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**The Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs ("Geneva Act")**

The Geneva (1999) Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs ("Geneva Act") has gone into effect for Japan as of May 13, 2015.

An applicant who is a national of Japan, has a domicile in Japan or has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in Japan is now entitled to file such an application based on the Geneva Act. An applicant who is a national of a Contracting Party, has a domicile in the territory of a Contracting Party or has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a Contracting Party is entitled to designate Japan when filing the International Registration of Industrial Designs under Geneva Act.

JPO processes and examines international designs filed pursuant to the Geneva Act based on the current examination standard. If the product which constitutes the industrial design is three-dimensional, a front view, a back view, a top view, a bottom view, a left side view and a right side view, each made in compliance with the method of orthographic projection, are required.

If you have any questions concerning the Hague Agreement designating Japan, please feel free to contact us.