



Sub-Regional Meeting on Industrial Designs

Protecting Industrial Designs
Abroad - The Hague System

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How to protect a design abroad?

■ National route



How to protect a design abroad?

- International route: Hague System

**International
application**



**International Bureau
(WIPO)**



**IP Offices of
designated CP**

Hague System

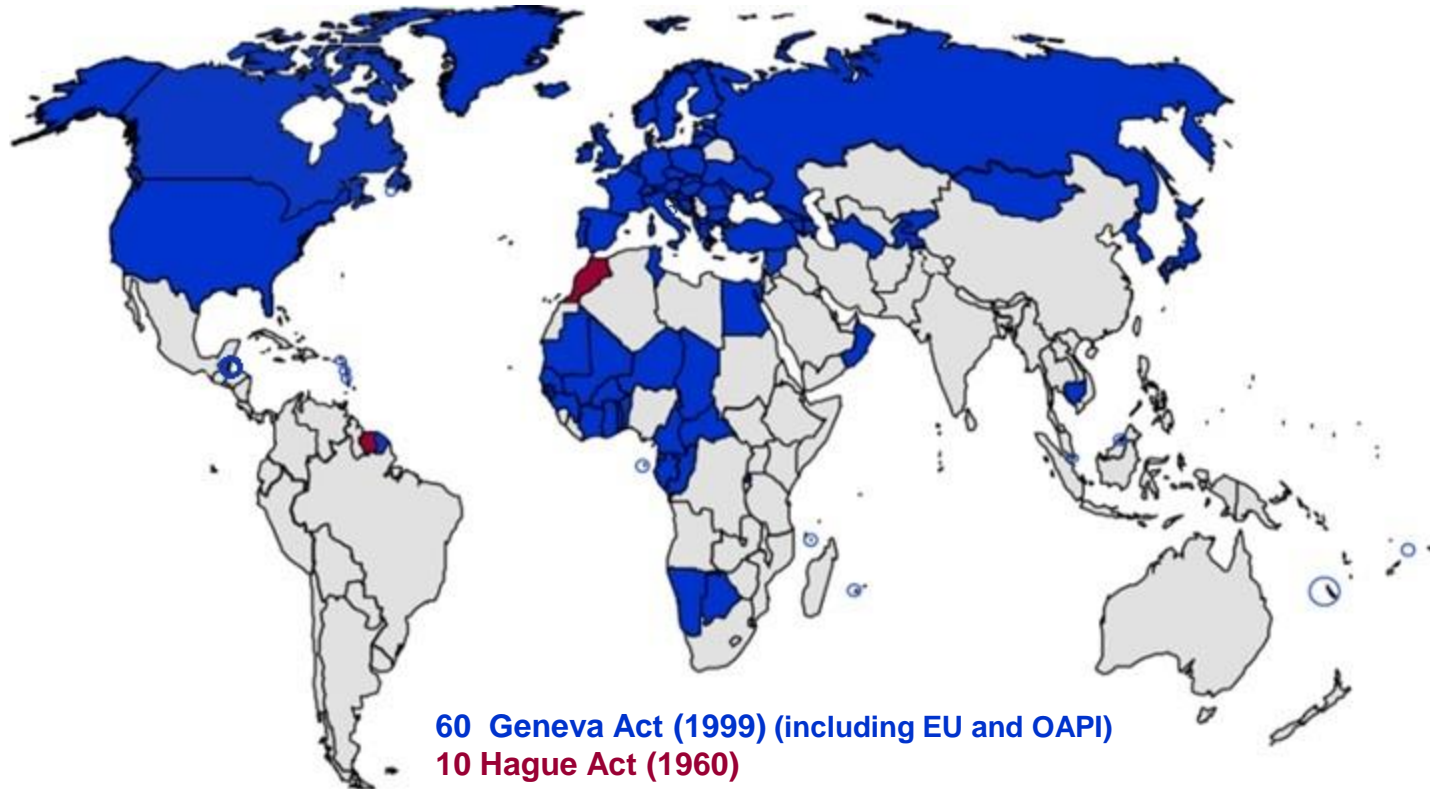
- «International» registration
- Closed system – 70 Contracting Parties (CP)* → entitlement = connection with a CP through
 - Nationality
 - Domicile
 - Real and effective industrial or commercial establishment
 - Residence (1999 Act only)

* As of December 1, 2018

Hague System

- NO need of a basic national application/registration
- Possibility to designate the country of origin
- An application may include up to 100 different designs (if they all belong to the same class of the Locarno Classification)
- Formalities to fulfill + payment of fees

Hague Union



70 Contracting Parties

Entry into force of 1999 Act re Benelux: December 18, 2018, San Marino: January 26, 2019 and Belize: February 9, 2019

Hague System Growth (as of Dec. 1, 2018)

■ 1999 Act ■ 1960 Act



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Hague Union Members according to the most recent applicable Act

Geneva Act (1999)
60 members

• African Intellectual Property Organization, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium *, Belize *, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Croatia, D.P.R. of Korea, Denmark, **Egypt**, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg *, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Namibia, Netherlands *, Norway, **Oman**, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino *, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, **Syrian Arab Republic**, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Y.R. of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom and the United States of America (60)

Hague Act (1960)
10 members

• Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Greece, Italy, Mali, **Morocco**, Niger, Senegal and Suriname (10)

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Geneva Act (1999)

Recent Accessions

	Belize * (November 9, 2018)
	San Marino * (October 26, 2018)
	Benelux Union * (September 18, 2018)
	Canada (July 16, 2018)
	United Kingdom (March 13, 2018)
	Russian Federation (November 30, 2017)
	The Kingdom of Cambodia (November 25, 2016)
	D.P.R. of Korea (June 13, 2016)

Potential Accessions in 2019

	China
	Morocco (1999 Act)
	Mexico
	Madagascar
	The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
	Vietnam
	Indonesia
	...

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Advantages of the Hague System

- Filing of ONE international application
 - ONE request
 - ONE language (FR/EN/SP)
 - Payment of ONE set of fees in ONE currency (CHF)
 - Direct filing with the International Bureau of WIPO

Procedure

■ Applicant:

- Filing of an application with the IB
 - ➔ e-filing Portfolio Manager, or
 - ➔ Application for registration form



How to file your application: File

[Overview](#)

[Entitlement](#)

[Fees and payment](#)

[Preparing reproductions](#)

File

[After filing](#)

You can make a Hague System application either online (E-Filing) or on paper.

E-Filing

Making an online application using the [E-Filing Portfolio Manager](#) is the preferred method thanks to its simplicity and modern features.

Advantages of E-Filing

- **Easier:** intelligent input checking, online payment by credit card, personalized workbench
- **Cheaper:** no fees for submitting multiple pages of reproductions
- **Faster:** rapid application delivery, reuse of data from previous applications

Paper application

Simply fill in the [application form](#) and send it by mail. Submission by e-mail is not accepted.

Useful resources

[Hague System E-Filing Tutorial](#)

[Guide to the International Registration of Industrial Designs \(detailed guide with legal focus\)](#)

APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>For use by the applicant</u></p> <p>Your reference:</p> <p>This international application contains the following number of continuation sheets:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>This international application is accompanied by the following Annexes:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>For use by the Office of indirect filing</u></p> <p>OFFICE TRANSMITTING THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION (if applicable)</p> <p>Name of the Office:</p> <p>Office reference:</p> <p>Date of receipt of the international application by the Office:</p> <p>Signature and/or seal of the Office:</p>
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1 APPLICANT (mandatory)

(a) Applicant is a (check only one box):

Natural person – Family name: Given name:

Legal entity – Official designation:

(b) Address:

Postal code: City: Country:

(c) Telephone: E-mail address:

2 ENTITLEMENT TO FILE (mandatory)

With respect to each of the entitlement criteria (a) to (d) below, indicate the corresponding Contracting Party or Parties. If any item is not applicable, write "None". A list of the Contracting Parties bound by the 1999 Act and/or the 1960 Act is attached to the present form. Under item (d), only a Contracting Party bound by the **1999 Act** may be indicated. Where entitlement is derived from a connection with a Contracting Party that is a member State of an intergovernmental organization (European Union or African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)), both that member State and that intergovernmental organization should be indicated (such as "France, European Union") with respect to any of the corresponding criteria; where entitlement is derived from a connection with a member State of an intergovernmental organization that is not a Contracting Party, only that intergovernmental organization should be indicated.

(a) Nationality:

(b) Domicile:

(c) Real and effective industrial or commercial establishment:

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(d) Habitual residence:

Procedure

- Payment of the fees

➔ Fee Calculator

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Hague System Fee Calculator

Enter the details below to quickly estimate the application or renewal fees in Swiss francs (CHF)

Type:	International Application
Date:	03.12.2018
Applicant's State of origin (Hague "1960" Act):	Not Selected
Applicant's Contracting Party (Geneva "1999" Act):	Not Selected
Add the number of industrial designs:	1
Add the number of reproduction(s) of the industrial design(s):	1
If using the paper application form, add the number of pages of reproductions: (free if you use the e-filing interface)	0
Add the number of words of description:	0
Locarno Classification: (For KR designations only)	1
Economic Status: (For US designations only)	Undiscounted (default)

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Benelux (BX) designation includes Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands
European Union (EM) designation includes its [28 Member states](#)
African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) designation includes its [17 Member states](#)

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Procedure

■ International Bureau:

- Examination of the application (formalities only)
 - Recording in the International Register
 - Publication in the Bulletin
- <https://www.wipo.int/haguebulletin/?locale=en>
- Notification of the registration to the designated CP

Procedure

■ IP Office of designated CP:

- Substantive examination of the application according to the domestic legislation
- Protection granted or refused (refusal period: 6 to 12 months)
- If protection granted/not refused: the registration has the same effect as a national registration in the designated CP, under the law of that CP
- If protection refused: the IP Office notifies the IB

Procedure

■ Hague Member Profiles

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

The screenshot shows the WIPO website's 'Hague Member Profiles' page. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the WIPO logo on the left and 'Contact Us' and 'English' on the right. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > IP services > Hague System > Members > Hague Member Profiles'. The main content area has a heading 'Hague Member Profiles' followed by a paragraph: 'Access a wide range of information on the practices and procedures of Hague System members. Simply select the member(s) or groups of members of interest to you, and choose the type of information you want to see.' To the right of this text is a 'Resources' box containing a list of links: 'Contracting parties PDF', 'Declarations made under the Hague Agreement PDF', 'User Guide', and 'Hague System News'. Below the resources is a 'Tip' in red text: 'Tip: Select Groups of Members for a fast track to find members which do not allow deferment of publication or allow it for a limited period.' The bottom section of the page is a search filter area with two columns. The left column is titled 'Which member(s) are you interested in?' and contains a list of checkboxes: 'All members', 'Groups of Members' (with sub-options 'No Deferment' and 'Limited Deferment'), 'African Intellectual Property Organization (OA)', 'Albania (AL)', and 'Armenia (AM)'. The right column is titled 'What type(s) of information are you looking for?' and contains a list of checkboxes: 'All available information', 'General Information', 'Information on Designated Contracting Party', and 'Information on Applicant's Contracting Party (Indirect Filing)'. At the bottom right of the filter area are 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons. The WIPO logo is also present in the bottom right corner of the page.

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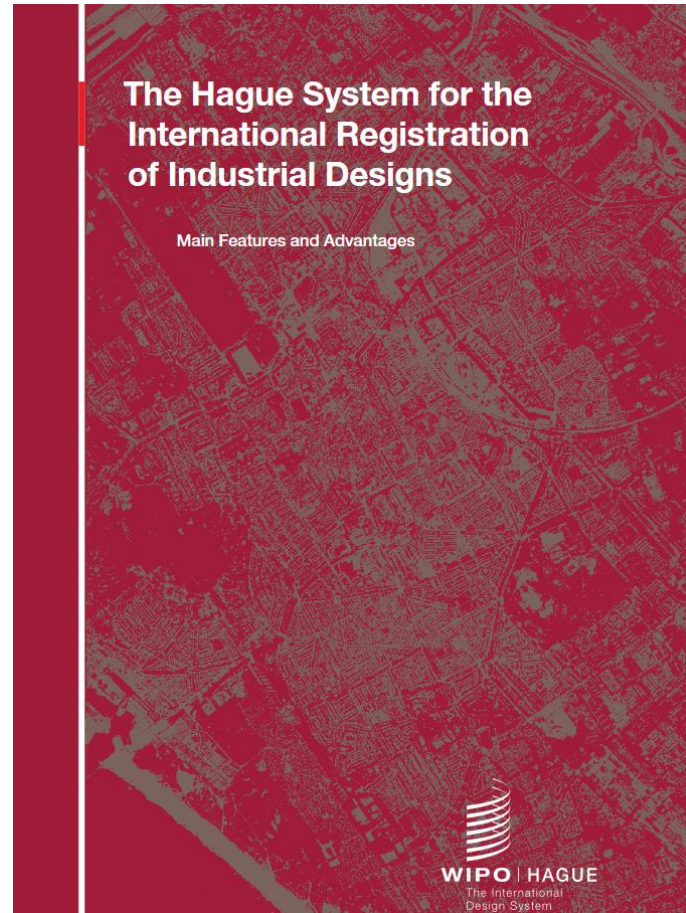
■ Renewal → WIPO

■ Modifications → WIPO

- Change in name and address of the holder
- Change in the ownership of the international registration
- Renunciation
- Limitation of some only of the industrial designs

■ Minimum duration of protection: 15 years

Publication about the Hague System



WIPO Publication No. 911

Hague – Statistics (2017)

NUMBER OF DESIGNS
CONTAINED IN APPLICATIONS

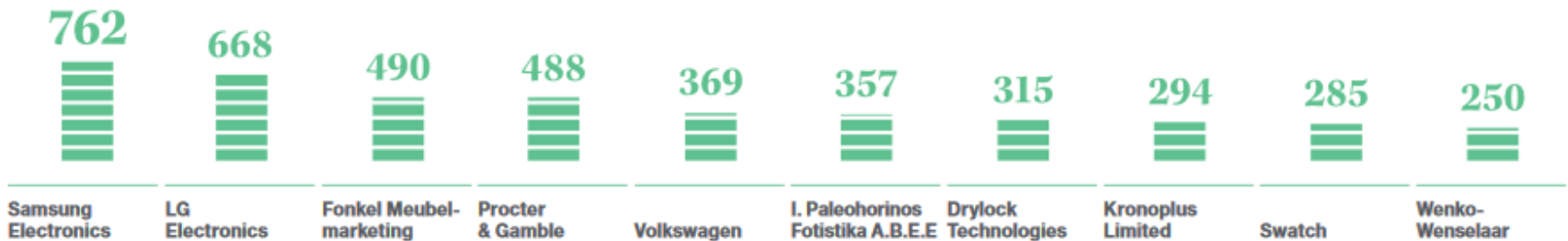
19,429

↑
3.8%

Hague – Statistics (2017)

TOP 10 HAGUE APPLICANTS

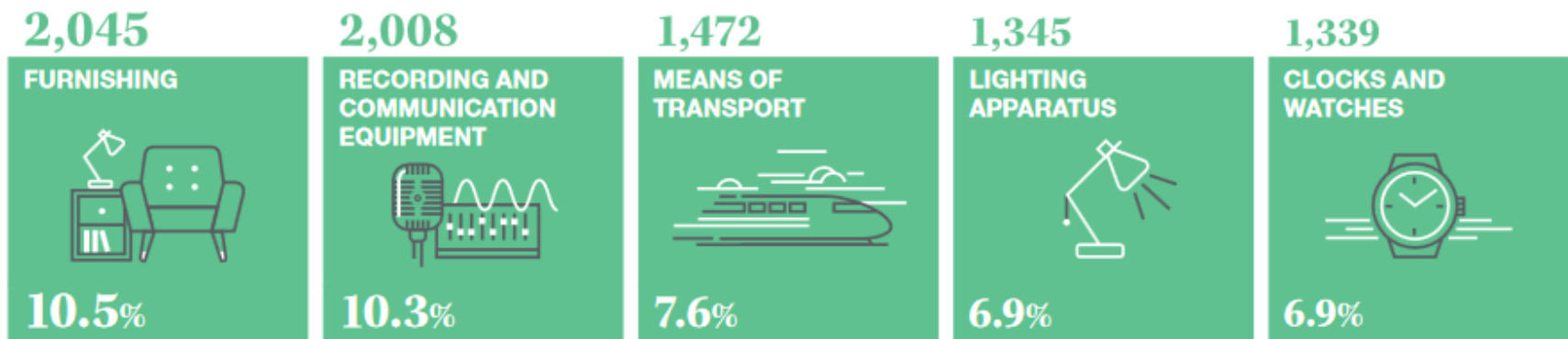
Number of designs contained in Hague applications



Hague – Statistics (2017)

TOP 5 CLASSES

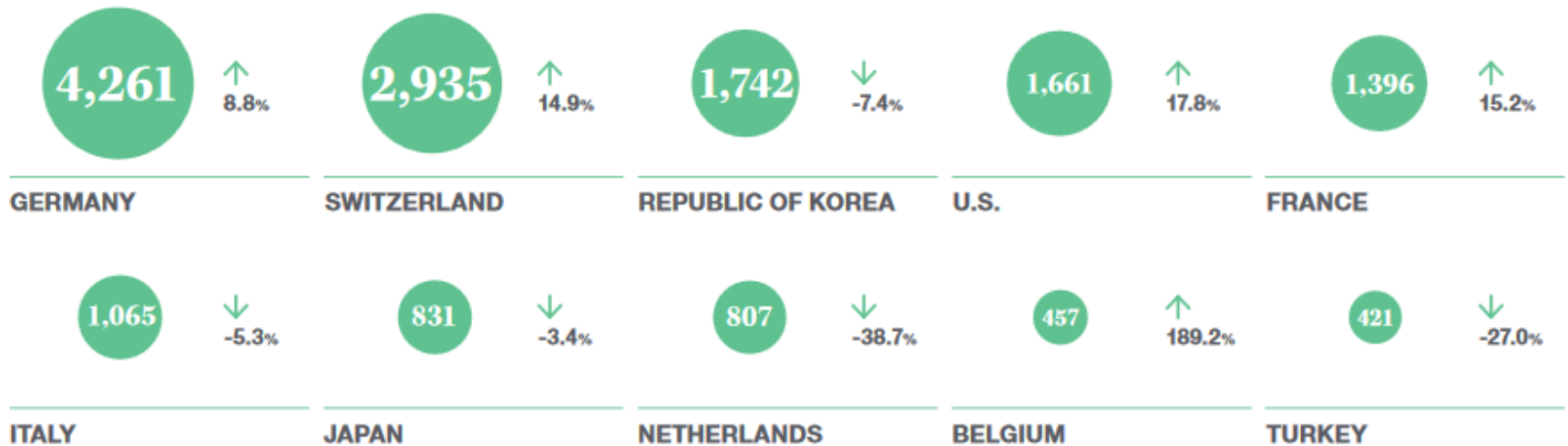
Number of designs in applications and share of total



Hague – Statistics (2017)

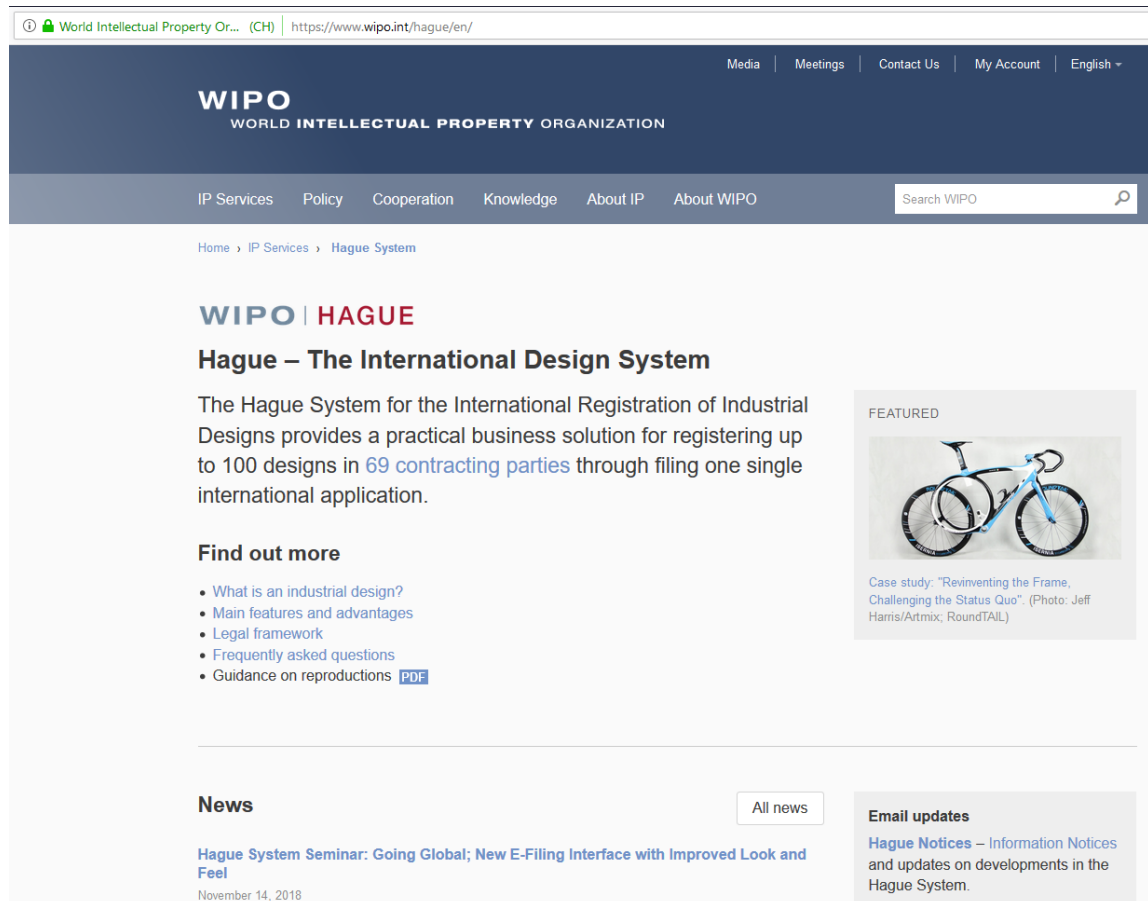
TOP 10 COUNTRIES

Number of designs contained in Hague applications and % growth since 2016



Hague webpages

■ <https://www.wipo.int/hague/en/>



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Hague – The International Design System

The Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs provides a practical business solution for registering up to 100 designs in [69 contracting parties](#) through filing one single international application.

Find out more

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