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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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I. Evolution of registration activities:

Industrial Designs	1999	1998
Applications (designs)	68 (250)	65 (238)
Registrations	39	60

In 1999 there were no substantial changes in the application data, while registrations decreased by 35%.

409 of international applications, including 1843 industrial designs (in 1998 - 518 and 3051 accordingly) were received from International Bureau filed under the Hague Agreement in 1999. The most requested protection domains are: watches (114 applications), furniture (54 applications) and packing and containers for goods (50 applications). The leadership in the number of registrations is held by Switzerland (38,6%), France (27,4%) and Germany (22,7%).

The period under review in industrial design protection field is characterized by the beginning of registration renewal process. The number of renewals amounted to 99 and 98 of them are the international registrations (410 industrial designs).

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, and distribution of industrial design documents and of secondary sources of industrial design information, i.e. official gazettes:

The Official Bulletin of Industrial Property (BOPI) is published monthly and Section V contains information on industrial designs.

In 1999 the contents of Section V was revised and has the following paragraphs:

- registered industrial designs (bibliographic data and graphic representation);
- list of certificates for industrial design registration, granted in ... (date of granting);
- numerical index of industrial designs registered in the Republic of Moldova according to the Hague Agreement (INID codes: 11, 15, 23, 30, 73, 54, 51, 28, 18: Nor. IDB);
- subject index of industrial designs registered in the Republic of Moldova according to the Hague Agreement (INID codes: 51, 11, 15, 23, 30, 73, 54, 28, 18: Nor. IDB);
- list of industrial designs renewed in the Republic of Moldova according to the Hague Agreement.

In 1999 the AGEPI continued to issue the following periodicals: *Intellectus*, *AGEPI Consultă*, *AGEPI Revue*, *AGEPI Expo* – serial publications containing consultations and practical recommendations.

III. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of industrial design information according to the classification systems applied:

The design documents were classified according to the Locarno classification, 6-th edition.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

Nothing new to report.

V. Activities in the field of computerized search systems for industrial designs:

It is continued the creation of the “Design database”.

Connection of the AGEPI in 1999 to the Internet on a permanent basis ensured direct access of experts and readers to the Home pages of different foreign intellectual property offices and international organizations.

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, obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

Nothing new to report.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of industrial design documentation and information:

In 1999 the AGEPI, within the framework of international exchange, sent its BOPI to 42 countries (on paper).

The CD-ROM collection was enriched with such publication as International Designs Bulletin which is transferred from paper carrier on the electronic one.

VIII. Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries:

The AGEPI regularly organizes internal training courses for our own specialists. During 1999 37 employees attended industrial property courses: 5 employees attended extension 220-hour courses and 32 employees attended short-time 40-hour courses.

Two chief members of the Trademark and Industrial Design Examination Division attended training courses with the WIPO, where familiarized themselves with the theiartiepeculiarities of the procedure for registration of industrial designs under the Hague Agreement.

In 1999 within the general context of WIPO-AGEPI cooperation the international seminar was held in Chişinău. Leading specialists discussed processes of industrial design protection according to the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement.

In the year under review there were organized the symposium “Lecturi AGEPI”, 5 thematic seminars “Day of Open Doors” and meetings “Roundtable”.

The representatives of the AGEPI participated in the Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs.

The AGEPI took an active part in the national and international exhibitions which were held in Chişinău (Infoinvent '99, Reclama Design, MoldMedizin & MolDent, Industria Moldovei, Expo-business) and abroad (Geneva, Bucharest, Brussels).