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**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior chapter 38, as added by Pub. L. 96-517, §6(a), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 3018, was originally editorially inserted after chapter 17 of this title because the probable intent of Congress was to designate the chapter as "18", in view of the numerical designation of the sections contained in the chapter as sections 200 to 211 and in view of the subject matter of the chapter in relation to the subject matter of Part II of this title. Pub. L. 97-256, title I, §101(5), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 816, redesignated chapter 38 as chapter 18 and transferred chapter 18, as so redesignated, from the end of this part to the end of Part II. See 1982 Amendment note set out under the analysis of chapter 18 (§200 et seq.) of this title.

**§ 381. Definitions**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—When used in this part, unless the context otherwise indicates—

(1) the term "treaty" means the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs adopted at Geneva on July 2, 1999;

(2) the term "regulations"—

(A) when capitalized, means the Common Regulations under the treaty; and

(B) when not capitalized, means the regulations established by the Director under this title;

(3) the terms "designation", "designating", and "designate" refer to a request that an international registration have effect in a Contracting Party to the treaty;

(4) the term "International Bureau" means the international intergovernmental organization that is recognized as the coordinating body under the treaty and the Regulations;

(5) the term "effective registration date" means the date of international registration determined by the International Bureau under the treaty;

(6) the term "international design application" means an application for international registration; and

(7) the term "international registration" means the international registration of an industrial design filed under the treaty.

(b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Terms and expressions not defined in this part are to be taken in the sense indicated by the treaty and the Regulations.

(Added Pub. L. 112-211, title I, §101(a), Dec. 18, 2012, 126 Stat. 1527.)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section effective on the later of the date that is 1 year after Dec. 18, 2012, or the date that the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs enters into force with respect to the United States, and applicable only to certain applications filed on and after that effective date and patents issuing thereon, see section 103 of Pub. L. 112-211, set out as an Effective Date of 2012 Amendment note under section 100 of this title.

**§ 382. Filing international design applications**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Any person who is a national of the United States, or has a domicile, a habitual residence, or a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in the United States, may file an international design application by submitting to the Patent and Trademark Office an application in such form, together with such fees, as may be prescribed by the Director.

(b) **REQUIRED ACTION.**—The Patent and Trademark Office shall perform all acts connected with the discharge of its duties under the treaty, including the collection of international fees and transmittal thereof to the International Bureau. Subject to chapter 17, international design applications shall be forwarded by the Patent and Trademark Office to the International Bureau, upon payment of a transmittal fee.

(c) **APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER 16.**—Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the provisions of chapter 16 shall apply.

(d) **APPLICATION FILED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.**—An international design application on an industrial design made in this country shall be considered to constitute the filing of an application in a foreign country within the meaning of chapter 17 if the international design application is filed—

(1) in a country other than the United States;

(2) at the International Bureau; or

(3) with an intergovernmental organization.

(Added Pub. L. 112-211, title I, §101(a), Dec. 18, 2012, 126 Stat. 1528.)

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**§ 383. International design application**

In addition to any requirements pursuant to chapter 16, the international design application shall contain—

(1) a request for international registration under the treaty;

(2) an indication of the designated Contracting Parties;

(3) data concerning the applicant as prescribed in the treaty and the Regulations;

(4) copies of a reproduction or, at the choice of the applicant, of several different reproduc-