

Design Law Treaty

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About Design Law Treaty:

- It seeks to **harmonize the procedural frameworks** for **industrial design protection**, improving the efficiency and accessibility of registration processes across multiple jurisdictions.
- The treaty requires **15 contracting parties** to enter into force.
- **Key features**
 - It provides for a **grace period of 12 months** following a first disclosure of the design, during which such disclosure will not affect its validity for registration.
 - It **provides relief measures** and offers some flexibility to applicants to prevent them from losing their rights **if they miss a deadline**.
 - **Simplified Renewal Process:** Simplifies the procedure for requesting the renewal of a design registration.

- **E-filing Systems:** Promotes the **introduction of e-filing systems** for designs and the electronic exchange of priority documents.
 - **Technical Assistance:** Ensures the **availability of technical assistance** to developing and least developed countries for the implementation of the treaty.
 - **Benefits**
 - Its goal is to **ensure that the benefits of streamlined design protection** are accessible to all stakeholders, with particular emphasis on **small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)**, startups, and independent designers.
 - By standardizing procedural requirements, the **DLT reduces administrative burdens**, thereby promoting global creativity in design.
 - When combined with initiatives like the Startup India program and the Startups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP) scheme, these provisions will help empower **startups and SMEs to secure design rights globally**, boosting their competitiveness and supporting market growth.
 - **India recently signed** the final act of this treaty.
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Q1: What is the World Intellectual Property Organization?

It is a specialized agency of the United Nations, located in Geneva, Switzerland. It was established by the WIPO Convention in 1967. Its mission is to lead the development of a balanced and effective international intellectual property (IP) system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all.

News: India signs the Final Act of the Riyadh Design Law Treaty

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