

DESIGN PROTECTION IN SWITZERLAND

Filing language	French / German / Italian
Power of Attorney	Not required
Acceptable designs	Aesthetic appearance of an object, in full or in part, label
Representations	Drawings without indication, computer-generated images, black and white or colour photos
Multiple filing	Yes, if the designs belong to the same Locarno class
Absolute/relative novelty	12-month grace period
Protection requirements	Novelty Originality Respect of public order and morality
Application requirements	Name(s) and address(es) of the applicant(s) Name(s) and address(es) of the creator(s) One representation per design (unlimited number of additional representations) Indication of the products for which the design is intended Locarno class
Description of the design	Optional
Ex officio search	None (novelty not examined)
Time frame for registration	Around 1 month
Publication	After registration
Deferment of publication	Upon request for up to 30 months after the filing date or priority date
Protection period	5 years (maximum 25 years)
Renewal	Each 5 years
Assignment	Deed of assignment or assignment form required Legalization/notarization not required Assignment translation required if other than French, German, Italian or English
Licensing	License agreement or license form required