# **Exploring the Right of Priority in Industrial Design Application in Myanmar**

When it comes to seeking protection for your innovative industrial design, the right of priority can play a pivotal role in ensuring your creative efforts receive the recognition they deserve. Let's delve into the essential provisions that govern the right of priority in Myanmar's industrial design landscape.

### **Securing Right of Priority**

Have you applied for the registration of your groundbreaking industrial design in a Member State of the Paris Convention or the World Trade Organization? If so, you're in luck. Myanmar's industrial design framework grants you the right of priority, affording your design the privilege it deserves. When you choose to apply for the registration of an identical industrial design with the Department within six months from the date of your initial application, you gain the esteemed right of priority. This means that the original date of your first application becomes the cornerstone of your design's journey towards protection.

## A Spotlight on Trade Exhibitions

Trade exhibitions hold immense potential for showcasing your industrial design on an international stage. If you've unveiled your design at an international trade exhibition organized or recognized by the relevant government in a Member State of the Paris Convention or the World Trade Organization, you're entitled to the right of priority for trade exhibitions. By submitting your application within six months from the date of the first display of your design, you can ensure that your design's application date aligns with the moment it was first exhibited.

#### **A Time-Honored Limit**

While the right of priority for trade exhibitions opens doors to showcasing your design's prowess, it's important to note that this right is bounded by the timeframe of the right of priority received upon the date of application as established under section 39. Ensuring clarity and fairness, this provision safeguards the integrity of the industrial design application process.

As you embark on your journey to safeguard your industrial design, understanding and harnessing the right of priority can be a powerful tool. By leveraging this mechanism, you can seize the opportunity to secure your design's rightful place in the world of innovation and creativity.

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