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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:

- Changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants (registrations) with respect to the previous year;
- *Applications decreased 13% from 1038 to 898*
- *Registrations decreased 32% from 1093 to 737*
- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year.
- *No noticeable trend*

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

- Publishing, including printing, copying techniques and electronic printing;
- *No change – the Office continues to publish application and registration text as part of the CD IPONZ Office Journal and to publish registrations at registration*
- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of industrial design information;
- *Design renewals now available via the web*
- Mass storage media and microforms used;
- *Magnetic disk for bibliographic information*
- Databases and office automation
- *No change – While all text is held on database, the Office is working towards the storage of representations on database.*

III. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of industrial design information

according to the classification systems applied:

- Classification and reclassification activities; Classification system used, e.g., International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), other classification (please indicate whether industrial designs are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification is used);
- *No change – Locarno is used*
- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes.
- *No change – bibliographic data is held in a database and available via the web.*

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

- File building;
- *No change – manual search cards augment the web based text search*
- Updating;
- *No change – updating of both paper and database*
- Storage, including mass storage media;
- *Only representations are not held on magnetic disk, representations are held in search files*
- Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file.
- *Nil*

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

- In-house systems (online/offline);
- *No change – on line system covers all live designs*
- External databases;
- *Web search of bibliographic data*
- Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics, administrative support, etc.);
- *Normal procedures are carried out by database supported processes, periodic procedures (statistical runs etc.) require manual intervention*
- Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), data carriers used.
- *PC's, Oracle database on Linux, Apache web 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):

- Planning, administration, automation, security;
- *Public availability of relevant information on applications, registrations, call center helpdesk, manual searching assistance, web publications, web searching.*
- Collection management, preservation;
- *Files held in storage, current information on magnetic media, all publicly available.*
- Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and industrial design information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web).
- *Web searchable information on designs applied for since 1985, except representations are not present.*

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

- International or regional cooperation in the exchange of industrial design information, e.g., in the form of official gazettes;
- *Journal with text information distributed to other offices*
- Exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., data contained on CD-ROM or magnetic tape.
- *No*

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

- Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.);
- *Displays at trade fairs etc.*
- Training courses for national and foreign participants;
- *Courses on usage of web facilities on request*
- Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.).
- *No*

IX. Other relevant matters.

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