



REPUBLIKA E SHQIPËRISË
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DRAFT DECISION

No. _____, dated _____

“ON THE APPROVAL OF THE “ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGN” REGULATION

Pursuant to Article 100 of the Constitution and paragraph 5, of Article 119 of Law no. 9947, dated 07.07.2008

“On Industrial Property” as amended, upon proposal of the Minister of Finance and Economy, the Council of Ministers,

DECIDED:

1. The approval of the “Industrial Design” regulation, according to the text attached hereto, which consists of an integral part thereto.
2. On the examination of applications for the registration of industrial designs presented prior to the entry into force of this decision, to apply the provisions in force at the time of application.
3. Decision No. 381, dated 04.04.2009, of the Council of Ministers “On the approval for the registration of industrial designs” as amended, is repealed.
4. The General Directorate of Industrial Property is responsible for implementing this decision.

This Decision enters into force 30 days after its publication in the “Official Gazette”.

**PRIMEMINISTER
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REGULATION ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Scope

1. The Regulation on the Registration of Industrial Design is intended to implement and define in detail certain issues provided for in Law No. 9947, dated 07/07/2008, "On Industrial Property" as amended, for the procedures and rules of industrial design registration relating to:
 - 1.1. Submission of applications for the registration of industrial designs at The General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP);
 - 1.2. Review of applications for design registration;
 - 1.3. Submission of applications for renewal and other changes to the design register, as well as their review;
 - 1.4. Submission and review of requests for objection, abolishment and appeals of refusal decisions by the Review Chamber and Abolishment/Depreciation Chamber;
 - 1.5. Submission and review of requests for appeals of decisions by the Appeal Board;
 - 1.6. Publication of information regarding industrial designs in the Industrial Property Bulletin by GDIP.

Article 2 General principles

1. The right to apply near GDIP for the registration of a design that every natural person or legal person, who creates design during the exercise of his commercial activity.
2. GDIP reviews deposited applications and issues notices and other acts in accordance with the provisions of Law no. 9947, dated 7.7.2008 "On industrial property", as amended (herein referred to as the 'Law') and of this regulation.

3. GDIP actions related to these applications based exclusively in written documents. Requests and any other documentation deposited with GDIP must be in Albanian language and printed.
4. The GDIP creates and manages the electronic data base where there are saved all the performed actions related to designs.

Article 3

Types of applications

1. Types of applications that can be deposited with the GDIP related with the designs are:
 - 1.1. Request for design registration, through the form “On the industrial design registration” attached to this regulation;
 - 1.2. Request for design renewal, through the form “On the industrial design renewal” attached to this regulation;
 - 1.3. Request for transfer of ownership over the design, registration of a license contract, change of name, change of address, the determination of pledge, registration of execution actions, through the form “On registering a change in the register” attached to this regulation;
 - 1.4. Request for resignation from the registered design, through the form “On resignation from the registered industrial design”, attached to this regulation;
 - 1.5. Request for objection to the design registration published at the GDIP Complaints Review Chamber, through the form “On objection to the design registration published at the Complaints Review Chamber”, attached to this regulation;
 - 1.6. Request for appeal of the decision of refusal, in the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber, through the form “On appeal of the decision of refusal, in the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber” attached to this regulation;
 - 1.7. Request for abolishment of a registered design in the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber, through the form “On abolishment of a registered design in the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber”, attached to this regulation;
 - 1.8. Request for the division of application for multiple designs, through the form “On the division of application for multiple designs”, attached to this regulation;
 - 1.9. Request for restoration within the deadline of industrial design rights, through the form “On restoration within the deadline of industrial design rights”, attached to this regulation;

- 1.10. Request for appeals of decisions in the Appeal Board, though the form “On appeals of decisions in the Appeal Board”, attached to this regulation.

CHAPTER II

SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR THE REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Article 4

Mode of application

1. Application for the registration of a design may be sent to the GDIP, by hand, by mail or fax, by the claimant or his representative. In the case of sending a fax document, the applicant must within one month from the date of sending the fax to deposit with the GDIP the request in its original form, otherwise the request is deemed unpublished.
2. Application for the registration of a design may be made for a single product or for the registration of a multiple design within the meaning of Article 9 of this Regulation.
3. The GDIP, upon filing the application form "On industrial design registration", records on the form the date and time of submission of the application as well as the application number.

Article 5

Content of the application

1. Application for the registration of a design shall include:
 - 1.1 Request for registration of the design through the form “On the industrial design registration”, with the following information:
 - 1.1.1 the name and address of the applicant, in accordance with article 46 of this regulation;
 - 1.1.2. the name and address of the authorized representative, in accordance with article 46 of this regulation, if the applicant has designated a representative;
 - 1.1.3. a clear indication of the product in which the design is included or will be applied to;

- 1.1.4. the classification of each product in which the design is included or will be applied to, in a class and subclass based on the Locarno Agreement (International Classification for Industrial Designs);
 - 1.1.5. information on the total number of designs when a multiple application is made;
 - 1.1.6. a detailed description of the industrial design and its presentation;
 - 1.1.7. an information indicating that a priority is claimed, if it is in accordance with article 120 of the law;
 - 1.1.8. information related to the design creator when it is different from the applicant;
 - 1.1.9. signature and/or seal of the applicant or his representative.
- 1.2 The submission of a design consisting of its graphic or photographic reproduction (black and white) must meet the following requirements:
- 1.2.1. The reproduction of a design shall be clear, without any corrections, placed on a neutral background, and shall have such a quality that permits to clearly distinguish all design elements for which protection is requested;
 - 1.2.2. The reproduction of the design must be deposited together with the application, or printed on a white sheet in the A4 format. No explanatory text, letters, or symbols shall be placed on this sheet except for an indicator indicating the head of the sheet when necessary. The graphic or photographic reproduction of the design should include only the appearance of the product without any other accessory object, person or animal;
 - 1.2.3. The reproduction size of the design placed on the white A4 format sheet shall be in dimensions not larger than 26.2 cm x 17 cm, and not less than 4 cm x 4 cm;
 - 1.2.4. The submission of the design should contain no more than seven different images of design, one of which should be its overall appearance;
 - 1.2.5. The graphic representation of design shall be a qualitative production by drawing materials or by means of electronic devices that allow continuity of lines (uninterrupted) and having distinctly distinct characteristics. A three-dimensional design can possibly be represented with images that contain nuances and colourings in order to emphasize three-dimensional features.
 - 1.2.6. The applicant must place a serial number on each of the design images. In the case of multiple design applications, an ordinal

- number, consisting of the design number and then the number of views, divided by one point, must be placed for each image;
- 1.2.7. Each of the graphic or photographic reproduction of the design must contain only one image of the design;
 - 1.2.8. If the applicant deposits more than seven different designs, the GDIP takes into consideration for the effect of publication and registration, only the first seven footage, according to the ordinal number that was placed on the images by the applicant.
- 1.3. The statement of the creator or creators, in cases where the applicant is not the creator, to express the will for the registration of the design in the name of the applicant shall be carried out by means of a Notary Act.
 - 1.4. Authorization of representation when the application is deposited by the applicant's representative. The authorization of representation must contain the signature of the applicant and when the applicant is a legal person his seal. When the applicant, a natural or legal person, is not a resident of the Republic of Albania, his representation must be made by an authorized representative registered as such in the industrial design register;
 - 1.5. A prepared scheme, projects or a product model, if necessary to clarify the essence of the design;
 - 1.6. The priority document when claimed for priority, which contains information such as: date of filing, application number, and the bureau where the previous application was deposited;
 - 1.7. The certificate issued by the responsible authorities for the presentation of the product as well as the date of its presentation at official international exhibitions when claimed as a priority in accordance with article 120 of the law;
 - 1.8. The mandate of payment of the application fee;

Article 6

Examination of the conditions for depositing the application

1. The GDIP examines whether the design application completes the conditions set out below:
 - 1.1. Application form “On industrial design registration”;

- 1.2. Name and address of the applicant;
- 1.3. Representation of the design according to the requirements of the law and this regulation;
- 1.4. The original document of the payment of the deposit fee.

If the application for industrial design completes these requirements, GDIP shall issue the depository evidence and shall recognize as the deposit date the date in which the application was submitted.

2. Where the application does not meet the requirements set out in paragraphs 1 of this Article, GDIP shall notify the applicant of the completion of the irregularities within (2) two months of the date of receipt of the notification.
3. If the application completes the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of this article within the deadline, GDIP shall issue the depository evidence and shall recognize as the deposit date of the application the date when the response for the completion of irregularities is submitted at GDIP.
4. If the irregularities are not completed within the two month period, GDIP shall reject the application and notify the applicant of the refusal decision.
5. The refusal decision may be appealed to the Abolishment/Depreciation Chamber within (1) one month from the date of the decision.

Article 7

Certificate of the deposit

1. Evidence of the deposit will contain the following information:
 - 1.1 Date and deposit number;
 - 1.2 Name and address of the applicant;
 - 1.3 Other information declared in the request form.

Article 8

The priority document filing

1. If a priority is claimed, the applicant must, within 3 (three) months from the submission date of the application, file at the GDIP the priority document in compliance with point 4 of article 119, of the Law or certificate issued by the competent authorities of the exhibition where the product is presented, based on point 2 of article 120 of the Law.

2. The priority document deposited pursuant to paragraph 4 of article 119 of the law must contain the applicant's name and address, the date and number of the previous application, the bureau where the application was made, the design presentation, the product identifier in which the design is included or to which will be applied, and the classification of the products in which the design is incorporated or to which it will be applied, according to Locarno classification. The priority document must be deposited translated into Albanian and certified.
3. If the applicant does not submit with the GDIP, within 3 (three) months from the date of filing the application, the priority document of the office, where the application was filed or the certificate issued by the competent exhibition authorities in accordance with the requirements of article 120 of the Law, and the requirements of points 1.6 and 1.7 of article 4 of this regulation, the priority requirement shall not be taken into account by the GDIP.
4. The priority right acquired under the provisions of the Law and this regulation results in the date of priority being referred to as the deposit date of the application for a design only for the purpose of determining which application is entitled to a prior right.

Article 9

Multiple designs

1. Two or more designs may be merged into a single application in accordance with the provision of paragraph 2 of article 119 of the Law, forming an application for the registration of a multiple design, provided that the products in which they are incorporated or to which they apply shall belong to the same class and subclass of the International Classification of Industrial Designs (Locarno Agreement).
2. Each of the designs containing a multiple-design application or registration may be treated as a separate application or registration for the purpose of Law enforcement and this regulation.
3. With the request of the applicant or the owner of the multiple design and to meet all the requirements provided by the Law and this regulation, including the payment of the respective fees, each of the designs of a multiple application or registration may be processed in particular for licensing, transfer of ownership, renewal, resignation and any other act recognized by Law and this regulation for designs.

Article 10

Multiple application division

1. When an application requires the registration of certain designs and the products in which they are incorporated or intended to be applied may not be classified in the same class and subclass of the International Designation of Locations (Locarno), the GDIP shall notify the applicant for the allocation of the application and the payment of the fee provided for in the defined regulation.
2. The GDIP, in case of the division of the application, shall guide the applicant as to which of the designs to be filed in the multiple applications must be completed in with a new application.
3. When the submitter of a multiple application acts following the notification issued by the GDIP for multiple application division, within a 3-month period from the date of receipt of the notice, the GDIP shall issue a decision on the division of the application.

Article 11

Request for division of multiple-design application

1. The request for dividing a multiple-design application should contain:
 - 1.1. The application form “On dividing multiple design application” attached to this regulation, with the following information:
 - 1.1.1. the application number of the multiple design;
 - 1.1.2. the name and address of the multiple design applicant;
 - 1.1.3. the submission of the design to be separated from the initial application;
 - 1.1.4. classes and subclasses according to Locarno classification;
 - 1.1.5. the signature and/or seal of the person submitting the request or his representative if one has been designated.
 - 1.2. The original document of payment of the defined fee.
2. For any request for division of the initial application, a special request must be deposited.
3. A full copy of the initial application documents should be part of the separate application/applications and a copy of the request for division must be part of the initial application documents.

4. A new application number will be assigned to a separate application. The divided application will maintain the same deposit or priority date with the initial application.
5. The authorized representative of the initial application shall also be considered as such in the divided application.
6. When the requirements set out in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this article are not completed, the GDIP shall notify the applicant of the completion of the deficiencies within 3 (three) months from the date of receipt of the notification. If the applicant does not meet the shortcomings within the prescribed deadline, the request for sharing will be rejected. The division of the initial application starts effects from the date of receipt of the request.
7. The request for multiple-design application division will be published in the PI bulletin.

Article 12

Formal examination of the application for the design registration

1. The formal examination of the request is made in accordance with the provisions of article 121 of the Law and in the order of their submission to the GDIP, in accordance with the requirements of article 119 of the Law.
2. The application for design registration shall be reviewed within 3 (three) months from the date of its deposit if it meets the requirements set out in points 2 and 3 of article 119 of the law.
3. If the design application fails to complete the requirements set out in article 121 of the law, the GDIP notifies the applicant to complete the irregularities within 2 months in the case of point 1 of article 121 of the law, and within 3 months in the case of point 2 of article 121 of the law, otherwise the GDIP will reject the application.
4. After receiving a response from the GDIP notification, the examiner examines the response within 1 (one) month of its submission.
5. If the applicant in response to the notification received has not completed the irregularities required by the GDIP, the latter shall reject the application and notify the applicant in writing on the decision taken.
6. The deadline for submitting amendments is extended to two additional months if the applicant submits a written request for this purpose within

three months from the date of receipt of the notification and pays the relevant fee.

CHAPTER III

EXAMINATION OF REQUEST RELATED TO THE ABSOLUTE CAUSES AND THE PUBLICATION OF THE DESIGN

Article 13

Examination of the absolute causes for refusal

1. GDIP examines the design application about the absolute causes of refusal is done in accordance with article 121/(a) of the Law.
2. When it finds that the design application is not in compliance with the requirements of Article 115 of the Law, the GDIP notifies the applicant to submit his arguments within 2 (two) months from the date of receipt of the notice. This deadline may be extended to a maximum of 2 (two) months extra if the applicant submits a written request for this purpose and pays the defined fee.
3. Following the receipt of a response by the applicant within the deadline provided for in point 2 of this Article, the examiner reviews the response within 1 (one) month of its submission.
4. The application for industrial design registration is refused if:
 - 4.1. the applicant does not submit his observations;
 - 4.2. does not complete additional documentation within the time limit;
 - 4.3. and even after the applicant's response, the GDIP notes that the application is not in accordance with article 115 of the law.
5. During the examination on an absolute basis, the GDIP has the right to request any documents or declarations that may prove necessary during the examination of the registration application.
6. The decision of refusal on absolute grounds is taken only after the GDIP has taken a decision on the formal application form and this decision is notified in writing to the applicant.

Article 14

Publication of the application for design

1. The GDIP, pursuant to article 122 of the Law, publishes in the Industrial Property Bulletin of the information on applications for registration of designs.
2. The bulletin publishes information on the registration of designs, renewals, licensing and transfer of ownership of the registered designs, name changes, changes of the owner's design address, resignation and the abolishment of the registered designs.

Article 15

Information published in the Industrial Property Bulletin on applied of registered designs

1. Information published in the Industrial Property Bulletin on the design applications include:
 - 1.1 Name and address of the applicant;
 - 1.2 Application number and date of deposit;
 - 1.3 Name and address of the creator of the design except when the creator, by a written statement, requested that his name be omitted;
 - 1.4 Design submission/ representation;
 - 1.5 Product in which the design or association to which it is to be applied, as well as the class and subclass in accordance with the Classification of Locarno;
 - 1.6 Priority information (if any);
 - 1.7 Number of designs involved in the application in the case of multiple designs.
2. Information published in the Industrial Property Bulletin on the registered design include:
 - 2.1. Name and address of the registered design owner;
 - 2.2. Request number and design registration number;
 - 2.3. Deposit date, the date of termination of the protection, the date of registration, and the date of priority (if any);
 - 2.4 Product in which the design or association to which it is to be applied, as well as the class and subclass in accordance with the Classification of Locarno;
 - 2.5 Design submission/ representation;
 - 2.6 Name and address of the creator of the design except when the creator, by a written statement, requested that his name not to be omitted;

- 2.7 Number of designs involved in the registration in the case of multiple designs.
3. If the applicant, along with the application, has filed a written request to postpone the design release and paid the defined fee, the GDIP publishes the information of the application owner for the design in the next Bulletin. After the end of the postponement, the GDIP publishes the application for the registration of the design.

CHAPTER IV

OBJECTION FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE DESIGN

Article 16

Submission of objection for the registration of the design

1. An objection to a published design may be submitted with the GDIP within a period of 3 (three) months from the date of publication by the persons referred to in paragraph 1 of article 123 of the law through the deposit of the following documents:
 - 1.1 Application form “On objecting the published design application”, with the following information:
 - 1.1.1. the application number for the registration of the design for which the objection has been deposited;
 - 1.1.2. the name and address of the applicant against whom the request for objection has been deposited;
 - 1.1.3. the name and address of the opponent;
 - 1.1.4. the name and address of the authorized representative if the opponent has designated such one;
 - 1.1.5. the class and the subclass under which the design is classified according to Locarno International Classification;
 - 1.1.6. signature of the opponent or his representative.
2. Document for payment of the objection fee;
3. Authorization of representation if the request is deposited by the applicant's representative;
4. Documents proving that the opposing party enjoys one of the rights provided for in article 116 of the law;

5. The request for the objection of a registration of an industrial design must be deposited with the GDIP in two identical copies.

Article 17

Reviewing the objection by the Reviewing Objections Chamber

1. The GDIP Reviewing Objection Chamber reviews the objection within 2 (two) months from the date of the submission of the objection request.
2. If the request for objection is not presented within the deadline provided in paragraph 1 of article 123 of the Law, the Reviewing Objection Chamber shall reject the request for objection and inform the opposing party for the decision taken.
3. If the objection request does not meet the requirements set out in point 1 and 2 of article 16 of this Regulation, the Reviewing Objection Chamber shall require the opposing party, by written notice, to complete the ascertained irregularities within 2 (two months) from the date of notification. If the irregularities are not completed within the deadline, the objection shall be deemed not presented.
4. If the objection request does not complete the requirements of paragraphs 3 and 4 of article 16, the Reviewing Objection Chamber shall request the opposing party , by written notice, to complete the irregularities within 2 (two) months of the date of notification, otherwise the Reviewing Objection Chamber shall reject the request for objection and notify the opposing party on the decision of the refusal.
5. When the opposing party completes the irregularities of article 16 of this regulation, the Reviewing Objection Chamber sends a copy of the objection to the opponent applicant for the trademark against which the objection is lodged and notifies in writing the arguments and any other document in support his claims within 2 (two) months from the date of receipt of the notice.
6. During the review, the Reviewing Objection Chamber has the right to ask the parties, through a written notice, to submit additional materials and documents within a period of two months from the date of notification.
7. The Reviewing Objection Chamber, if it deems it necessary, may request the parties, through a written notice, to participate in the controversial review

procedure and to present their oral arguments, notifying them of the date and time conducting the hearing of the review of the objection.

8. Any relevant structure, such as the Objection Review Chamber, the Abolishment/

Depreciation Chamber and the Appeals Board, when considering a request, in accordance with the respective powers provided for by law and this regulation, shall be expressed by acceptance, partial acceptance or the dismissal of the request under review.

Article 18

Handling the application after taking the decision on the objection

1. If the Reviewing Objection Chamber, during the objection reviewing proceedings finds that the objection is unfounded, it refuses the objection and the decision is notified to the parties to the proceedings.
2. A copy of the decision of the Reviewing Objection Chamber, in the event of a decision not being appealed to the Appeal Board, is deposited in the application file for the registration of the design and the examiner continues the procedure for its registration in accordance with the provisions of the law and of this regulation .
3. If the Reviewing Objection Chamber, during the objection reviewing proceedings finds that the objection is partly based, then the registration of the design is rejected or partially accepted.
4. A copy of the decision of the Reviewing Objection Chamber, for refusal or partially designation of the design, in case the appeal is not appealed to the Appeal Board, is filed in the application file and the examiner issues the notice of refusal or partial registration.
5. If the Reviewing Objection Chamber, during the objection reviewing proceedings finds that the objection is completely based, then the registration of the design is rejected. A copy of the decision of the Reviewing Objection Chamber to reject the design, when a decision is not appealed to the Appeal Board, is deposited in the application file.
6. In any case, against the decision taken by the Reviewing Objection Chamber, a complaint can be made to the GDIP Appeal Board, subject to payment of the relevant fee within a period of one month from the date of the decision.

7. In the event that the decision of the Reviewing Objection Chamber concerning the opposition to the registration of a design is appealed to the Appeal Board, a copy of the final decision of the Appeal Board is deposited in the application file for the registration of the design and the GDIP refuses or registers the design in consistent with the decision.
8. If the decision of the Appeal Board is appealed to the court, the final decision of the latter is deposited in the application file for the registration of the design and the GDIP refuses or registers the design in accordance with the court decision.
9. The refusal decision shall be published in the Industrial Property Bulletin after it has become final.

CHAPTER V REGISTRATION OF THE DESIGN AND INFORMATION OF THE CERTIFICATE

Article 19 Registration of the design

1. When the design application meets the conditions laid down in the Law and this regulation and when no objection request has been deposited within 3 (three) months from the date of publication of the application, or when the objection has been waived or when the objection has been rejected and the decision of refusal has become final, the GDIP issues the notification for payment of the registration fee and asks the applicant that within 1 (one) month from the date of receipt of the notice, to make the payment of the fee and deposit an original copy of the payment document at the GDIP.
2. If the applicant fails to pay the registration fee of the design within the time limit set out in paragraph 1 of article 125 of the Law and paragraph 1 of this article, the GDIP shall reject the registration of the design and notify the applicant in writing of the decision taken.
3. When the applicant pays the design registration fee within the time limit set out in Article 125 of the law, the GDIP shall register the design in the design register and issue the certificate of registration within a period of three months from the date of the deposit the fee payment document by the GDIP.
4. The GDIP shall publish the registered design in the Industrial Property Bulletin.

5. The registration date of the design, in the design register, is considered the date of issuing the design registration certificate by the GDIP.

Article 20

Information containing the certificate of the registration of the design

1. The certificate of registration of the design must contain:
 - 1.1. Name and address of the registered design owner;
 - 1.2. Request number and design registration number;
 - 1.3. Deposit date, the date of termination of the protection, the date of registration, and the date of priority (if any);
 - 1.4. Product representing the design, as well as the class and subclass of the product, in accordance with the Classification of Locarno;
 - 1.5. Design submission/ appearance;
 - 1.6. Date of publication of the design;
 - 1.7. Number of designs involved in the registration in the case of multiple designs;
 - 1.8. Name and address of the creator of the design, except cases when the creator, by a written statement, requested that his name be omitted.

CHAPTER VI

CHANGES IN THE DESIGN REGISTER

Article 21

Content of request for changes in the register

1. The request for the registration of a change in the register will contain:
 - 1.1. The application form “On the registration of a change in the register”, in which the following information will be specified:
 - 1.1.1. application number or design registration number;
 - 1.1.2. name and address of the applicant or design owner, as written in the register;
 - 1.1.3. name and address of the person depositing the request in accordance with article 46 of this regulation;
 - 1.1.4. name and address of authorized representative if such one has been designated;
 - 1.1.5. type of the change requested;
 - 1.1.6. change requested by the applicant or the design owner;

- 1.1.7. signature of the person submitting the request or of his representative;
2. Legal document where the change is based, except for cases of change of address of the applicant, change of address of the design owner or change of address of the authorized representative;
3. Mandate of payment of the defined fee;
4. Authorization of representation, if the applicant / design owner has designated a representative;
5. The provisions of this article and also of articles 22 and 23 of this regulation, shall also apply to the reflection in the register of the transfer of ownership, change of name, change of address, licensing contracts, pledge, execution actions and any other change which must be or is required to be reflected in the register.

Article 22

Other documents concerning the request for the registration of changes in the register

1. When the application for registration of a change relates to several applications/registrations which have the same applicants or owners, a single application may be deposited provided that:
 - 1.1. The application or registration numbers of all applications or records have been indicated in the application;
 - 1.2. In the case of the transfer of ownership of the design, the transfer must be made through a written agreement before the notary and signed by both parties, which is deposited in the GDIP.
 - 1.3. Payment is to be made for all required changes;
2. If a partial ownership transfer is required, the GDIP creates a new design application and/or registration containing the design information (in the case of multiple designs) for which the transfer was made.
3. A full copy of the initial design application or registration documents shall be made part of the application or registration documents referred to in paragraph 1 of this article. A copy of the application for registration of the partial transfer of ownership shall be part of the initial application or registration documents.

4. A new application and/or registration number will be issued for the application or registration of the design according to point 2 of this article.
5. The procedures initiated with respect to the application or initial registration of a design shall also be considered for the applications or registrations referred to in paragraph 2 of this article for which the procedures have been initiated.
6. The legal document on which the amendment according to point 2 of article 21 of this regulation is based should be as follows:
 - 6.1. For the transfer of ownership as appropriate:
 - 6.1.1. The document certifying the transfer of ownership in the form of an agreement signed by both parties and certified by the notary;
 - 6.1.2. Commercial extract issued by competent authority for commercial companies to be evidenced by the new owner of the design.
 - 6.2. In cases where the transfer of ownership relates to the change of legal form of the company, the following shall be deposited:
 - 6.2.1. Commercial extract issued by the competent authority for commercial companies where the defined change is evidenced.
 - 6.3. For the change of the name, as appropriate:
 - 6.3.1. The document which verifies the change of the name;
 - 6.3.2. Commercial extract issued by the competent authority for commercial companies where the defined change is evidenced.
 - 6.4. For the registration of the license contract:
 - 6.4.1. Agreement/contract of licensing which is signed by both parties and certified by the notary;
 - 6.4.2. Duration of the license;
 - 6.4.3. Format of use the design by the licensee;
 - 6.4.4. List and quality of the products to be produced by the licensee;
 - 6.4.5. The territory where the design for which the license is to be used;
 - 6.4.6. Obligations that the licensor places on the license for the implementation of the terms set out in the contract;

6.4.7. The type of license: exclusive or non-exclusive license.

7. A registered contract license may be amended or cancelled at the request of one of the parties and any change shall be entered in the register. Every change should be accompanied by relevant evidence document.

Article 23

Procedure related to the examination of applications for registration of changes in the register

1. If the request for registration of a change in the register has not been deposited in accordance with the law and this regulation, the GDIP shall notify the applicant/owner of the design for completing the irregularities or for depositing additional documents within 2 (two) months from the date of notification.
2. If the applicant who filed the request completes the irregularities or deposits additional documents within 2 (two) months from the date of notification, the GDIP shall decide in relation with the request for the registration of the change.
3. With the request of the applicant, the two month time limit can be extended up to 2 (two) additional months if a request for extending the deadline is deposited within the time limit aforesaid and the defined fee is paid.
4. If the applicant does not meet the irregularities or does not deposit the additional documents, referred to in point 1 of this article within 2 (two) months or within the extended deadline, the GDIP shall reject the request for registration of change in the register.

CHAPTER VII

RENEWAL OF DESIGN

Article 24

Request submission for the renewal of design

1. The request for renewal of the design, provided by article 128 of the Law, is submitted to GDIP through the application form "On renewal of industrial design", and accompanied by the document of payment of the defined fee.

2. In the case of multiple designs, along with the request, the authorization of representation should also be filed when renewal is required for one or more designs contained in the registration.
3. The design renewal request, consisting of the application form “On renewal of industrial design” and the payment document of the defined fee, must be deposited at the GDIP within the six month period before the expiration date of the design protection term. The date of expiration of the design protection deadline constitutes the last day of this term. If the request is not deposited within this deadline, it may be deposited within an additional period of 6 (six) months from the date of termination of the design protection term, against payment of an additional fee.
4. In the case of multiple designs, the owner of the design may request renewal for all designs contained in the registration, or for some of them.
5. The renewal starts effects from the next day of the date when the registration ends the effects.

Article 25

The request review for renewal of design by GDIP

1. The GDIP shall review the design renewal application if it complies with the provisions of article 24 of this regulation and, in the event of a deficiency, notifies the applicant to make the necessary additions within 2 (two) months of the date of receipt of the notice, otherwise the application shall be rejected. This deadline may be extended by 2(two) additional months due to the request and payment of the extension fee.
2. When the request for renewal has not been deposited or has been deposited after the period specified in point 3 of article 24 of this regulation, or when the corresponding fees have not been paid or when the notified deficiencies have not been fixed, the GDIP shall notify the design owner that registration has terminated its protective effects and shall make the reflection of this decision in the registry of designs.
3. When the request for the renewal of the design is in accordance with the provisions of article 24 of this regulation, the GDIP shall register the renewal in the design register and issue the renewal certificate within 6 (six) months from the date when the application meets all the requirements of article 128 of the Law and the requirements of article 24 of this regulation.
4. The certificate for the renewal of the design shall contain:

- 4.1. Name and address of the applicant for the design;
 - 4.2. Request number and design registration number;
 - 4.3. Deposit date, date of termination of protection, date of renewal, and priority date (if any);
 - 4.4. Product representing the design, as well as the class and subclass of the product, in accordance with the Classification of Locarno;
 - 4.5. Design submission/ representation;
 - 4.6. Date of publication of the design;
 - 4.7. Number of designs involved in the registration in the case of multiple designs;
 - 4.8. Name and address of the design creator, unless the creator has requested that his name be omitted.
5. The GDIP makes the publication of renewal in the Industrial Property Bulletin.

CHAPTER VIII

RESIGNATION FROM AN APPLIED/ REGISTERED DESIGN

Article 26

Submission of application for resignation from the applied design

1. The applicant is entitled to waive the design application, through a written request, at any time until a final decision has been taken on the design.
2. If the resignation request is made before the GDIP has examined the design registration application for formalities, pursuant to point 2 of article 121 of the law, the GDIP shall return the applicant 80% of the amount paid at the time of application.
3. Upon depositing such a request, the application is considered withdrawn. The resignation becomes effective and cannot be revoked if the resignation request has not been revoked with another statement on the same day by the applicant.
4. In the case of multiple designs, the applicant may give up some of the designs for which the application was made or from the entire application.

Article 27

Submission and review of application for resignation from the registered design

1. The application for registration of resignation from a registered design, provided by article 137 of the Law, is submitted to the GDIP through the application form “On resignation from the registered industrial design” by the owner of the registered design.
2. Along with the application, the applicant must also deposit the following documents:
 - 2.1 Mandate of payment of the defined fee;
 - 2.2 Authorization of representation when the request is submitted by the representative of the design owner;
 - 2.3 When a license contract for this design is registered in the design register, a statement issued by the licensee where he claims he is aware of the resignation request in compliance with the provision of paragraph 2 of article 137 of the law;
 - 2.4 When a judicial proceeding has been initiated for the right to defend the design, the statement issued by the plaintiff, where he declares that he agrees to register the resignation, in accordance with the provision of point 2 of article 137 of the law.
3. The GDIP shall review the resignation request if it is in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article and in the event of a default, notifies the applicant to make the necessary additions within 3 (three) months from the date of notification, otherwise the request it is rejected.
4. The GDIP registers the resignation from design in the design register and notifies the applicant for the resignation registration within 3 (three) months of the date when the application completes all the requirements of points 1 and 2 of this article. The resignation registration notice is published in the Industrial Property Bulletin.
5. In the case when a registered design is a multiple design, its owner may request resignation for all designs or for some of them, stating at the time of application which of the designs he/she wants to give up.

CHAPTER IX PROCEEDINGS AT THE CHAMBER FOR ABOLISHMENT/ DEPRECIATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE DESIGN

Article 28

Content of the request for the abolishment of an industrial design

1. Any request for cancellation of an industrial design must be deposited separately.
2. The request for the abolishment of an industrial design must contain:
 - 2.1. The application form “On the abolishment of a registered design”, in which the following information will be specified:
 - 2.1.1. the industrial design registration number in respect of which the application is deposited;
 - 2.1.2. the name and address of the owner of the industrial design;
 - 2.1.3. the name and address of the representative depositing the request;
 - 2.1.4. the name and address of authorized representative if such one has been designated;
 - 2.1.5. the products for which the request has been deposited;
 - 2.1.6. signature and/or seal of the person depositing the request or his authorized representative;
 - 2.2. Arguments and legal basis supporting the request for the abolishment;
 - 2.3. Evidence regarding the legal basis supporting the request for the abolishment of the design;
 - 2.4. The authorization of representation, if the applicant has appointed a representative;
 - 2.5. Payment of the defined fee;
3. The request for the abolishment of the design shall be deposited in two identical copies.

Article 29

The review of requests for the abolishment of the registered design

1. Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber reviews the request for the repeal of a design within two months from the date of its deposit. In reviewing the request for the repeal of a registered design, the Abolishment/ Depreciation

Chamber shall invite the parties to the extent necessary to deposit their claims within a period of 2 (two) months, from the date of receipt of the notice, with respect to the communications submitted by the other parties or issued by the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber itself.

2. If the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber considers it reasonable, it may invite the parties to find a solution with understanding, through an agreement, which, if achieved, must be in writing and signed by both parties.
3. The GDIP's decision to repeal the registered design will be published and will be registered in the design register when it becomes final.

CHAPTER X

RESTORATION WITHIN THE DEADLINE OF THE RIGHTS

Article 30

Submission of request for the restoration within the deadline

1. In accordance with the provisions of article 122/ b of the law, the applicant of a design registration application or his representative may request the restoration of the right within 2 (two) months of the removal of the cause of the failure to comply with the deadline but not later than 1 (one) year from the expiration of the missed deadline. The written request contains:
 - 1.1. Application form "On restoration within the deadline of industrial design rights", with the following information:
 - 1.1.1. the application number of the design for which the request for restoration within the deadline has been deposited;
 - 1.1.2. the name and address of the design applicant for which restoration within the deadline has been requested;
 - 1.1.3. the name and address of the authorized representative if the applicant has designated one;
 - 1.1.4. the causes/reasons of non-compliance with the deadline;
 - 1.1.5. signature and/or seal of the applicant or his representative.
 - 1.2. the mandate of payment of the defined application fee;
 - 1.3. Authorization of representation if the application is submitted by the representative of the applicant.

Article 31

Review of request for the restoration within the deadline of the right

1. The GDIP reviews the request for restoration within the deadline of the right within a period of one month from the date of its receipt if it is in accordance with the provisions of article 122/ b of the law and article 30 of this regulation.
2. If the GDIP accepts the request for the restoration of the right within the deadline, it notifies in writing the applicant for the restoration of the right within the deadline which he must complete the irregularities and publishes them in the official bulletin. The refusal issued by the GDIP is abolished and the examiner continues the procedure in accordance with the law.
3. If the request for restoration of the right is not in accordance with the provisions of Article 122/b of the Law and article 30 of this Regulation, the GCIP shall reject the request for restoration within the deadline and notify the applicant in writing.
4. The decision of the GDIP to reject the restoration of the right within the deadline may be appealed to the Appeal Board within 1 (one) month from the date of receipt of the decision to reject the restoration.

Article 32

Restoration within the deadline concerning the priority

1. When the provided document according to point 2 of article 120 of the law has not been deposited at the GDIP within the specified time limit, the applicant has the right to request for restoration of the priority right within the deadline if:
 - 1.1. the statement of priority has been submitted to the GDIP in accordance with the requirements of article 8 of this regulation;
 - 1.2. the request for restoration of the right within the deadline along with the copy of the earlier application is deposited with the GDIP within the period provided by point 3 of article 8 of this regulation.
2. The request for restoration of the right within the deadline must be accompanied by a document stating the reasons that led to disregard the priority period, despite taking the necessary measures.

CHAPTER XI APPEAL

Article 33

Appeal of decisions in the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber

1. Any decision for the repeal taken during the examination process may be appealed in the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber, within 1 (one) month of the receipt of the notice, unless otherwise provided by law or this regulation, by depositing the following documents:
 - 1.1. Application form “On appeal of decisions in the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber”, which contains:
 - 1.1.1 the name and address of the appellant in accordance with article 46 of this Regulation;
 - 1.1.2 the decision of the GDIP from which the appeal has been deposited;
 - 1.1.3 the application or design registration number;
 - 1.1.4 an information indicating whether the decision of the GDIP was appealed in whole or a partially .
 - 1.1.5 signature of the appellant or his representative.
 - 1.2. The document for payment of the appeal fee;
 - 1.3. The reasons for which the appeal was deposited, accompanied by supporting evidence;
 - 1.4. Authorization of representation, if the appeal is submitted by the applicant's representative.

Article 34

Review of request in the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber

1. Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber reviews the request for the appeal within 2 (two) months from the date of its submission. If the appeal is not submitted within the time limit provided for in paragraph 1 of Article 33 or does not meet the requirements of points 1.1 and 1.2 of Article 33 of this Regulation, the Chamber shall notify the appellant in writing that his claim is deemed unreported. If an appeal does not meet the requirements set out in paragraphs, 1.3 and 1.4 of this Article, the Chamber shall notify in writing the applicant to complete the irregularities within two months of the date of receipt of the notification.
2. The Chamber shall reject the request for appeal if the appellant fails to complete the irregularities in the notification within the time limit set out in paragraph 1 of this Article and notifies the appellant of the decision of

refusal. When the request for appeal complies with the requirements of article 33 of this regulation, the Chamber shall consider the request for appeal within a period of two months from the date of its submission and notify the appellant of the decision taken.

3. The appellant has the right to appeal to the Appeal Board the decision of the Chamber in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 4 of article 126 of the law and shall pay the defined fee.
4. During the review, the Chamber has the right to ask the appellant of the decision, to submit additional materials and documents within a period of one month from the date of notification.
5. The Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber, when reviewing a request, in accordance with the respective powers provided for by law and this regulation, shall be expressed by acceptance, partial acceptance or the dismissal of the request under review.

Article 35

Handling of the application after the decision on the appeal

1. When the Chamber decides to accept the objection and the decision is not appealed to the Appeals Board, a copy of this decision shall be deposited in the application file for the registration of the design and the examiner shall continue the procedure for registration of the design in accordance with the provisions of the Law and this regulation.
2. When the Chamber decides to reject the appeal and the decision is not appealed to the Appeals Board, a copy of the decision of the Chamber shall be deposited in the file for the design registration and the refusal becomes final.
3. If the decision of the Chamber is appealed to the Appeal Board, a copy of the final decision of the Appeal Board shall be deposited in the application file for registration and the GDIP shall reject or record the design in accordance with the decision of the Board.
4. If the decision of the Appeal Board is appealed to the court, a copy of the final court decision is deposited in the application file for the registration of the design and the GDIP refuses or registers the design in accordance with the court decision.

Article 36

Appeal decisions to the Appeal Board

1. Decisions that may be appealed to the Appeals Board are:
 - 1.1. decisions taken by the Chamber to review the objections;
 - 1.2. decisions taken by the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber;
 - 1.3. decisions for restoration of the right within the deadline.
2. The appeal of a decision results in the suspension of further prosecution of the relevant proceedings.
3. The above-mentioned decisions take effect as they become final.

Article 37

Submission of an Appeal Request to the Appeal Board

1. The appeal procedure in the Appeal Board is initiated through the deposit of the following documents:
 - 1.1. Application form “On appeal of decisions in the Appeal Board”, which contains:
 - 1.1.1. the name and address of the appellant in accordance with article 46 of this Regulation;
 - 1.1.2. the decision of the GDIP from which the appeal has been deposited;
 - 1.1.3. the application or design registration number;
 - 1.1.4. an information indicating whether the decision of the GDIP was appealed in whole or a partially ;
 - 1.1.5. signature of the appellant or his representative;
 - 1.2. The document for payment of the appeal fee;
 - 1.3. arguments and/or evidence on which the appeal is based;
 - 1.4. Authorization of representation, if the appeal is submitted by the applicant's representative.
2. The request for appeal must be deposited in two identical copies.

Article 38

Review of requests by the Appeal Board

1. The Secretary of the Appeals Board shall, within 1 (one) month from the date of the deposit of the request for appeal, review if it contains the documents provided for in article 37 of this regulation.
2. When a request for appeal is filed in accordance with Article 37 of this Regulation, the Secretary of the Appeal Board shall send to the party against whom the appeal is filed, a copy of the request for appeal and shall notify it within 2 (two) months from the date of receipt of the notice, the arguments and any other document relating to the appeal.
3. In case that a request for appeal has not been filed in accordance with the conditions set out in Article 37 of this Regulation, the Secretary of the Appeal Board shall notify in written form the Appeal Board, which rejects the request for appeal and notifies the appellant of the decision taken.
4. The Secretary of the Appeal Board shall , within 1 (one) month from the expiration of the deadline provided for in paragraph 2 of this Article, submit to the Appeal Board the request for appeal.
5. The Appeal Board reviews a request within 3 (three) months from the date of its submission to the Board.
6. During the review of a request, the Appeal Board, when it considers it reasonable, has the right to request from the parties, through a written notice, to submit additional evidence and documents within a reasonable period of time, but in any case no later than 1 (one) month from the date of the receipt of the notice from the party.
7. If the Appeal Board considers it reasonable, it may invite the parties to hearings and asks them to find a solution by understanding, which, if achieved, must materialize in a written agreement signed by both parties before the notary or before the Appeal Board.
8. The Secretary of the Appeal Board notifies the parties involved in the procedure upon the decision of the Appeal Board, but not in any case, no later than 1 (one) month from the date of the decision.
9. The Appeal Board, when reviewing a request, in accordance with the respective powers provided for by law and this regulation, shall be expressed by acceptance, partial acceptance or the dismissal of the request under review.

Article 39
Effect of decisions

1. The Appeal Board's decision becomes final from the next day of the expiration of the deadline for appeal to the court, when none of the parties filed an appeal against the decision of the Board.
2. When the decision of the Appeal Board or the decision of the Court has become final, the GDIP executes the decision in accordance with the legislation in force.
3. In case of appeal of the decision of the Appeal Board to the court, the complainant is obliged to notify GDIP within 1 (one) month from the filing date of the appeal to the court, in order to avoid the execution of the decision of the Appeal Board.

CHAPTER XII
APPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF
INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Article 40
Submission of applications for international registration

1. International application shall be deposited in accordance with the requirements of the Hague Agreement and shall contain:
 - 1.1. The specific form set by the WIPO International Bureau with the following specifications:
 - 1.1.1.the name and address of the applicant;
 - 1.1.2.the name and address of the applicant's representative;
 - 1.1.3.the application or registration number of the design on which the application for international registration is based;
 - 1.1.4.the appearance/image of the design which should be identical as in the application or the national registration;
 - 1.1.5.information of the priority if a priority is claimed, or when priority is claimed from the international exhibition, the data of the official international exhibition;
 - 1.1.6.classes and subclasses according to Locarno classification;
 - 1.1.7.the number of designs involved in the international application in the case of multiple designs;

- 1.1.8. union member countries for which the scope of international registration is required;
 - 1.1.9. the description of the design, which will only describe the features of the industrial design that appear in its reproductions. In addition, the material that is displayed for reproduction but for which protection is not required can be shown in its description. In the description it can be indicated the possible use of the design as long as it is not technical. This description cannot exceed 100 words as it has additional costs. The description of the design must be the same as the description made in the national application or registration;
 - 1.1.10. the identity of the creator/creators;
 - 1.1.11. publication of international registration, if the applicant selects one of the other options other than that already set out in the application form for international registration;
 - 1.1.12. signature and/or seal of the applicant or his representative.
- 1.2. The mandate of payment of the defined fee.
 - 1.3. The form referred to in point 1.1 of this article must be presented in 2 (two) identical copies.

Article 41

Other requirements related to the application for international registration

1. The international registration ends if the industrial design is no longer protected in the Republic of Albania.
2. The request for international registration should be referenced to an industrial design applied or registered in the GDIP.
3. Before applying for international registration of industrial designs, the application for the national registration in the National Register of Industrial Designs must be carried out.
4. All the information contained in the application for international registration must fully comply with the data in the National Records of Industrial Designs.
5. The international registration fee is provided in the Hague Agreement and is carried out at the International Bureau.

6. The fee for obtaining, verifying and transmitting the application for international registration is deposited in the GDIP's account.
7. The application form and other official forms are available on the site of the International Bureau of Intellectual Property.

CHAPTER XIII

OTHER DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY GDIP RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Article 42

Extracts and investigations issued by the registry of designs

1. Pursuant to article 192, article 192, and article 194 of the law, the GDIP shall issue interested persons, extracts from the design register, as well as response to the requests for investigation.
2. The request for extract of the register for a registered design is submitted to the GDIP in writing, accompanied by the payment document of the defined fee, otherwise the request is considered unpublished. The registry extract issued by the GDIP contains all the design information and the history of the changes that it has undergone.
3. The request for investigation, in relation to a design, is submitted to the GDIPs in writing, accompanied by the payment document of the defined fee, otherwise the request is considered unpublished.
4. The GDIP shall notify the claimant in writing of the outcome of the investigation.

Article 43

Duplicates and priority document

1. The owner of a registered design has the right to request a duplicate of the design registration certificate, its certificate of renewal or other notices issued by the GDIP for registration of changes in the design register.
2. The duplicate request is made in writing and must be accompanied by the payment document of the defined fee as well as with the authorization of representation when the request is submitted by the representative of the design owner, otherwise the request is considered unpublished.

3. The applicant who has deposited with the GDIP an application for registration of a design has the right to request a priority design document within 6 (six) months from the date of the deposit the application for the registration of the design, against payment of the defined fee .
4. The priority document, issued by the GDIP, contains the following information:
 - 4.1. Date and deposit number;
 - 4.2. Name and address of the applicant;
 - 4.3. Name and address of the creator of the design;
 - 4.4. Product representing the design, as well as the class and subclass of the product, in accordance with the Classification of Locarno;
 - 4.5. Number of designs involved in the application in the case of multiple designs;
 - 4.6. Representation (reproduction) of the design according to the images deposited by the applicant.

Article 44

File inspection for registered design

1. The file of an unpublished design registration application cannot be inspected without the consent of the applicant.
2. Upon the publication of the design application, the file relevant to this application and the resulting design may be inspected upon the filing of a written request and payment of the defined fee.
4. When the files are inspected under point 2 of this article, documents relating to the exclusion or the request for the exclusion of a member of the Chamber of Objections or the Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber or the Board of Appeal, because of the existence of the conflict of interest, drafts decisions and opinions as well as all internal documents used for the preparation of decisions and opinions, as well as the parts of the file for which the interested party shows a special interest in maintaining confidentiality before the request for inspection of the file has been submitted, shall be prohibited for inspection unless the inspection of such documents of the file is justified by a legitimate and essential interest of the party requesting the inspection.

5. Inspecting application files for design registration and/or registered design shall be performed on original documents, copies thereof or other technical means of storage.
6. File inspection should take place in the GDIP's facilities. Based on a written request, the file inspection may be accompanied by the issuance of copies of the file documents. Issuance of these copies is conditional upon payment of a defined fee. The GDIP shall also issue, on the basis of a written request and after payment of the defined fee, certified or not certified copies of the application for the design registration.
7. When the files are inspected under point 5 of this article, the file inspection shall be deemed to be unpublished until payment of the relevant fee is made.
8. In accordance with the limitations set out in point 3 of this article, and also on the basis of a written request, the GDIP may communicate information from any file belonging to an application for design registration or a registered design, upon payment of the investigation fee.

Article 45

Abolishment or amendment of error administrative acts

1. The applicant may request, through a written request, the correction of errors or inaccuracies contained in the application for the registration of the design, when they relate to the name or address of the applicant, the creator or representative of the applicant or other inaccuracies which do not violate the essence of the application elements, as long as the application is not registered in the design register.
2. In the case of the GDIP issuing of acts containing errors or inaccuracies not for the fault of the applicant or design owner, their correction is made by the GDIP on the basis of on its own initiative or a written request submitted by the applicant or the owner of the design. The GDIP issues the corrected act as the applicant or the design owner has submitted to the GDIP the original of the act for which the correction is requested and reflects the correction in the design register and publishes it in the Industrial Property Bulletin.
3. The request for correction of an error in the application or other documents filed with the GDIP, submitted by the applicant or the owner, as appropriate, contains:
 - 3.1. Number and date of the deposit of the request with which the request is made to correct the error;

- 3.2. Name and address of the applicant or owner;
 - 3.3. Name and address of the representative, if such one has been designated;
 - 3.4. Design required for error correction and proposed correction;
 - 3.5. Signature of the applicant or, as the case may be, the representative.
4. The request for error correction is considered to be submitted only after the amount determined by the Decision of the Council of Ministers for the industrial property facilities is paid.
 5. If the same error correction is required in many applications submitted by the same applicant, it is sufficient to submit a single error correction request indicating the number and date of the applications to which it relates. The fee payment set out in the relevant regulation must be made for each separate application. The original payment document is attached to each application.
 6. The GDIP may require the submission of additional evidence on the veracity of the reported error.
 7. Any correction made to a published design application should be published in the next industrial property bulletin.

CHAPTER XIV GENERAL REQUESTS

Article 46 Name and address

1. In the communications deposited before the GDIP, the name and address of the applicant, shall be shown in the following method:
 - 1.1. If the opposing applicant or the person submitting the request is a natural person: name, surname, address, city, state;
 - 1.2. If the opposing applicant or the person submitting the application is a legal person: company name, address, city, state.
2. In the communications deposited at the GDIP, the name and address of the authorized representative shall be shown in the following method: name, surname, address, city, state and/ or code of representative.

3. When an application has been deposited by several applicants, correspondence regarding the application will be sent to the addresses of each applicant, unless they have appointed an authorized representative.
4. The applicant may declare other contact modes such as phone number, *fax*, *e-mail* address, etc.
5. The provisions of this article, and also of articles 47 and 48 of this regulation shall also apply to correspondence with the Objection Review Chamber, Abolishment/ Depreciation Chamber and the Appeal Board.
6. In all design templates, the following text will be provided:

"I, the undersigned acknowledge that the GDIP may contact me through the following communication tools on issues related to the procedures provided in law no.9947, dated 7.7.2008,"On Industrial Property", as amended, and by-laws for its implementation through:

- electronic mail (*e-mail*), in the following address:_____;
- Communication (*SMS*, phone call), in the following number:_____;
- fax* in the following number: _____;"

GDIP announces that recording the above contact data is voluntary. GDIP shall retain this information (hereinafter referred to as "personal data") that the applicant and/ or the authorized person (hereinafter referred to as "the subject") have entered in this application form.

Personal data will be processed and used by GDIP, in the capacity of the Controller, or by third parties designated by GDIP, as the processor, exclusively to communicate with the subject, regarding the procedures related to this application. Personal data will not be passed to a third party without prior consent of the subject and will not be subject to international transfer. In addition, GDIP may occasionally use personal data to contact the subject and to send information that may be of interest to him/ her such as: notifications, events and/ or legal developments in the scope of the GDIP activity.

GDIP will stop sending this information if the subject expressly notifies GDIP in writing that he/ she does not wish to be further contacted to receive such information.

The subject has the right to access, block, correct or delete personal data, that GDIP has stored in the database, and to request to exercise any other right recognized by law no. 9887, dated 10.3.2008, "On Personal Data Protection", as amended.

Date: _____._____._____

_____ (name, surname, signature)

Through this special signature, the Signatory gives consent to GDIP to maintain process and use personal data of the subject, in accordance with the above conditions. Through this special signature, the Signatory also declares under his/ her responsibility that the contact details as above are his or her personal data or of a third person who has authorized the Signatory to perform such actions.”

7. In all design forms that will be deposited in the GDIP shall be placed the office address and logos.

Article 47

Requests related to correspondence

1. The GDIP shall only accept handwritten signatures on the documents deposited with it.
2. If a GDIP communication contains several documents that relate to some applications- in each document should be written the application number with which the document is attached.

Article 48

Deposit of documents

1. Correspondence with the GDIP shall be done manually or by mail.
2. The request or any other type of document deposited in GDIP shall be in written and translated into Albanian.

Article 49

Notification and delivery of documents

1. The date of notification of a document shall be deemed to be the date of receipt of the notification by the applicant or his representative. The notice deadlines shall be calculated starting from the day after the receipt of the notice.
2. Any notification, sent to the representative, shall have the same effect as being sent to the person represented.

3. Any communication addressed to the GDIP by a representative shall be deemed to have been sent by the person represented.
4. If an authorized representative is appointed, the GDIP will send all notifications to the latter.

Article 50

Authorization of representation

1. Authorization of representation; must contain:
 - 1.1. the applicant's signature as certified by the notary, when the applicant is a foreign natural person;
 - 1.2. signature and seal, or signature certified by a notary when the applicant is an Albanian or foreign legal person.
2. If the representation authorization is not in accordance with the provided rules in this regulation, the GDIP shall notify the representative who filed the application to complete the irregularities within 3 (three) months from the day of receipt of the notice.
3. If the person who has filed the authorization of representation does not complete the irregularities within the deadline specified in the notice of the GDIP under point 2 of this article, the GDIP shall refuse the application.
4. The GDIP registers in the design register an authorized representative with respect to a design when the representatives are given with the right authorization to follow the procedures and carry out the actions provided for in the law and regulation related to the designs.
5. Regarding, acting and following the procedures related to a design, the registered representative, according to the previous paragraph, does not need to file the original authorization, but a photocopy of it.
6. When the applicant or the owner of a design has revoked or changed the representation authorization, he must deposit with the GDIP the request for revocation of change of authorization, and also appointing a new representative. The application is registered in the design register, according to point 4 of this article.

Article 51

Hearings

1. Where deemed necessary, the GDIP or the Appeal Board shall hold hearings, and invite parties to attend hearings.

Article 52

Evidence taking

1. Obtaining and securing the evidence from GDIP and the Appeal Board consists of:
 - 1.1. Hearing to the parties;
 - 1.2. Requesting the parties for extra information;
 - 1.3. Depositing documents and evidence;
 - 1.4. Hearing other persons when deemed necessary by the GDIP, the Appeal Board or at the request of the parties.