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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:

In the course of 2001, 686 industrial design applications were filed to the Industrial Property Protection Office. The total number of industrial design applications filed in 2001 has been increased for 7%, compared to the previous year. In the total number of foreign applications for industrial design in 2001, Switzerland holds utmost part 246 or 40,3% followed by Germany with 162 applications or 26,5%, then France with 101 applications or 16,5%, Italy with 49 applications or 8,0%, Holland with 20 applications or 3,3% and the rest of the countries participate with 33 applications or 5,4%. The most of the industrial designs registered are of the class 10 (131 applications or 21,6%) which covers clocks and watches and other measuring instruments, checking and signalling instruments.

As a result of the efforts of the Republic of Macedonia to join the WTO and sign the Stabilization and Association Agreement with EU, a working group from the Office has started a serious preparation of a Draft-Law on Industrial Property. In November was organized public discussion on the Draft-Law and after that the Draft-Law was submitted to the Ministry of Economy, under which is the Industrial Property Protection Office, and to the other competent ministries, as well.

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 Industrial Property Protection Office of the Republic of Macedonia issues the official gazette "Glasnik". The Gazette is issued four times yearly, every three months. This official gazette contains data concerning recognized industrial designs and information regarding other activities of the Office, in the country and abroad. There are very often commentaries of actual activities in protection of the industrial property rights. The Office issues Annual Report for its activities in the previous year. In this Report there is basic data for industrial designs.

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

Industrial designs are classified according to the International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification).

There is industrial design data of applied and registered industrial designs, but in the lack of software, the research is done manually.

IPPO received a monthly publication of international designs, both on paper and CD-ROM. With effect from March, 1999, a monthly publication of the reproductions of designs registered under the 1960 Act we received on CD-ROM.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

Industrial design files are kept in paper form in the library, and they are updated continuously.

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

In the field of computerization several activities were taken during the 2001:

- In-house systems:

At the moment there is no global in-house system, but in cooperation with the EPO, Common Software Lite is planned to be implemented at the end of 2003.

- External databases:

Esp@cenet

- Administrative management systems:

Electronic register of published industrial designs

- Hardware:

- 100 Mbit/per seat switched Ethernet network

- Xylan switches (48 ports)

- Motorola vanguard router

- 26 Celeron 430 MHz (or higher), 128 MB RAM, 4,3 (or higher) GB HDD
PCs and 17" monitors

- 1 application sever with dual PII 400 MHz, 320 MB RAM, and 9GB SCSCI
HDD

- Pairgain modem 64 Kbit-2Mbit

- Windows NT 4 as a platform deployed on more than 80% of the computers
and there are also 6 Win 2000 Professional systems

- Windows 95/98 where hardware requirements for Windows NT are not met

- Windows NT server

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 Office library has industrial design data from the bulletins for international registration of industrial design through Hague Agreement concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs, which are supplied by WIPO, as well as industrial design data supplied by exchange of official gazettes with Slovenia, Poland, FR Yugoslavia, Croatia, Moldavia, etc., which are available to all interested persons.

The Office can not provide computerized searches in the industrial database, because of having no software for this matter.

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

The Office send and receive gazettes in paper form. The official gazettes, as well as the Annual Report are distributed to the next countries: YU, HR, SI, BG, CZ, PL, SE, TR, AT, AL, BY, BE, KR, FR, HU, CH, UA, ER, GB, US, JP, PT, KP, RU, SK, ES, MD and FI. The Office is receiving gazettes and annual reports from the next countries: AT, BG, ER, BY, MD, PL, HU, UA, FI, CZ, RU, SK, JP, YU, HR and SI.

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

Assisted by the German Association for technical cooperation GTZ was organized visit of the State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia under the program for realization of the Project for harmonization of industrial property laws.

In organization of the American Association Central and East European Law Initiative (ABA-CEELI) was held public discussion on the Draft-Law on Industrial Property and several workshops for support and promotion of protection of intellectual property rights.

Society of inventors with cooperation with Industrial Property Protection Office organized school visits to promote importance of protection of industrial designs and presentations explaining the link between the exhibitions, creativity and intellectual property.

IX. Other relevant matters:

Nothing to report.

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