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– The expression “industrial design” covers designs and models.
– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in this series of documents.

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APPLICATIONS

1998	1999
18	11

REGISTRATIONS

1998	1999
2	0

I Evolution of Registration Activities

The number of applications and registrations in 1998 were 18 and 2 respectively. In 1999 applications were 11 and registration zero.

II Generation, Reproduction, and Distribution of Industrial Design Documents and of Secondary Sources of Industrial Design Information

Announcements of removal, renewal and registered industrial designs are done through journals and information is kept in papers. Copies of journals are sent to ARIPO office, WIPO, and Japanese Patent office and Industrial Property Agents.

III Classifying, Reclassifying and Indexing of Industrial Design Information

Industrial designs are classified according to the Locarno Classification systems. No other classification systems are used.

IV Search File Establishment and Upkeep

Since registration of industrial designs is done manually, we update our information in the register book as soon as we have received application forms. Regional applications are transmitted to ARIPO either by our office or through agents.

V Activities in the field of Computerized Search Systems for Industrial Designs

Nothing to report

VI Administration of Industrial Design services available to the public relating to facilities e.g. for lodging applications, registering designs, assisting clients with search procedures official publications and registry extracts

Agents make their manual searching in our library and they pay searching fees per document. World Wide Web is not used.

VII **Mutual exchange of Industrial Design Documentation and Information**

Our department exchanges industrial design information with ARIPO office in paper forms.

VIII **Education and training assistance to developing countries**

In 1999 our office did not organise seminars. No exhibitions and we did not send consultants and experts to developing countries.

IX **Other relevant matters**

Nothing to report.