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PART I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Field of Application

This Presidential Decree is applied to the international filings of an industrial design or model which bear consequences also on the territory of the Greek State and on the national filings for the protection of a design or model.

Article 2 Definitions

For the application of the national legislation are considered as:

a. "Design or model", the external visible feature of the whole or part of a product, which derives from the particular characteristics, in particular, of the line, the outline, the colour, the shape, the form and/or the materials of the product itself and/or its decoration (third article paragraph 1a of Law 2417/1996).

b. "Product", any industrial or handicraft product which comprises the components destined to be adapted into a composite product, the get-up, the presentation, the graphic symbols and the prints but computer programs being excluded (third article paragraph 1b of Law 2417/1996).

For the application of this Presidential Decree are considered:

a. As "O.B.I.", the Organization of Industrial Property, located in Athens (Article 1 of Law 1733/1987).

b. As "PODI", the World Organization of Intellectual Property, as defined in Article 2 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, ratified by Greece by the first article of Law 1883/1990 (Off. Gaz. 45, A').

c. As "Agreement", The Hague Agreement re the international filing of industrial designs and models, which was ratified by Greece by Law 2417/1996 (Off. Gaz. 139 A') (Article 2 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

d. As "International Bureau", the Bureau of the International Union for the protection of intellectual property, in Geneva (Article 2 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

e. As "international filing" of industrial designs and models, the filing made in conformity with the provisions of The Hague Agreement (Article 2 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

f. As "national filing" of designs and models, the filing made with O.B.I. in order to obtain a national title of protection (Article 2 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

g. As "certified translation", the translation made by a person or

an authority entitled to certify translations.

h. As "multiple filing", the filing which comprises more than one drawing or model.

i. As "Ministerial decision No. 15928/EFA/1253", the Ministerial decision of December 24, 1987 concerning "the filing with O.B.I. of an application for the grant of a patent or a certification of utility model and the keeping of books" (Off. Gaz. 778, B').

ia. As "priority claim", the right to claim priority of an earlier filing of an application as provided for in Article 4 of the Paris Convention of 1883 re protection of Industrial Property, which was ratified by the first article of Law 213/1975 (Off. Gaz. 258, a').

**PART II APPLICATION OF THE HAGUE AGREEMENT, RATIFIED BY LAW
2417/1996 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION - PROTECTION**

Article 3 Filing of Application

1. The international application may be filed either directly with the International Bureau in Geneva, or through O.B.I.'s offices in Athens or its Annexes, if any, (Article 4 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2416/1996).

2. The international application may be filed through O.B.I. in case the filing originates from Greece.

3. The filing originates from Greece in case the filant, either has his actual and permanent industrial or commercial establishment in the country or resides in it or is a Greek national.

Article 4 Language of the Application

The international application must be drawn up in French or English.

Article 5 Documents of the Application

1. The international application is submitted in two copies and contains the mandatory data of Article 5 of the Agreement and is signed by the filant or by his proxy (Article 5 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

2. The international application may contain also the optional data set forth in Article 5 paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Agreement.

3. The data of the international application must appear in the printed form of the International Bureau, in conformity with the written instructions which accompany it.

Article 6 Receipt of the International Application

1. O.B.I. takes delivery of the document which is considered as an international application and issues immediately a receipt, mentioning the number and the nature of the accompanying documents or data and the date of their receipt.

2. On the same day O.B.I. sends by telecopy the documents of the international application to the International Bureau. The remaining accompanying data together with the original documents of the

international application are mailed by O.B.I. to the International Bureau without any delay.

Article 7 Date of Registration of the International Filing

The registration of the international filing is made by the International Bureau. As date of the registration is considered the date on which the International Bureau took delivery of the international application in regular and complete form and the fees due were paid (Article 6 paragraph 2 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

Article 8 Payment of Fees

The fees due for the international filing or for its renewal are paid directly to the International Bureau in Swiss Francs (Articles 15 and 16 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

Article 9 Effects of the Registered International Filing

1. The international filing which has been registered in the International Register of Designs and Models, in which Greece is designated as State of protection, has the same effects as the national filing, for which all the administrative formalities have been completed. This international filing is protected by virtue of the provisions in force concerning the registered national filings of designs or models (Article 7 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

2. Any registered international filing having Greece as the State of origin is fully effective within the Greek territory (Article 7 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

3. The publication by the International Bureau of the registered international filings, together with the acts related thereto in the Bulletin of International Designs and Models, is equivalent to and bears the same effects as their publication in the Special Bulletin of Industrial Property kept by O.B.I.

4. As of the date of circulation of the monthly Bulletin of International Designs and Models, third parties may take knowledge of its contents at O.B.I.'s offices.

Article 10 Duration of the Protection

1. The protection of the registered international filing of a design or model in which Greece is designated, lasts for five years and may be renewed in conformity with Article 29 of this Presidential Decree (Article 11 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

2. The above mentioned protection begins as of the date of the international filing, as provided for by Article 6 of the Agreement (Article 6 of the Agreement ratified by the first article of Law 2417/1996).

Article 11 Cessation of Protection in Greece

A registered international industrial design or model ceases to be protected in Greece upon an irrevocable decision in conformity with Article 16 of this Presidential Decree. Such decision is communicated by O.B.I. to the International Bureau, which publishes it in the Bulletin of International designs and models and records it in the International Register.

PART III NATIONAL TITLE OF PROTECTION

CHAPTER 1 NATIONAL PROTECTION - INVALIDITY

Article 12 Conditions of Protection

1. A design or model under Article 2 paragraph ia of this Presidential Decree is protected provided it is novel and has an individual character.

2. The protection of the design or model begins as of the date of its registration.

3. A design or model is considered novel if, up to the time of filing the application for registration or in case priority is claimed, until the date of the priority, no identical design or model has been disposed to the public. As identical are considered the designs or models whose characteristics differ only in secondary details.

4. A design or model has an individual character if the overall impression caused by it to the informed user differs from the one caused to the same user by any other design or model which has become accessible to the public before the filing date of the application for registration or, if priority is claimed, before the priority date.

5. For the appraisal of the individuality the degree of the liberty of the creator of the design or model in relation to the technical requirements is also taken into consideration.

6. The design or model of a product which is a component of a composite product is considered as being novel and as having an individual character only, if:

- a. the component, when incorporated in the composite product, remains visible during the common use of the product; and
- b. the visible characteristics of the component fulfill per se the conditions of the novel and individual character.

7. As "common use", under the preceding paragraph, is considered any use other than the maintenance, or the repair or other similar

services.

Article 13 Disclosure

1. For the application of Article 12 paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Presidential Decree, the design or model is considered as having become accessible to the public if it has been published after registration or has been exhibited otherwise, circulated in the market or made known in any other way, unless under normal conditions, it was reasonably impossible for these events to become known to the circles which specialize and are active in the relevant branch within the Community, prior to the filing date with O.B.I. of the application for registration or in case priority is claimed, before the priority date.

2. The design or model is not considered as having become accessible to the public, simply because it has been presented to a third person on the explicit or implied condition of keeping secrecy.

Article 14 Harmless Disclosures

1. The novel character of a design or model in conformity with Article 12 paragraph 3 of this Presidential Decree cannot be attacked, in case the design or model has become accessible to the public during the twelve months preceding the filing date of the application for registration or in case priority is claimed, the twelve months preceding the priority date, if there is one of the following reasons:

a. The design or model was made accessible to the public by its creator or his successor or by a third person following information given or action taken by its creator or his successor.

b. The design or model became known due to an illicit behaviour towards its creator or his successor, unless such behaviour resulted in the registration of the design or model.

2. The novel character of a design or model cannot be challenged also in case the design or model has been exhibited at an officially acknowledged Exhibition in the sense of the Convention re International Exhibitions signed in Paris on November 22, 1928 and ratified by Law 5562/1932 (Off. Gaz. 221, a"). In such case, the communication to the public must have been made up to six months before the date of filing with O.B.I. and the filant must produce proof attesting to the fact that the products in which the design or

model has been incorporated or on which it has been applied in accordance with the conditions set by this Presidential Decree have actually been exhibited.

Article 15 Exceptions from the Protection

1. No right exists on a design or model, if:
 - a. it is contrary to public order or good morals.
 - b. the characteristics of the shape of the product are dictated exclusively by its technical function.
 - c. the characteristics of the appearance of the product must necessarily be reproduced in their exact shape and dimensions, so that the product in which the design or model is incorporated or applied to may be mechanically connected with another product or may be placed in, around or on another product, in such a way that each one of them may fulfill its function.

2. By derogation from the above paragraphs 1b and c, a design or model is protected, when, with the concurrence of the conditions of Article 12, such design or model enables the multiple assemblage or connection of alternate products in a system of articulated elements.

Article 16 Nullity

1. The registered design or model is declared null and void by a court decision if:
 - a. the holder of the registered design or model is not the creator or his successor or its beneficiary in accordance with Article 17 of this Presidential Decree.
 - b. the protected design or model does not fulfill the conditions of Articles 12 and 13 of this Presidential Decree.
 - c. the characteristics of the shape of the product or the characteristics of its interconnection are not being protected in accordance with Article 15 paragraphs 1b and c of this Presidential Decree.
 - d. its exploitation or its publication is contrary to public order or good morals.

2. On any other matter the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 15 of Law 1733/1987 are applicable by analogy.

3. The right may be declared null and void even after the expiration of the validity of the registered design or model or after it has

been waived or after the beneficiary has been forfeited of his rights.

4. The registered design or model which has been declared null and void is considered not to have produced ab initio any of the effects provided for by this Presidential Decree. The retroactive effect of the nullity does not affect the decisions re violation which acquired the force of res judicata and were enforced before the decision re nullity was issued and before the agreements which were concluded prior to the decision re nullity, provided they were enforced before this decision was issued.

CHAPTER 2 BENEFICIARIES - ASSIGNMENT

Article 17 Beneficiaries Entitled to Protection

1. The right to register a design or a model belongs to the creator or his universal or special successor. Is considered as beneficiary he who files the application for registration of a design or model, the provisions of Article 18 of this Presidential Decree being reserved.

2. If two or more persons have created a design or model by common creative effort and provided no different agreement exists, the right to the design or model belongs indivisibly to all in equal parts. Each co-beneficiary may freely assign his part and care for the protection of the common registered design or model.

3. In case the design or model has been created by an employee paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Article 6 of Law 1733/1987 (Off. Gaz. 171, A') are applied by analogy.

4. If two or more persons created substantially similar designs or models independently the one from the other, the right belongs to the one who first filed the application for registration of the design or model or to the one who has a priority right with respect to the others in accordance with Article 22 of this Presidential Decree.

Article 18 Claim

1. The beneficiary of the design or model may, if a third person filed without his consent an application for registration of a

design or model which concerns such design or model or its essential elements, request by a law suit against the third party, that he be recognized as the beneficiary of the rights derived from this application or in case a registration certificate has been granted, that it be assigned. The co-beneficiary of a registered design or model may request the recognition of his right.

2. The law suit of the beneficiary or the co-beneficiary is brought within two years as of the date of the publication of the registration of the design or model in the Special Bulletin of Industrial Property (EDVI). On any other matter the paragraphs 10 and 11 of Article 6 of Law 1733/1987 (Off. Gaz. 171, A') are applied by analogy.

Article 19 Assignment and License to Exploit

1. The right to register a design or model and the registered design or model may be assigned by written agreement or inherited. The assignment is effective as of the registration of the agreement or of the certificate of inheritance in the Register of Designs and Models and is published in the EDVI.

2. The beneficiary of a registered design or model may grant to third parties by written agreement a license to exploit his design or model. Such license is recorded in the Register of Designs and Models and published in the EDVI.

3. On any other matter the provisions of Article 12 paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Law 1733/1987 and the conditions and the procedure of Article 2 paragraph 10 subsection g and Article 24 of Law 1733/1987 (Off. Gaz. 171, A') are applied by analogy.

CHAPTER 3 PROCEDURE OF REGISTRATION - CERTIFICATE - BOOKS

Article 20 Filing of Application - Acceptability

1. For the registration of a design or model an application must be filed with O.B.I.

2. The application must contain compulsorily:

a. A request for registration of the design or model in the Register of Designs and Models;

b. The full name or trade name, the nationality, the residence or

the seat and the address of the filant;

c. If the filant has no residence or seat in Greece, the representative on whom documents must be served (antiklitos) and a statement of recognition of the jurisdiction of the Greek courts;

d. A designation of the object or the objects in which the design or model is destined to be incorporated;

e. A graphic or photographic representation of the design or model suitable for reproduction in accordance with Article 21 of this Presidential Decree.

3. The application may also contain:

a. A list of the objects in which the design or model is to be incorporated or on which it is to be applied.

b. A classification of the articles referred to in the previous subsection a in categories and subcategories in accordance with the International Classification of designs and models of the Locarno Regulation dated October 8, 1968, as it is each time in force.

c. If the applicant is not the creator or is not the only creator, a statement re the origin of the right to the design or model.

d. A claim to convention priority deriving from an earlier filing, in accordance with Article 22 of this Presidential Decree, accompanied by a statement mentioning the date and the country of the first filing.

e. A brief description of the characteristic elements of the design or model, including a reference to colours, if any. Such description can not exceed 100 words, refers to the elements which characterize the design or model according to the submitted reproduction and does not concern technical details relating to the function of the object in which the design or model is incorporated or to its possible uses or to the material used for its preparation.

f. A request for publication of the representation in colour.

g. A request for deferment of the publication of the application for registration of the design or model, in accordance with Article 23 of this Presidential Decree, which deferment may not exceed twelve months as of the filing of the application.

h. A statement that the design or model has been presented at an officially recognized international exhibition. This statement is accompanied by a certificate attesting to the date on which the exhibition took place.

4. In case of a deferment of the publication of the application for

registration of a design or model by O.B.I., as provided for in the previous paragraph 3 subsection g, the filant may annex to his application a sample of the product in which the design or model has been incorporated or on which the design or model which appears in the representation has been applied. The sample is filed in a closed sealed paper-box whose dimensions cannot exceed 30 cm X 30 cm and its weight cannot be more than 4 kilograms. On the upper surface of the paper-box the same graphic representation is affixed as the one accompanying the application.

5. More than one design or model may be included in a single application characterized as multiple application for registration provided they do not exceed a total of 50 and the products in which they are to be incorporated or on which they are to be applied belong all of them to the same subcategory or to the same ensemble or to the same composition of elements. In such case, the filant pays O.B.I., in accordance with the conditions and the procedure provided for by Article 2 paragraph 10 subsection g and Article 24 of Law 1733/1987 (Off. Gaz. 171, A') an additional registration fee and an additional publication fee corresponding to a percentage on the basic filing fee for each additional design or model. In case the multiple application contains a request for deferment of the publication an additional fee for the deferment of the publication is paid respectively.

6. Are compulsorily annexed to the application the receipts by O.B.I. of the fees of filing and registration of the design or model and the fees of the protection for the first five years which are paid in accordance with the conditions and the procedure provided for by Article 2 paragraph 10 subsection g and Article 24 of Law 1733/1987 (Off. Gaz. 171, A').

7. The application is accepted if it fulfills the conditions provided for by the above paragraphs 2 and 6 of the same Article of this Presidential Decree. Then, the filing of the application is considered to be regular, but not complete.

8. Within five months from the filing the filant must complete any omissions, correct any errors in the drawing up of the deeds and the other accompanying documents in accordance with the above mentioned paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of this Article and pay the publication fee

and the deferred publication fee, if any. Thereafter, the filing of the application is considered to be complete.

9. If the application is not complete within the term foreseen, O.B.I. rejects it by a decision mentioning the reasons of the rejection.

10. As registration date of the application is considered the date of the regular filing of the application according to paragraph 7.

Article 21 Drawing up of the Application

1. The application is filed in two copies and signed by the beneficiary or his attorney at law. Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Ministerial Decision No. 15298/EFA/1253 are applied by analogy.

2. The presentation of the documents of the application and of the designs is made in accordance with the rules set forth in Article 8 paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, a, b, c, e, f and g and in Article 9 of the Ministerial Decision No. 15298/EFA/1253. To the application are annexed two black and white photographs or graphic representations of the filed design or model. In case the filant requests the design or model to be published in colour said photographs or graphic representations must be in colour.

3. The photographs and graphic representations must show clearly, without shades, only the object in which the filed design or model is incorporated. No other objects, persons or animals are allowed to be shown together with said object. The object must be shown, at least once, in the position of its customary use.

4. Are not acceptable for filing:

- a. Photographs from a "film of instant development";
- b. Words, texts, designations or trade names or trademarks written on the object, on the photograph or on the graphic representation;
- c. Photocopies of photographs or graphic representations;
- d. Photographs or graphic representations which cannot be reproduced in offset;
- e. Photographs whose dimensions exceed 16 cm X 16 cm.

Article 22 Priority

1. If an application for the same design or model was regularly

filed in one of the states members of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property, the filant or the beneficiary of the application has the right to priority, provided the filing is made within six months as of the aforementioned filing. The priority right goes back to the time of the first filing.

2. A priority right to the filing of a design or model exists also in case of an earlier national filing of a utility model and vice versa provided that the six-month term has been respected, the same object is involved and a claim to priority is submitted to O.B.I. containing the data set forth in the above paragraph 3 subsection a.

3. Within 10 months from the first regular filing abroad, must be submitted to O.B.I.:

a. A certificate of the appropriate authority of the country in which the first regular filing was made, mentioning the number and the date of the application together with an official copy of the design or model; and

b. A certified translation into Greek of the above-mentioned certificate to which a copy of the design or model is annexed.

4. In case priority is claimed on the basis of more than one foreign titles of protection, the date of the first filing abroad is considered as the time of priority.

Article 23 Deferment of Publication

1. The filant when filing the application for registration of a design or model with O.B.I. may declare that he does not wish the data mentioned in Article 20 paragraphs 2e, 3e and g and paragraph 4 of this Presidential Decree to be published. In such case, if he pays to O.B.I. a deferment of publication fee under the conditions and the procedure provided for in Articles 2 paragraph 10 subsection g and 24 of Law 1733/1987 (Off. Gaz. 171, A'), O.B.I. characterizes such data as "NON PUBLISHABLE" and classifies them in a separate file. These data are neither communicated nor become accessible to the public, before the expiration of the respective term provided for by Article 20 paragraph 3g of this Presidential Decree.

2. The "not publishable" character of said data is removed by decision of the appropriate court as regards those persons who are parties to a lawsuit concerning the validity, the violation or the

claim to the exclusive rights deriving from the protected design or model.

Article 24 Certificate of Registration - Publicity

1. Four months as of the filing date of the application and provided that the application for registration is regular and complete, O.B.I. issues a certificate of registration of the design or model with no prior control of the conditions set forth in Articles 12, 13, 14 and 15 of this Presidential Decree, on the filant's responsibility.

2. Reservation being made of Article 23, the registered design or model together with the data annexed thereto are made public four months after the registration date. If a sample of the object in which the registered design or model has been incorporated or on which it has been applied in accordance with Article 20 paragraph 4 of this Presidential Decree, O.B.I. refers thereto in its publication by additional mention. For the publication a publication fee is paid to O.B.I. under the conditions and the procedure provided for in Article 2 paragraph 10 subsection g and Article 24 of Law 1733/1987 (Off. Gaz. 171, A').

3. As of the date publicity was given to the application or as of the date of the expiration or interruption of the period of deferment of the publication, third parties may request information on and copies of the application, of the description, of the designs or models and of any other relevant data.

4. Data of the registered application are published in the Special Bulletin of Industrial Property.

5. The publication in the Special Bulletin of Industrial Property are made in a separate part entitled "Designs and Models". In this part are published data of the issued certificates of registration of designs and models, the assignments, the waivers and the grants of licenses of exploitation, the time of expiration of the granted protection or the annulment of the registered design or model.

Article 25 Books - Registers - Archives

1. O.B.I. keeps a Register of designs and models in which the registered designs and models are entered, an archive of designs and models with the procedural files and a book of records for the entry

of the application for registration of designs and models.

2. As to the way in which the elements of the above registers, archives and books are kept, Article 4 paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of Law 1733/1987 and Articles 10, 11 and 12 of Ministerial Decision No. 15928/EFA/1253 are applied by analogy.

CHAPTER 4 RIGHTS CONFERRED BY THE DESIGN OR MODEL

Article 26 Content of the Right

1. By the registration the beneficiary of a design or model acquires the exclusive right to use it and to prohibit its use to any third person without his consent.

2. The above-mentioned use covers, in particular, the manufacture, offer, disposal in the market, importation, exportation or use of the product in which the design or model has been incorporated or on which it has been applied, as well as the storage of the product for such purposes.

3. The rights conferred by the registration of a design or model do not extend:

- a. to private actions undertaken for non-commercial purposes;
- b. to acts performed for experimental or research purposes;
- c. to acts of reproduction of the design or model to serve as examples or in the frame of teaching, provided that such acts are not contrary to the trade morals, do not unjustifiably harm the usual exploitation of the design or model and mention is made of the source;
- d. to the equipment of ships and airplanes registered in another country: when they temporarily enter the Greek territory;
- e. to the importation in Greece of spare parts and accessories for the repair of these ships and airplanes; and
- f. to the repairs of these ships and airplanes.

4. By derogation from the above paragraph 1, after the expiration of five years as of the first marketing of the product on which the design or model has been applied, it is permitted that the rights conferred by the registration of a design or model be exerted also by third parties, against a fair and just indemnification of the beneficiary which is determined by agreement of the two parties and

in case of disagreement by the appropriate court provided for by this Presidential Decree, under the following conditions:

- a. the product constitutes a spare part of a motordriven vehicle in which the design or model is incorporated;
- b. such use aims at allowing the repair of a motordriven vehicle; and
- c. the public is being informed of the origin of the product which is used for the repair, through a relevant indelible marking, e.g. by applying a trademark or a trade name or by any other suitable means.

5. Whoever uses a design or model, or has taken the necessary preparatory steps for its use at the time of the registration of an application of design or model by a third party or on the priority date, is entitled to continue using it for his business and its needs. Such right may be assigned only together with the business.

6. The registered design or model may constitute the object of a real insurance or of other real rights as well as the object of seizure.

Article 27 Extent of Protection

1. The beneficiary is protected also against designs or models which create an impression of similarity to the informed user.

2. In estimating the field of protection the degree of liberty the creator of the design or model had with respect to the technical needs is also taken into consideration.

Article 28 Judicial Protection - Lawsuits

1. In case of actual or threatened infringement of the registered design or model its possessor is entitled to ask for the removal of the infringement and for its omission in the future.

2. The provisions of paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Article 17 of Law 1733/1987 are applied by analogy.

Article 29 Duration of the Validity of the Registered Design or Model

1. The duration of the validity of a registered design or model is of five years as of the date of the regular filing of the

application with O.B.I., with a possibility of renewal every five years and up to a total of maximum twenty-five years as of the filing date of the application for registration of the design or model.

2. The renewal application is submitted by the beneficiary of the registered design or model or by his attorney at law and is accompanied by O.B.I.'s receipt of the renewal fees which are paid under the conditions and the procedure provided for by Article 2 paragraph 10 subsection g and Article 24 of Law 1733/1987 (Off. Gaz. 171, A'). The renewal fees are paid in advance within the six months preceding the last day of the month in which the protection expires.

3. After the expiration of the term provided for by paragraph 2 and within six months therefrom, the beneficiary of the registered design or model or his attorney at law may pay the fees due increased by fifty percent. Otherwise the protection of the registered design or model provided for by this Presidential Decree is no longer in force.

4. The protection enters into force as of the day following the date on which the existing registration expires.

5. The renewal is recorded in the Register of Designs and Models.

CHAPTER 5 FINAL AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Article 30

The design or model which has been registered in accordance with the provisions of this Presidential Decree may also enjoy protection on the basis of the legislation in force re Intellectual Property in Greece, as of the time it was created or printed in any form whatsoever.

Article 31

This Presidential Decree enters into force as of its publication in the Official Gazette. For the international industrial designs or models which were filed in accordance with the Hague Agreement this Presidential Decree enters into force as of the date the Hague Agreement entered into force in Greece, namely as of April 18, 1997. The Minister of Development is entrusted with the publication and

implementation of this Decree.

This Presidential Decree must be published in the Official Gazette.