

Law
Approving the Benelux Designs Convention,
signed at Brussels on October 25, 1966,
and its Annex (Uniform Law)

(of December 1, 1970)

1. – The Benelux Designs Convention, signed at Brussels on October 25, 1966, shall have full force and effect.

2. – The Uniform Benelux Designs Law, annexed to the Convention referred to in Section 1, is hereby incorporated into the legislation in its Dutch and French languages.

3. – Sections 1 and 2 of Royal Decree No. 91 of January 29, 1935 governing the measures relating to the protection of industrial designs, approved by the Law of May 4, 1936, shall henceforth apply only to designs protected by those provisions prior to the entry into force of the Uniform Benelux Law.

4. – Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Royal Decree No. 91 of January 29, 1935 are hereby repealed.

Deposits effected under Royal Decree No. 91 of January 29, 1935 or pursuant to Sections 14 to 19 of the Law of March 18, 1806, as amended by the Law of December 30, 1925 and the Royal Decree of June 30, 1933, shall remain in force; however, the evidential value of such deposits shall only be maintained if a confirmatory deposit has been made in accordance with Article 26 of the Uniform Benelux Law.

5. – The King shall designate the department responsible for assuming the tasks entrusted to the national Office by the Uniform Benelux Law.

6. – The provisions of the Convention and of the Uniform Benelux Law which relate to international deposits of industrial designs shall enter into force on the date of entry into force in the three States of Benelux of the Hague Agreement of November 28, 1960 revising the Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs.

7. – Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Law shall enter into force on the date fixed in Article 13 of the Convention for the entry into force of the Uniform Benelux Law.