



# Russia ratified the Protocol on the protection of industrial designs under the Eurasian Patent Convention

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**T**he Eurasian Patent Convention was signed by Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tazhikistan and Ukraine on 09 September 1994.

Currently, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tazhikistan and Turkmenistan are members of the Eurasian Patent Convention, which allows the filing of a single patent application and obtain patent protection for the invention in certain designated or all jurisdictions.

The Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) governs and administers the procedures connected to the filing of Eurasian patent applications, examination and grant of patents, as well as the maintenance of existing Eurasian patents.

The Protocol on the protection of industrial designs to the Eurasian Patent Convention (Protocol) was signed on 09 September 2019. Similarly to the Convention, the Protocol creates an option for registration of industrial design in all jurisdictions by filing one single application with the EAPO instead of filing several national applications.

The EAPO procedure is simpler and more effective, as the applicant does not need to fill in different forms, make several official fee payments to the national offices in different currencies, and translate materials into the national languages.

The Protocol was signed by Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tazhikistan. The first ratification instruments were deposited with the WIPO in accordance with the prescribed procedure by Armenia, Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan.



The Russian Federation ratified the Protocol in early 2021 and handed in the relevant instrument to the General Director of the WIPO on 11 January 2021. As a result, for the Russian Federation the Protocol shall come into force on 11 April 2021.

To make the Protocol not only legally in force, but also an actual operative

structure, the EAPO shall adopt new procedures on Patent Regulations and Statute on Fees. The drafts of the relevant documents are scheduled for review of the Administrative Council of the EAPO during the first half of 2021. As soon as all necessary documents are completed and in force, the single registration of Eurasian industrial designs will become a reality.



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