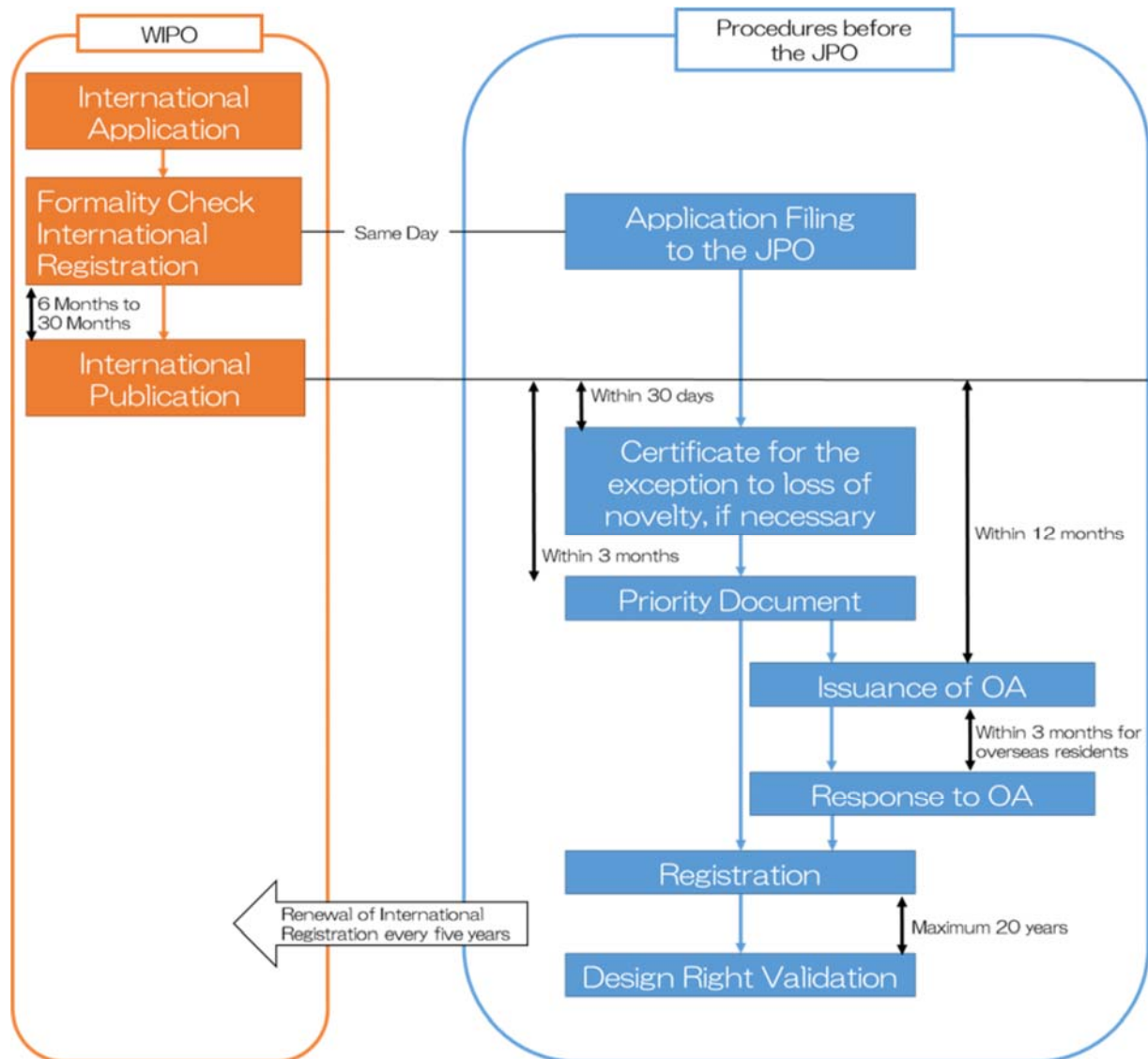


## PROCEDURES OF HAGUE INTERNATIONAL DESIGN APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING JAPAN

### ❖ PROCEDURES FOR DESIGN APPLICATIONS TO BE REGISTERED IN JAPAN UNDER THE HAGUE AGREEMENT



### ❖ POINTS TO BE NOTED

- If an international registration contains multiple designs, the designs will be examined separately in Japan. It is not necessary to file divisional applications.
- Applicants must be represented by Japanese attorneys in procedures before the JPO.
- Claims of priority are only available at the International Application. Priority Documents are required to be submitted to the JPO within three months from International Publication.
- Request for the exception to loss of novelty is available either at the International Application or at the JPO. Certificates to be subject to the exception are required to be submitted to the JPO within thirty days from International Publication.
- Voluntary amendments are available at any time during applications that are pending at the JPO.
- If withdrawal or rejection is determined, request for refund of individual designation fee, equivalent to registration fee, is available. A request for refund of individual designation fee must be submitted to the JPO within six months from determination of withdrawal or rejection.