

**Designs Act, 2000**

**Section 5 - APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF DESIGNS**

1) The Controller may, on the application of any person claiming to be the proprietor of any new or original design not previously published in any country and which is not contrary to public order or morality, register the design under this Act; Provided that the Controller shall before such registration refer the application for examination, by an examiner appointed under sub-sec. (2) of Sec.3-, as to whether such design is capable of being registered under this Act and the rules made thereunder and consider the report of the examiner on such reference. (2) Every application under sub-sec. (1) shall be in the prescribed form and shall be filed in the patent office in the prescribed manner and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee. (3) A design may be registered in not more than one class, and, in case of doubt as to the class in which a design ought to be registered, the Controller may decide the question. (4) The Controller may, if he thinks fit, refuse to register any design presented to him for registration; but any person aggrieved by any such refusal may appeal to the High Court. (5) An application which, owing to any default or neglect on the part of the applicant, has not been completed so as to enable registration to be effected within the prescribed time shall be deemed to be abandoned. (6) A design when registered shall be registered as to the date of the application for registration.