

# **Announcement on the Rules for Handling Intellectual Property**

## **Infringement Complaints**

To maintain a sound creative environment and fair competition order, and protect the legitimate rights and interests of all parties, the Design Intelligence Award Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “DIA Committee”) hereby announces the rules and procedures for handling intellectual property infringement complaints related to entries as follows:

### **I. Liability Disclaimer**

Design Intelligence Award serves as the first international academy award in China’s comprehensive design field, dedicated to building a professional platform for the evaluation, promotion, exchange and cooperation of contemporary innovative design. Given that all participating entries are uploaded and submitted by the participants on their own, DIA Committee has no obligation to conduct active review on whether the content of the entries involves infringement, nor to make substantive judgment or determination on whether the entries constitute infringement. All participants shall confirm and warrant that they have the relevant intellectual property rights (including but not limited to copyright, patent rights, etc.) of the submitted entries or are the right holders of the ownership. If the participant is the author of the entry but does not hold the relevant rights to the entry, the participant must ensure that they have reached the relevant agreement or consensus on participation with the right holder, and submit the agreement on the transfer or licensing of rights, as well as the relevant certification such as the agreement on reaching the consensus on participation.

### **II. Acceptance Principles of Complaints**

If any third party believes that an entry has infringed upon their intellectual property rights (including but not limited to copyright, patent right, trademark right, etc.), the right holder shall have the right to file a complaint with the DIA Committee. The DIA Committee will initiate the handling process in accordance with laws and regulations after receiving valid complaint materials that meet the requirements of this Announcement.

### **III. Requirements for Valid Complaint Materials**

To ensure the seriousness of the complaint and the efficiency of its handling, the complainant must simultaneously provide the following clear, complete and valid certification materials when submitting the complaint:

#### **1. Valid proof of intellectual property ownership:**

Including but not limited to the work copyright registration certificate, proof of first publication, creation manuscript, original design drawing, source code, patent certificate, patent application document, certified copy of patent register, patent

license or transfer contract, trademark registration certificate, trademark renewal certificate, trademark license or transfer contract, legal authorization document and other certification documents that prove the legal status of intellectual property rights.

2. Valid infringement determination document:

Including but not limited to the legal documents such as the infringement judgment, mediation document, ruling, and administrative decision issued by people's courts, arbitration institutions or intellectual property administrative departments. If the complainant claims infringement but has not yet obtained the aforementioned documents, they shall resolve the dispute through administrative or judicial procedures on their own.

3. Identity and contact information:

The real identity information of the complainant (a copy of the individual ID card or copy of the duplicate of the business license), and effective contact information and address.

4. Complaints by entrusted agents:

A power of attorney and the identity document of the agent shall be submitted. The power of attorney shall be signed or sealed by the principal and shall specify the entrusted matters and authority.

5. Commitment of authenticity:

The complainant shall warrant that all materials and information submitted are true, lawful and valid, and undertake to bear all legal liabilities arising from any false complaint.

6. Translation:

If the materials are in a foreign language, a Chinese translation shall be attached, and the accuracy of the Chinese translation must be guaranteed.

7. The DIA Committee reserves the right to delay or reject complaints under the following circumstances: the complainant has filed a complaint with the intellectual property administrative authorities regarding suspected infringement, or has initiated a lawsuit in a people's court, or applied for arbitration with an arbitration institution, but the case has not yet been fully processed or concluded; the intellectual property right is invalid or is in the process of an invalidation request procedure; there is a dispute over the ownership of the intellectual property right, which is currently being mediated or handled by the intellectual property administrative authority, or is under review by a people's court.

8. For complaints with incomplete materials, inadequate weight of evidence, or without legally effective infringement determination documents, the DIA Committee has the right to refuse to process them or request additional information until the

materials meet the requirements.

#### **IV. Handling Process**

If, upon verification, it is determined that the awarded work has intellectual property defects or disputes, the DIA Committee has the right to notify the respondent and, depending on the circumstances, revoke their award, recall the certificate, trophy, and other related honors, and recover any awarded prize money. The DIA Committee does not make substantive judgments on intellectual property infringement disputes nor assumes responsibility for determining infringement. If the complainant subsequently obtains legally effective judicial or administrative infringement determination documents, they may resubmit the complaint to the DIA Committee, which will handle it in accordance with the law and relevant regulations based on the documents.

#### **V. Applicability**

These rules apply to all works submitted for the competition to the DIA Committee, both within China and internationally.

#### **VI. Important Disclaimers**

1. Participants must declare and guarantee that their submitted entries are original (created independently, jointly, or under commission) and do not violate, breach, damage, or infringe upon any third party's property interests or rights (including but not limited to contractual rights, user rights, copyrights, patent rights, other intellectual property rights, and any other rights).
2. Participants voluntarily agree that, in the event of any breach of the above declaration and guarantee, which may result in or has already caused any litigation, claims, losses, or damages, the organizer shall not be held liable and is under no obligation to compensate any costs. If it is later proven that a registered or awarded participant has infringed upon a third-party's rights, the organizer reserves the right to disqualify the participant and revoke any related award.
3. The DIA Committee's review of complaint materials is limited to formal examination and internal verification. It does not make judgments or determinations regarding intellectual property infringement. Both the complainant and the respondent are entitled and shall independently resolve disputes through legal means such as litigation or administrative complaints. If any third party suffers losses due to false materials or incorrect complaints submitted by the complainant, or actions taken by the respondent, the responsible party shall bear full legal liability, and the DIA Committee shall not be held liable.

This announcement is effective from the date of publication. The DIA Committee reserves the right to amend these rules in accordance with changes in laws and regulations or operational needs. All participants are advised to carefully read and understand this announcement before submitting their entries.

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