AGENCY: Office of Industrial Designs

Concerning International Registration

To Implement the Hague Agreement

FORUM TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES

37 CFR Parts 1, 3, 5 and 11

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Forum To Discuss Proposed Changes

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ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO” or “Office”) is convening a forum to discuss implementation of title I of the

Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012 (“PLTIA”). The PLTIA amends the patent laws to implement the provisions of the 1999 Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning International Registration of Industrial Designs (“Hague Agreement”) and is to take effect on the entry into force of the Hague Agreement with respect to the United States. On November 29, 2013, the Office published a proposed rule in the Federal Register proposing changes to the rules of practice to implement title I of the PLTIA and seeking written comments on the proposals. The forum is an additional way for the public to learn about the Office’s proposals in advance of the written comment deadline.

DATES:

Event: The USPTO will hold a forum in Alexandria, Virginia, on January 14, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST), and ending at 12:00 p.m. EST.

Registration: Registration for the forum is required by December 31, 2013.

ADRESSES:

Event: The forum will be held at: Madison Auditorium, Concourse Level, United States Patent and Trademark Office Headquarters, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Registration: Registration is required. Early registration is recommended. A fee to register for the forum. However, written comments to the proposed rules can be submitted on or before January 28, 2014, as set forth in the Office’s notice of proposed rulemaking. While public attendees may have the opportunity to ask questions, group consensus advice will not be sought. Additional details regarding specific topics for the forum will be made available on the Office’s Web site.

Background: The Hague Agreement provides that an applicant may apply for design protection in all member countries and with intergovernmental organizations by filing a single, standardized international design application in a single language. Title I of the PLTIA amends title 35 to implement the provisions of the Hague Agreement and is to take effect on the entry into force of the Hague Agreement with respect to the United States. For the forum, the Office intends to provide information regarding the proposed rule changes to implement the PLTIA. Additional information concerning the proposed rules and the Hague Agreement, and any updates concerning the forum, can be found on the Office’s Web site, www.uspto.gov.

Margaret A. Focarino, Commissioner for Patents, performing the functions and duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.