

Leaflet Designs in France

Territory

French Republic.

Duration

Duration is 5 years from the date of filing, extendible four times for another 5 years each. Extension must be requested and the required fee has to be paid within a period of 6 months ending on the last day of the month in which protection ends. A six-month grace period follows said day in which extension may be requested and the required fee plus a supplemental fee be paid. Evidence must be filed of payment of the required fee for the extension concerned.

Marking

Marking of the design is not compulsory, but advisable.

Miscellaneous

The registration of an industrial design or model may be nullified on request of an interested party. The grounds for nullification are

- a) design or model was not eligible for protection under design and model act, notably if the design or model lacks novelty or individual character,
- b) owner of the registration is not entitled to the registration,
- c) design or model conflicts with rights of third parties to an earlier design or model,
- d) design or model conflicts with a copyright of a third party, or
- e) in the design or model use has been made of an earlier protected distinctive sign without authorization of the owner of said sign.

On any of the grounds b)-e), only the person entitled to the registration may request nullification.