

## Preface

Volume 2 is a collection of decisions of European and national courts on design protection, which contains decisions from *Austria, France, Germany, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom*, as well as decisions from the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) on invalidity of Community designs (including one of the first decisions of the competent Third Board of Appeal). In contrast to Volume 1, this Volume 2 also includes such decisions which, strictly speaking on their face, do not concern questions of design law (but rather related areas of law such as copyright protection or the protection of a three-dimensional trademark). Nevertheless, due to their general character, these decisions have an impact on design law. Volume 2 also contains a second Headnotes Index which is provided in both German and English and which includes the headnotes of 37 additional decisions from *Austria, Germany, Switzerland, the United Kingdom* and from OHIM. These decisions are neither provided here in their full-text versions nor accompanied by any comments (Appendix 2).

The current collection of decisions is up-to-date as of January 31, 2008, unless otherwise indicated. This project will be continued on a yearly basis. Once again, the editor would be grateful for any suggestions, in particular with regard to additional decisions of national courts, which should be sent to [hartwig@bardehle.de](mailto:hartwig@bardehle.de). The original texts of the decisions including illustrations can be found at <http://www.service.heymanns.com> (*cf.* Notes on the Use).

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