

AGREEMENT FOR THE PRESERVATION OR RESTORATION OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AFFECTED BY THE SECOND WORLD WAR

The undersigned Plenipotentiaries of the Governments of the countries members of the International Union for the Protection of Industrial Property, being desirous of providing remedies for the prejudice to industrial property rights arising from the Second World War, after having communicated their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following provisions :—

ARTICLE I

The periods of priority, provided by Article 4 of the Convention of the Union of Paris for the protection of industrial property, for the deposit or registration of applications for patents for inventions, for utility models, for trade marks, and for industrial designs and models, which had not expired on 3 September 1939, and those which have arisen since that date but before 1 January 1947, shall be extended by each of the contracting countries in favour of the proprietors of such rights recognized by the said Convention, or their legal representatives or assignees until 31 December 1947.

ARTICLE 2

A period expiring on 30 June 1948, shall be granted, without supplementary fee or penalty of any kind, to the proprietors of rights recognized by the said Convention, or their legal representatives or assignees, to accomplish any act, fulfil any formality, pay any fee and generally to satisfy any obligation prescribed by the laws and regulations of each country, in order to preserve industrial property rights already acquired on 3 September 1939 or after that date, or to obtain those which, if the war had not taken place, might have been acquired since that date in consequence of an application made before 30 June 1947.

ARTICLE 3

The renewal of registration of trade marks which have reached the end of their normal term of protection after 3 September 1939, but before 30 June 1947, shall have retroactive effect to the date of expiration of such normal term provided the renewal is effected before 30 June 1948.