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Changes in Design Law and Practice

As announced in prior Newsletters, substantial positive changes in the Design Law have been introduced at the beginning of the year by Decree 27/2018 and Law 27.444. However, many of these novelties were not in force since the corresponding regulations had not been issued.

The PTO has now issued Resolution 252 which basically constitutes the new Guidelines which all design applications must comply with. Until now the Guidelines dated back to a Disposition issued in the middle seventies. While the Design Division had updated them through practice, custom and usage, Resolution 252 now summarizes a new compendium of formalities establishing a much clearer set of requirements than was previously the case.

In light of this we will no longer require to file 4 sets of figures, one being enough. The submission of figures in Bristol Board is also done away with.

The way in which figures must be numbered has been changed as well. Therefore, in those cases in which you provide us with printed versions of figures for filing instead of electronic files, we kindly request that you print just the figures without the inclusion of any numbering so that we may number the figures accordingly at our end.

As for the substantial changes it is now possible to delay the publication of an application for up to 6 months by paying a fee which has been set at the same amount as the initial filing fee for a regular design application.

In the case of renewals, they can also take place within a 6 month grace period following the due date by paying an extra fee.

Also, multiple designs can be filed in single application provided they belong to the same Locarno class. In addition, divisional applications are now accepted.

These and other modifications basically bring Argentine practice closer to international practice allowing to better streamline the filing of applications worldwide.

Should you have any comments or questions regarding these changes please let us know. In any event, we will provide you with our comments when we receive instructions for



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filing new designs and we will report any changes that need to be introduced in the specific application/s before filing it/them.

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