



The National IP Office of Malta

Commerce Department

DESIGN REGISTRATION

Safeguarding Your Creativity

Combinations of colours, textures, patterns and shapes are used to create the design of objects which would otherwise not attract attention.

Innovative design can be found in most of the objects that surround us in our daily lives, from clothes and shoes to bathroom appliances, from mobile phones to pens and pencils, from floor tile patterns to lighting fixtures, from family cars to fishing boats.

Craft products in particular frequently feature new designs, typical examples of which include furniture, lace and filigree items.

Designs are the fruit of human creativity and endeavour. In addition the transformation of a design from the drawing board to an object also requires much time and money.

When a person copies someone else's design, that person would be illegally benefitting from the time and money spent by the actual creator of the design.

Therefore, by registering your new and original design you will have the exclusive right to its use for up to 25 years.

You may register your design/s at the national office of the country where you wish protection – in Malta at the Commerce Department. Alternatively if you need protection in all EU Member States you may apply for a Registered Community Design by filing an application with the European Union Intellectual Property Office at: www.euipo.europa.eu



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