procedure

https://actip.com.vn/laos/procedure-a49.html

[1] time limit

[06] months counted from the earliest priority date is limited to claim the priority on the basis of the conventional design application under Paris Convention.

[2] requirements

In order to file an application for a design in Laos, it is required the following documents:

Direct National Application

documents	remarks	time of filing
Power of Attorney	- notarized	on filing date
Inventorship Deed of Assignment	- notarized & required when applicant and inventor is not the same	on filing date
Photographs/drawings	- required - including seven [7] views, namely front view, rear view, right view, left view, top view, bottom view, perspective views presented with solid lines at the same scale - the drawing in state of use is also required when the design is a part of product	on filing date
English description of the salient novelty features of design and claims for protection.	- required	on filing date

Convention Based-Application

documents	remarks	time of filing
Power of Attorney	- notarized	on filing date
Priority document	- certified copy which issued by the first receiving office - English & Laos translations are required	within three [3] months from the filing date for the original

Priority Deed of Assignment	- notarized & required when applicant is other than one in priority document	within three [3] months from the filing date for the original
Photographs/drawings	- required - including seven [7] views, namely front view, rear view, right view, left view, top view, bottom view, perspective views presented with solid lines at the same scale - the drawing in state of use is also required when the design is a part of product	on filing date
English description of the salient novelty features of design and claims for protection.	- required	on filing date
Copy of examination report of corresponding application in foreign country	- if any	on available
Copy of registration certificate of design obtained in foreign country	- if any	on available

[3] examination

An application for design in Laos shall be conducted the formality examination and substantive examination with the alternate publication.

formality

The examination as to formalities will be commenced from the filing date. The duration will take about two [02] months from the filing date.

Time limit to make the response to the Office Action is two [2] months counted from the issued date of the notice.

substance

Duration of substantive examination is nine [09] months.

Time limit to make the response to the Office Action is three [03] months counted from the issued date of the notice.

publication

The design application will be published when 150 industrial design application/registrations are in order to be advertised but no later than six months from the filing date.

After granted, the design registration shall be published.

grant

Normally, the whole duration for obtaining a Patent for design will take about twelve [12] months from the filing date.

[4] deferment of publication

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The deferment of publication is available in a period of twelve [12] months from the date of filing or priority date. In this period, the owner cannot institute court proceedings against any person or legal entity who infringes his/her industrial design.

[5] term & renewal

Term of protection of design is five [05] years from the filing date and renewable twice, each for five years, that is the maximum term of protection of design is fifteen [15] years.

A six-month grace period is allowed for the late payment of the renewal fee, with an additional surcharge.

Additionally, the maintenance of the patent design is also required. Accordingly, an annual fee shall be paid in advance each year.

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