

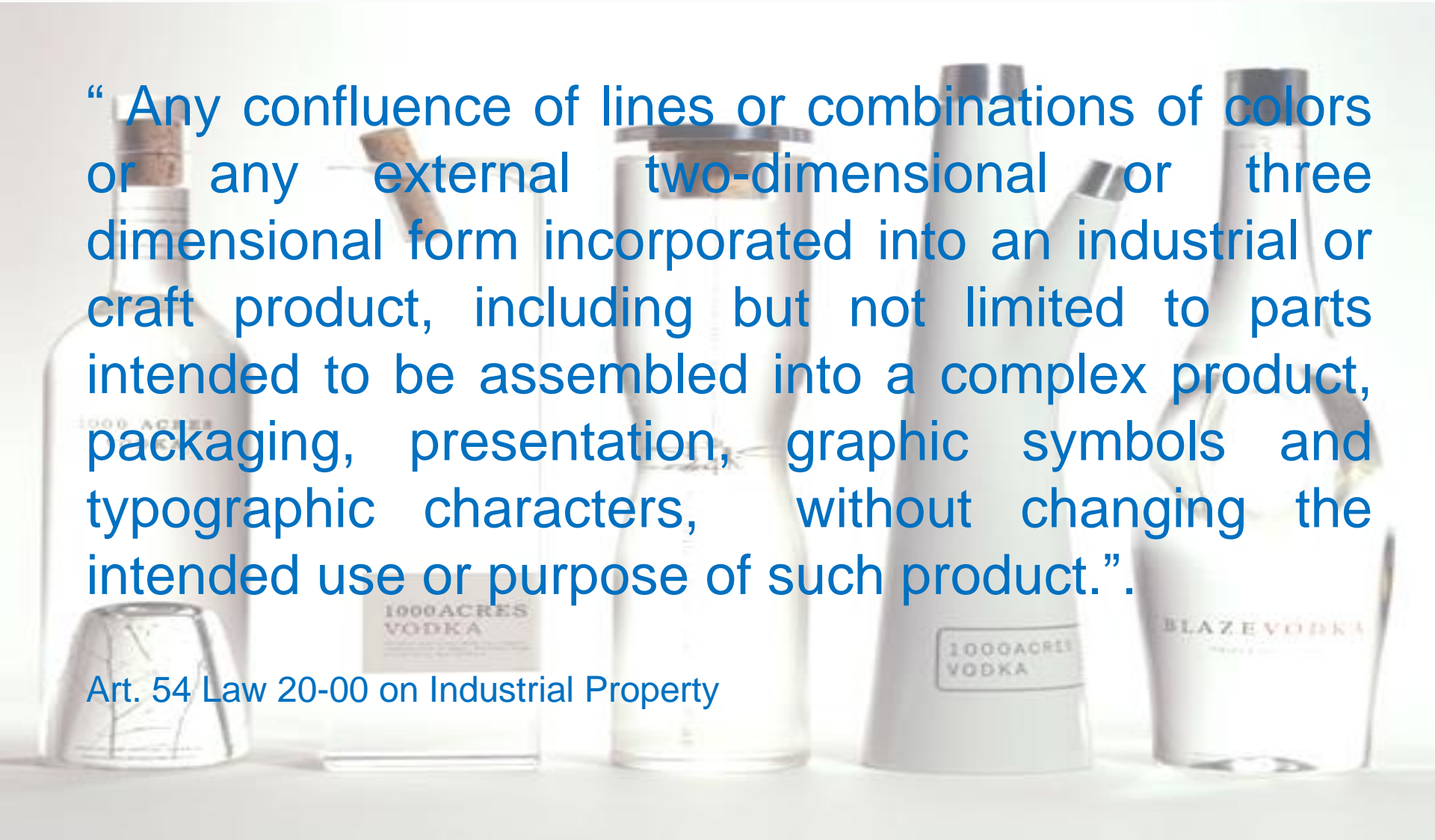


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**Industrial Designs in the
Dominican Republic**

“ Any confluence of lines or combinations of colors or any external two-dimensional or three dimensional form incorporated into an industrial or craft product, including but not limited to parts intended to be assembled into a complex product, packaging, presentation, graphic symbols and typographic characters, without changing the intended use or purpose of such product.”.

Art. 54 Law 20-00 on Industrial Property





In a legal sense, an Industrial Design constitutes the ornamental aspect of an article.

THREE-DIMENSIONAL



BI-DIMENSIONAL





For the Industrial Designs what is taken into consideration is the **EXTERNAL ASPECT AND THE SHAPE**, what is perceivable first hand by the consumer of a new product.

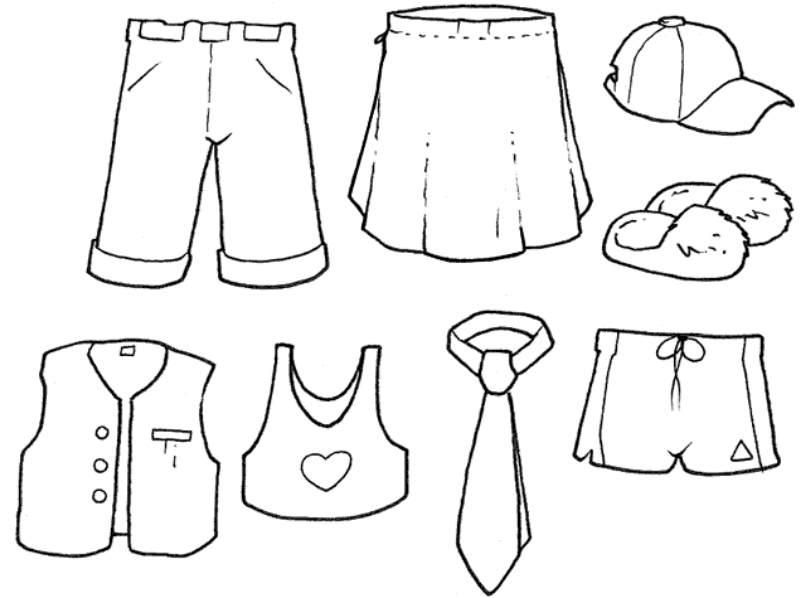
The application may include various designs, 20 as a maximum, as long as they refer to products that belong to the same class, according to the International Classification for Designs and Industrial Models, established by the Locarno Agreement



EXAMPLE

Class 02 – Articles of clothing and haberdashery

- 1) Undergarments, lingerie....
- 2) Dresses
- 3) Shoes, socks....
- 4) Ties, tissues...
- 5) Various

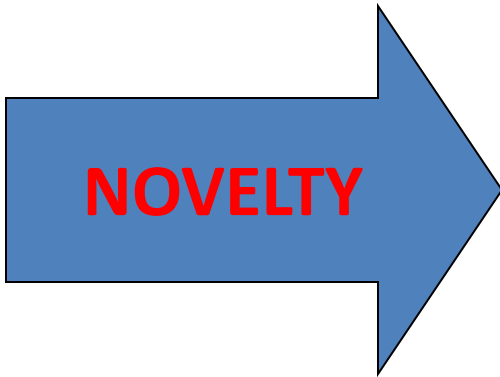


REQUIREMENTS FOR PROTECTION

In order to register an Industrial Design it must meet the following requirements:

- **NOVELTY**
- **SINGULAR CHARACTER**
- **NOT EXCLUDED FROM PROTECTION**





Not made public in any part of the world



SINGULAR CHARACTER

An industrial design will be considered unique when the general impression it produces on an informed user differs from the general impression produced on said user by any other industrial design that has been made available to the public.



TERM OF PROTECTION FOR INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS



Five (05) years extendable for two more periods of five (05) years each.

The Design with Industry Program is a collaboration between the State, the Academy and the Industries where the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and MSMEs (MICM), the National Office of Industrial Property (ONAPI), the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (INTEC) and the National Association of Herrera Companies and Industries (ANEIH) have the purpose of developing industrial design projects prepared by finishing students of industrial design and engineering careers in local manufacturing industries.

Thank you!

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