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An annual series of reports on the industrial design information activities
of members of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies

¹ – 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:

Application filings and registrations in 2001:

- 85 applications filed direct with the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania (SPB), from which 69.4% applications originating in Lithuania
- 81 industrial design registered.

Compared with 2000 the number of:

- filings decreased by 19.8%
- filings originating in Lithuania decreased by 25.3%
- industrial design registrations decreased by 27.7%.

Packaging, household appliances, furniture, electrotechnical and electronic appliances were the leading areas as reflected in industrial design application filings in 2001.

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 Gazette on Inventions, Industrial Designs, Trademarks and Service Marks, Firm Names contains announcements published in 2001 on the industrial design registrations:

- Published registrations
- Cancelled registrations
- Changes: in the name/address of the owner/ attorney
- Expiration of registrations
- Renewal of registrations
- Lapsed registrations
- Transfer of industrial designs
- Licensing
- Rectifications.

Sections of the Official Gazette are coded in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.17.

The Official Gazette is prepared using DTP tools, printed and may be obtained at Patent Information Centre (PIC), the structural unit of Lithuanian Technical Library (LTL).

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

Registrations have been classified in accordance with the fifth edition of the International (Locarno) Classification.

Internationally agreed Numbers for the Identification of Data (INID Codes) relating to industrial designs were used in the Register and in the Official Gazette.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

The internal file of the SPB contains Lithuanian Official Gazette.

The exchange of the Official Gazette of the SPB with foreign states and intergovernmental organisations is effected by the PIC, and this way the PIC is updated with national and foreign documentation.

PIC file contains national and foreign Official Gazettes.

The card index "Protection of Industrial Property in Lithuania" is maintained.

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

The Register of industrial designs is a database (FoxPro 2.0) which contains all bibliographic and legal status data (including changes in names, addresses, licences, transfers).

Public users have a possibility to use the following PIC CD-ROM databases:

- Japan's industrial design bulletin
- International design bulletin
- Schweizerisches Patent-, Muster- und Markenblatt
- NIVILO:CLASS.

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):

The Register of industrial designs is open to public access only in the following forms:

- Extract from the Register (on request)
- Official Gazette.

In 2001, the provision of the most recent issue of the Official Gazette of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania monthly on the SPB Web site continued (<http://www.is.lt/vpb/>).

The PIC offers to its visitors the opportunity to get acquainted with a wide range of Lithuanian publications: Official Gazettes of the SPB, full patent specifications in paper and CD-ROM

format, patent applications, patent bibliography on CD-ROMs, annual reports by the SPB, sets of communications and regulations.

The year 2001 saw the registration of over a thousand subscribers who were handed about 590 thousand documents for use in the reading-room or lent for use at home. The main customers of the PIC were university students, staff members of private companies and education establishments, patent attorneys. The visitors of PIC can be consulted on the spot as well as by telephone or e-mail.

The official industrial property publications of the SPB may be obtained at the PIC.

The distribution of official patent publications of the SPB in foreign states and intergovernmental organisations on the basis of mutual exchange is effected also by the PIC.

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

In 2001 the official gazette of the SPB was distributed in 44 foreign states and intergovernmental organisations (AM, AT, BA, BG, BY, BX, CA, CH, CZ, DE, DK, EE, EM, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, JP, KG, KZ, LV, MC, MD, MK, NO, PL, RO, RU, SE, SI, SK, TJ, TM, TR, UA, US, UZ, WO, YU) on the basis of mutual exchange.

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

In April 2001, the Lithuanian Technical Library gallery housed the exhibition "Industrial Property Protection in Lithuania" dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the SPB and the first commemoration of the World Intellectual Property Day.

Lithuanian specialists also took part (in the framework of the PHARE-RIPP) in the following events:

- PATLIB2001 in Dublin (IE)
- EAC 2001/PATINNOVA in Cardiff (GB).

IX. Other relevant matters.

During the year 2001 the replies of the Lithuanian party to SCIT Circulars were directed to WIPO and the formats of the publication and exchange of the Lithuanian industrial property data based on WIPO standards were determined.

In 2001, Lithuanian industrial property statistical data were submitted to WIPO to be published in its publication "Industrial Property Statistics".

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