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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

REPUBLIC OF KOREA: DESIGN PROTECTION ACT

Notifying Member	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	DESIGN PROTECTION ACT
Subject matter	Industrial designs
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2021/IP/KOR/21_1998_00_e.pdf
Notification status	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/KOR/D/4
Brief description of the notified legal text	
The amendments were made to carry out an international design system in accordance with the Hague Convention. Additionally, the duration of industrial design rights was extended from 15 years to 20 years after application, the declaration for exception to lack of novelty was made possible even after application, and the grace period was extended from 6 months to 12 months.	
Language(s) of notified legal text	English
Entry into force	9 July 2019
Other date	

Notification details

Submission date of notification	16 March 2021
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Other information	Details on the prior versions of the Design Protection Act: https://www.law.go.kr/LSW/eng/engLsSc.do?menuId=2&section=lawNm&query=design+protection+act&x=0&y=0
Agency or authority responsible	Korean Intellectual Property Office (kipomla@korea.kr)

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