

# Hague Contracting Parties Design Patent Preparation and Prosecution Reference Guide

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Europe	Y	Y	Y	N1	N	Y	Y	Y	EU or priority filing date within 12 months of public disclosure	N	1-2M	N
Japan	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	JP filing date within 6 months of public disclosure	Y	1-1.5Y	Y
Korea	Y	Y	Y	N2	N	N	Y	Y	KR filing date within 6 months of public disclosure	Y3	7-8M	Y
Norway	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	NO filing date within 12 months of public disclosure	Y	6-8M	N
Switzerland	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	CH filing date within 12 months of public disclosure	N	1-2M	Y

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Turkey	Y	Y	T	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	TR filing within 12 months of public disclosure	N	12-14M	N
U.S.	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N/A	Y	Y	US filing date within 1 year of public disclosure	Y	1.5Y	Y
Ukraine	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	UA or priority filing date within 6 months of public disclosure	N	8-10M	N

1. OHIM permits filing multiple designs in a single application but each design will be assigned a separate registration number.
2. South Korea permits multiple designs to register under a single registration if the design qualifies as a “non-examination design.”
3. In South Korea, substantive examination may not be requested, and is not conducted automatically, for designs categorized as “non-examination designs.”

