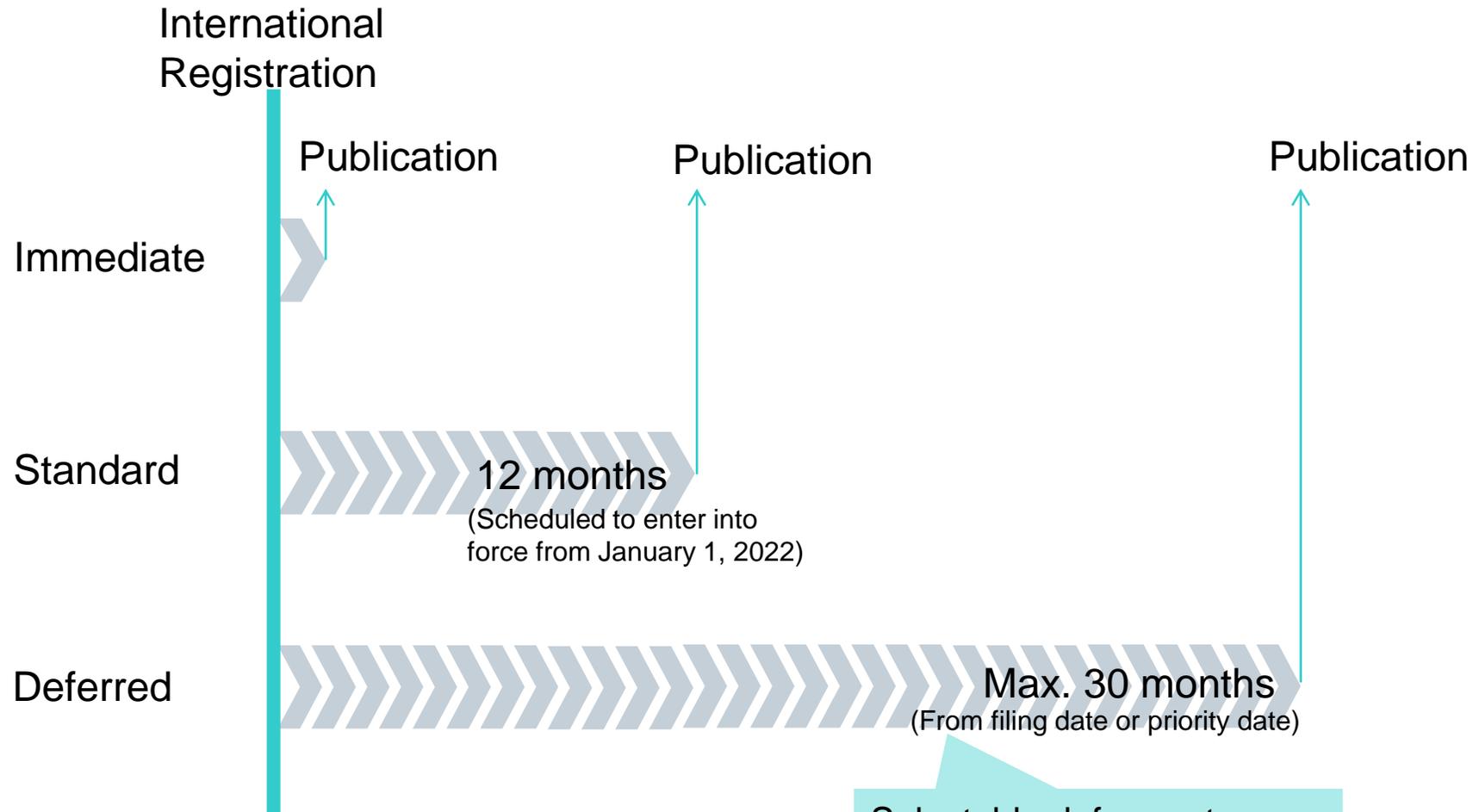


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# Timing of Publication

- Immediate publication  
Immediately after the registration
- Standard publication  
12\* months after the registration date (\*Scheduled to enter into force from January 1, 2022)
- Deferred Publication  
Max. 30 months from the filing date or priority date

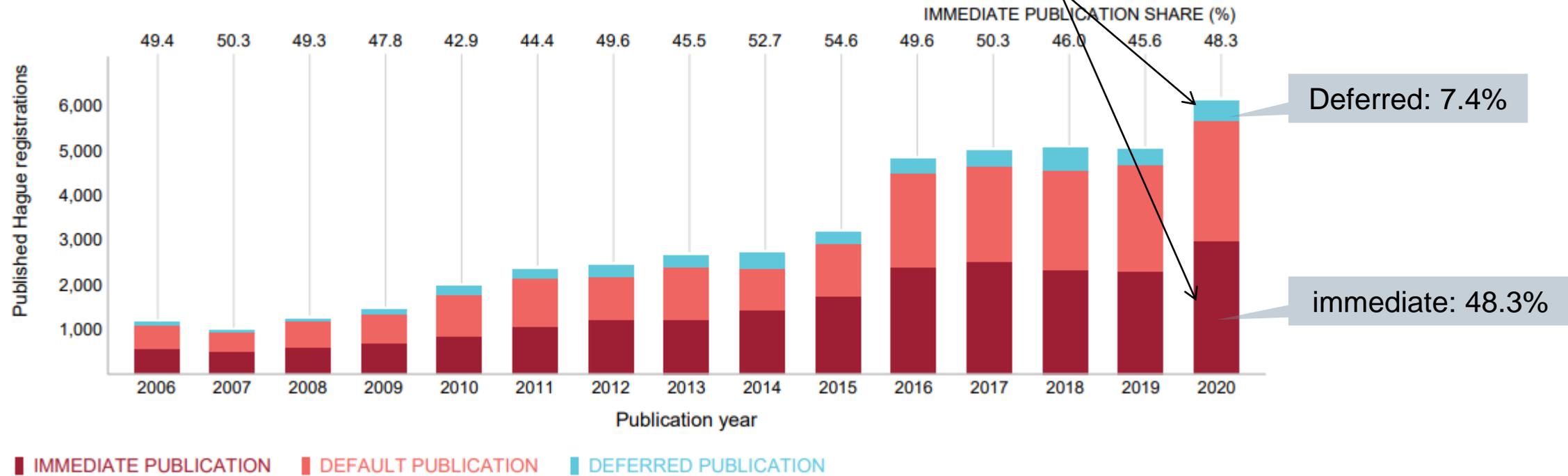
# Timing of Publication



Selectable deferment periods range from 1 month to 30 months.  
(As from January 1, 2022)

# Timing of Publication

- Immediate publication accounted for the largest share
- Deferred publication accounted for the smallest share



# Republication by Office

- The I.D.B. is deemed, in all Contracting Parties, to be sufficient publication
- However, a contracting party is not precluded from republishing the international registration.
- No extra obligation or fee for the republication

- Possible benefit of republication:  
Translation the IR into the national language for national users

- About 1/3 of CPs, including Cambodia and Singapore, adopt the republication.

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## Registrations (1960 and 1999 Acts)

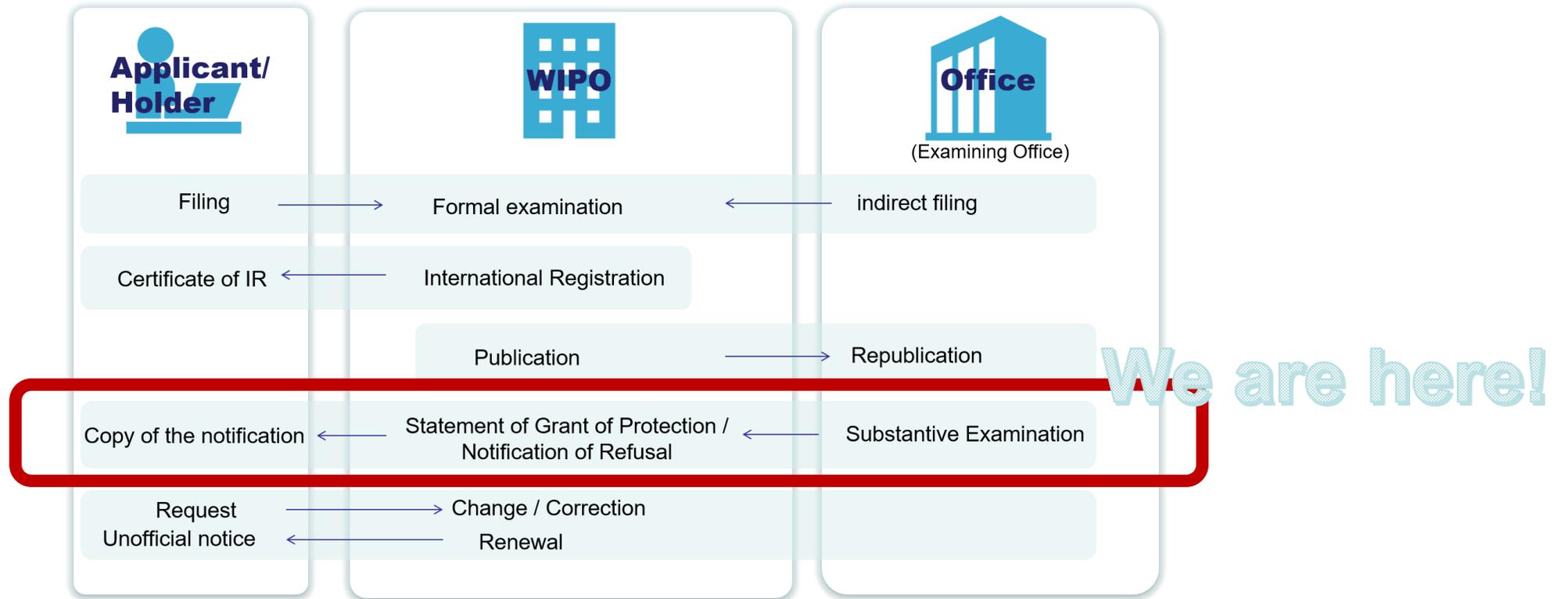
Bulletin No. 08/2019 - 22.02.2019

(11) DM/103 063 (15) 20.08.2018  
 (22) 20.08.2018 (73) MARUNI WOOD INDUSTRY INC., 1-66, Shimohera 2-chome, Hatsuikaichi-shi, Hiroshima (JP) (73) JASPER MORRISON, 24b Kingsland Road, London E2 8DA (GB) (86) JP: GB, EM (87) -- -- (88) -- -- (85) -- -- (89) JP: GB (74) Hitomi IWASE, NISHIMURA & ASAH, Otomon Tower, 1-1-2, Otomachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8124 (JP) (72) Jasper Morrison, 24b Kingsland Road, London E2 8DA, United Kingdom (28) 1 (51) Cl. 06-01 (54) 1. Chair [seat] / 1. Chaise [siège] / 1. Silla [asiento] (57) The left side view is omitted because it is a mirror image of the right side view / La vue latérale gauche est omise, s'agissant d'une image miroir de la vue latérale droite / Se omite la vista lateral izquierda por ser una imagen refleja de la vista lateral derecha (81) Ill. CH, EM, GB, NO, SG (30) No. 1: 21.02.2018; 2018-003503; JP (55) 1.1) Perspective; 1.2) Perspective; 1.3) Front; 1.4) Back; 1.5) Right; 1.6) Top; 1.7) Bottom / 1.1) Perspective; 1.2) Perspective; 1.3) Face; 1.4) Derrière; 1.5) Droite; 1.6) Dessus; 1.7) Dessous / 1.1) Perspectiva; 1.2) Perspectiva; 1.3) Frente; 1.4) Posterior; 1.5) Derecha; 1.6) Superior; 1.7) Inferior

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(Singapore)

Details Of Design IR

Textual Details	
Bulletin No.	08/2019
Applicant's Name	MARUNI WOOD INDUSTRY INC.
WIPO Publication Date	22/02/2019
Applicant's Address	24B KINGSLAND ROAD, LONDON E2 8DALONDON E2GB
International Registration No.	D103063
Residence or Headquarters of Owner	
Expected Expiration Date of the Registration/Renewal	20/08/2023
State in which Owner has Real and Effective Industrial or Commercial Establishment	
International Filing Date	20/08/2018
Agent's Name	HITOMI IWASE
Number of Designs	1
Agent's Address	NISHIMURA & ASAH, Otomon Tower, 1-1-2, Otomachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8124, JP, Tokyo 100-
Locarno Class/Sub Class	06-01
Applicant's Contracting Party	Japan
Designation of Article	1. Chair [seat]
Name and Address of the Creator of the Designs	Jasper Morrison, 24b Kingsland Road, London E2 8DA, United Kingdom
Designated States	Switzerland, European Union, United Kingdom, Norway, Singapore
IR Status (by IPOS/SG)	Approved
Authority in which the Priority Application was Made	Japan
IR Status	
Priority Dates	21/02/2018
Image Details	



# Substantive examination

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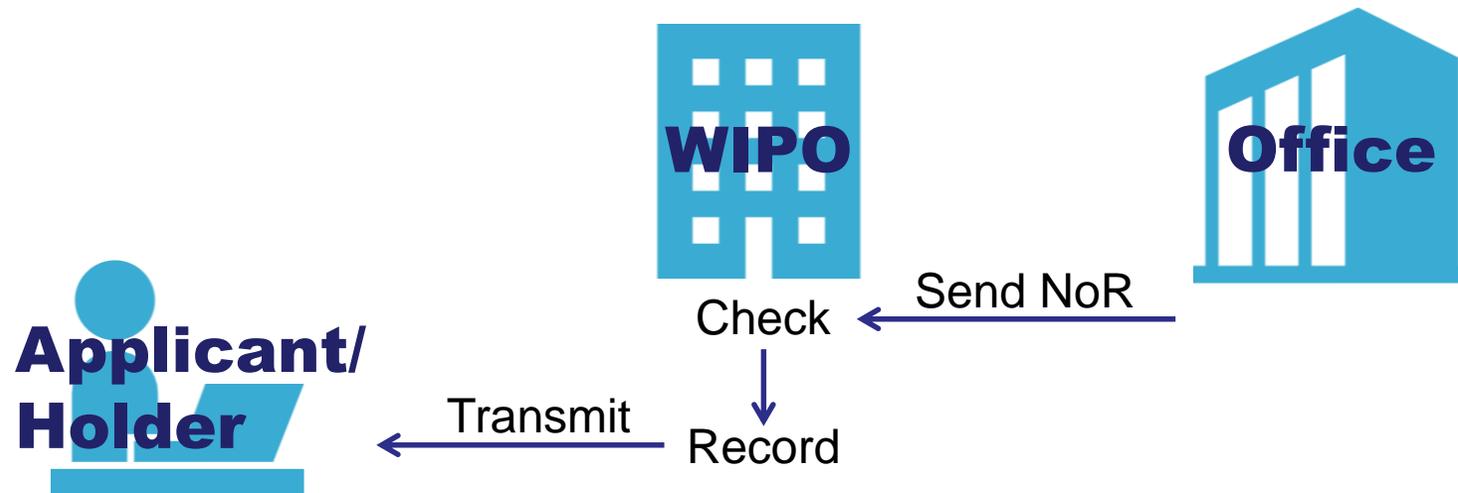
- Refusal can **only** be made on substantive grounds
  - must be communicated to WIPO within a given time limit
  - does not affect protection in other designated CPs
  - can be overcome by the holder at the IP office concerned

## **If no refusal:**

The holder obtains a bundle of independent national/regional rights in all designated CPs

# Notification of Refusal

- Refusal based on substantive grounds
- The period for NoR: 6 months or 12 months
- Checked and recorded by IB
- Transmitted from IB to holder



# Period for substantive examination

- 6 or 12 months from the date of publication of the international registration
- Examining Offices can request to receive a confidential copy
- A confidential copy is only for the purpose of the examination



# Contents of Notification of Refusal

## ■ Contents of NoR

- the Office making the notification;
- the number of the international registration;
- all the grounds on which the refusal is based,
- all relevant data concerning that an earlier industrial design (if the grounds refer to similarity with an industrial design)
- designs to which it does or does not relate (if the refusal does not concern all the industrial designs)
- (if the refusal may be subject to review or appeal),,
  - (i) *Time limit for requesting review or appeal:*
  - (ii) *Authority to which such request for review or appeal should be made:*
  - (iii) *Indications concerning the appointment of a representative:*
- the date on which the refusal was pronounced.

## Model form in Hague accession kit

Model form	
HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS	
– NOTIFICATION OF REFUSAL –	
<u>Rule 18(2) of the Common Regulations</u>	
I.	Office sending the notification:
II.	Office reference (optional):
III.	Number of the international registration:
IV.	<input type="checkbox"/> Refusal for all the industrial designs <input type="checkbox"/> Refusal for the following industrial designs: [followed by design numbers]
V.	Grounds for refusal (where applicable, see item VI):

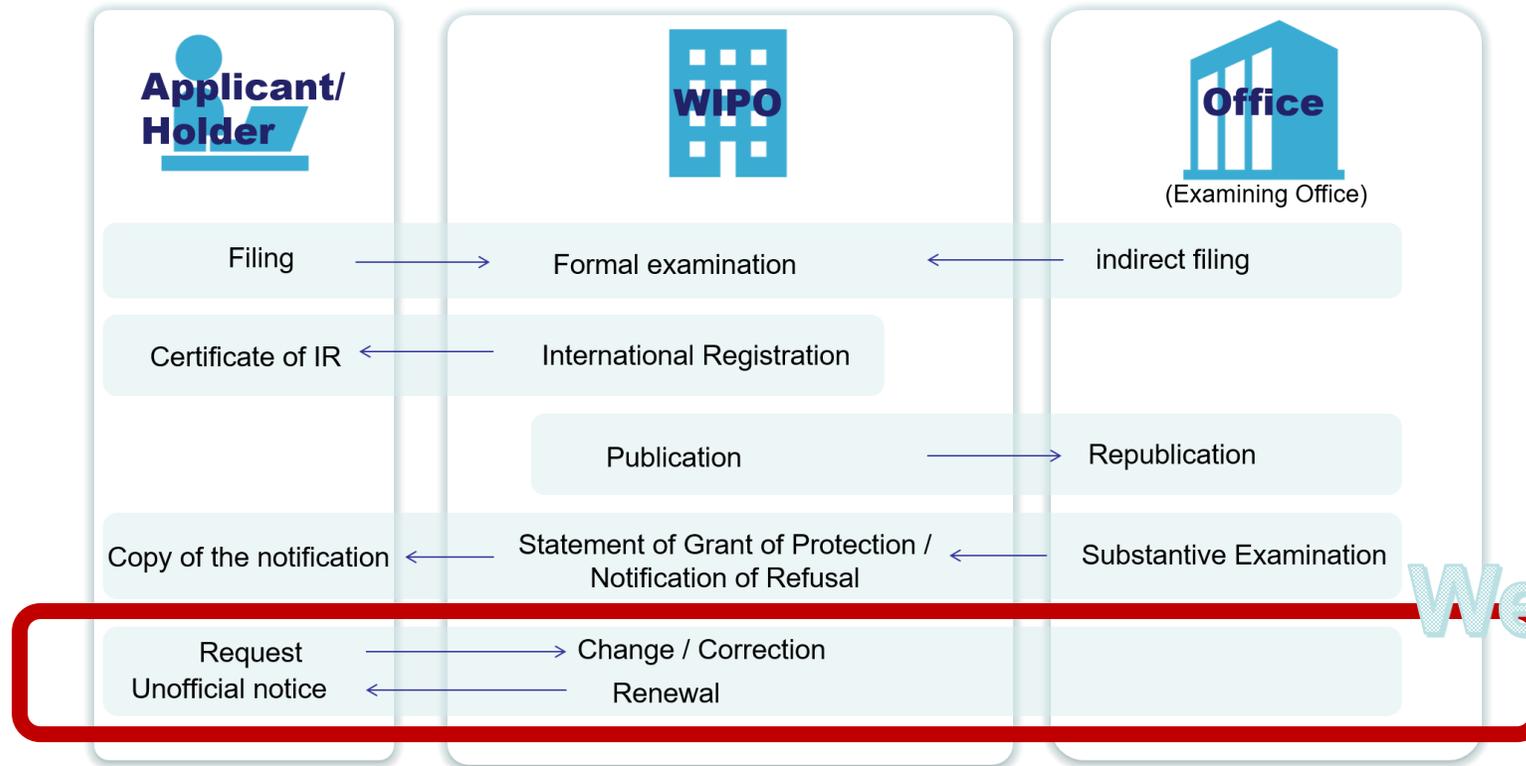
# Contents of Statement of Grant of Protection

## ■ Contents of SGP

- the Office making the notification;
- the number of the international registration;
- where the statement does not relate to all the industrial designs that are the subject of the international registration, those to which it relates or does not relate;
- the date on which the international registration produced the effect as a grant of protection under the applicable law;
- the date of the statement;
- where the international registration was amended in a procedure before the Office, the statement shall also contain or indicate all amendments (refer to “Notification of withdrawal of refusal”).

## Model form in Hague accession kit

Model form	
HAGUE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS	
– STATEMENT OF GRANT OF PROTECTION –	
<u>Rule 18bis(1) of the Common Regulations</u>	
I.	Office sending the statement:
II.	Office reference (optional):
III.	Number of the international registration:
IV.	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection is (to be) granted for all the industrial designs <input type="checkbox"/> Protection is (to be) granted for the following industrial designs: [followed by design numbers]
V.	Date on which the international registration produced or shall produce the effect as a grant of protection under the applicable law (in respect of the industrial designs indicated under item IV):
VI.	Date of the statement:
VII.	Signature or official seal of the Office sending the statement:



We are here!

# Change / Correction / Renewal

# Changes in the international registration

- A request for the recording of a change may relate to any of the following:
  - change in ownership of an international registration
  - change in the name and/or address of the holder (including address for correspondence)
  - renunciation of the international registration in respect of any or all of the designated Contracting Parties
  - limitation, in respect of any or all of the designated Contracting Parties
  
- Where the request for the recording of a change concerns any of the above, such request must be presented to the International Bureau on the corresponding official form.

# Corrections in the International Register

- Correction: modifying an error in the International Register concerning an international registration,
- The IB modify the International Register and inform the holder accordingly.
- The Office of any designated Contracting Party has however the right to declare in a notification to the International Bureau that it refuses to recognize the effects of such correction.

# Renewal of the international registration

- the IR is valid for an initial period of 5 years and may be renewed for two additional 5 year periods.
- Contracting Party provides for a duration of protection in excess of 15 years
- Mandatory declaration: the maximum duration of protection
- Unofficial notices to holders

# Thank you!