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<sup>1</sup> – 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;
- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year.

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In comparison with the statistics of the year 2000, there are following results in 2001 in industrial design area.

	<b>INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS</b>			
	2000		2001	
	Appl.	Reg.	Appl.	Reg.
Domestic	145	147	155	120
Foreign	116	131	89	99
Total	261	278	244	219

	<b>INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS</b>	
	Applications	Registrations
2000	261	278
2001	244	219
Trend	-6.5%	-21.2%

The protection of outer appearance of the product has had a falling trend in the Slovak Republic for several years. The reasons are difficult to reveal and from year to year the number of national and foreign authors and holders, who are interested in protection of new, industrially exploitable designs is decreasing. Merely 244 applications for industrial designs filed with the Office in 2001 is in total 6.5 % decrease in comparison with 2000 but 31 % decrease when compared with the year 1995. From the foreign applicants the most active are Germans (26) and Czechs (20).

Although the Slovak applicants filed by 10 applications more than in 2000, but the total number of 155 applications does not suggest the change in the long-term trend. And more than 85 % applications are registered in Register with the average time of six months. The revival related to the creation and protection of designs may be brought about by information and promotional campaign related to the adoption of Act on Designs in 2002. By 31. December 2001 there were 1 663 valid industrial designs in the Slovak Republic.

Industrial design application procedure without changes.

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;
- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of industrial design information;
- Mass storage media and microforms used;
- Databases and office automation.

*Publishing, including printing, copying techniques and electronic printing*

Industrial design information forms part of the Official Gazette - “ Vestník ÚPV SR”, covering all industrial property rights in one publication. Paper form issued monthly is published in standard size A4, paperback and usually in cca 300 pages. In 2001 the Gazette had a circulation of 250 copies, of which 129 were distributed by subscription. Electronic form, available to the public in the Internet free of charge, contains searchable data.

MS Office 97, QuarkXpress 3.32 for Windows and Corel Draw 9.0, Photoshop 6.0 is used for the graphic data processing; the photocomposing and printing is carried out by the Office.

The Desk-Top Publishing technology is used for data and image inputs processing, for the Gazette and first pages of the design documents.

*Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of industrial design information*

Industrial design announcements contained in the Gazette are arranged in following main chapters:

- list of registered industrial designs (numerical series with classification symbols)
- registered industrial designs (arranged according to the classes of the Locarno Classification)
- official decisions (cancellation, etc.)
- assignments of rights and other changes of owners
- extension of the term of validity of the industrial design registration
- licence contract registered in the register
- the partial cancellation of the trademark registration
- the termination of sub-licence contracts
- the right of lien

*Mass storage media and microforms used*

Industrial designs are available in electronic form in the Office’s web site [www.upv.sk](http://www.upv.sk).

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);
- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes.

*Classification and reclassification activities; Classification system used*

The actual version of the International Classification for Industrial Design (Locarno Classification) is used for classifying of industrial designs, which are classified by Office's experts..

*Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes*

The WIPO Standard ST. 80 is used for industrial design bibliographic data coding in all relevant outcomes or records. All bibliographic data are being processed and made available to the public each 15 minutes in the Internet. All data are fully searchable and provided by help.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

- File building;
- Updating;
- Storage, including mass storage media;
- Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file.

*File building and updating*

Industrial design search file of the Office comprises the industrial design collection of the Slovak Republic and also former Czechoslovak Republic.

The IPO SR built in 2001 the manual industrial design search system in the card catalogue form, arranged according to international industrial design classification, updated regularly.

*Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file*

In 2001, within the frame of mutual exchange, the IPO SR received industrial design gazettes from foreign offices.

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

- In-house systems (online/offline);
- External databases;
- Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics, administrative support, etc.);
- Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), data carriers used.

*In-house systems (online/offline)*

The online industrial design database serves for all industrial design procedures and searches.

Selected registry data are available to the public in the Internet.

Computerised search system for industrial designs contains basic bibliographic data.

*External databases*

WIPO International Design Bulletin CD-ROM

Czech registered industrial designs database in the Internet

*Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics, administrative support, etc.)*

Office automation management system contains industrial designs registry (data since 1993).

Administrative databases are based on Lotus Domino.

*Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), data carriers used*

Fast ETHERNET 1000/10/10 Mbit/s, WINDOWS NT 4.0, 2000 for servers;  
workstations PC Pentium, Windows 95, NT 4.0 and 2000; HP Unix for database,  
Informix Dynamic Server 9.21

## 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;
- Collection management, preservation;

- 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).

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Sales of the Official Gazette in paper form.

On-line searches in Office's search system, self service during a personal visit.

General information - provided by Office's experts.

Searches upon request - orders in written and on-line form.

Industrial Design information on the World Wide Web:

- general information
- information about Office activities (seminars, training courses, etc.)
- application guide and forms
- relevant laws
- Annual Reports
- selected registry data
- Official Gazette
- order forms (searches, non-patent literature)
- Locarno Classification (7-th edition)

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;
- Exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., data contained on CD-ROM or magnetic tape.

International or regional cooperation in the exchange of industrial design information, e.g., in the form of official gazettes

In 2001, within the frame of mutual exchange, the IPO SR exchanged the Official Gazettes with many offices and international organizations, including the EPO and the WIPO (i.e. to 43 countries dispatches and from 37 receives).

Exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., data contained on CD-ROM or magnetic tape

In the past year the IPO SR received from JPO registered industrial designs and from USPTO granted design patents stored on CD-ROM.

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

- Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.);
- Training courses for national and foreign participants;
- Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.).

Training courses for national and foreign participants, use of audiovisual means

Four Module Accredited COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY conducted by the Intellectual Property Institute of the Industrial Property Office for office employees and professional public continued in 2001 with more than 60 participants.

Three-day special COURSE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY for the Tax Authority in the Slovak Republic was held in office and covered all issues connected with intellectual property protection and enforcement of rights.

Two-day SEMINAR ON COMMUNITY TRADEMARK took part in cooperation of OHIM and Industrial Property Office.

Two week COURSE ON ENFORCEMENT OF RIGHTS in cooperation with the Dutch Government within the project "Strengthening the IPO SR Activities" took part separately in May and in September 2001. The first was devoted to enforcement of trademark rights, the second one to patent enforcement. This course was specially devoted to the judges adjudicating IP cases.

Supporting activities:

*CONFERENCE*

THE CONFERENCE - INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN SLOVAKIA I. was organized by the office celebrating April 26, the World Intellectual Property Day. The conference was attended by 25 lecturers and 80 participants

*LECTURES*

Lectures outside Industrial Property Office for seminars covering IP rights and their enforcement.

Lectures for students of economic, technical and law faculties of universities in Slovakia.

Special lectures for the ministries and branches of economy, defense and education.

*JOURNAL*

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY magazine (“Duševné vlastníctvo”) published by Industrial Property Office was issued 4 times in 2001 covering all relevant fields in IP rights, copyright, trade names, domain names, logos, licenses, creativity and management with 47 original extensive papers and a number of translations, news, decisions of Industrial Property Office and Supreme court etc.

### *EXHIBITIONS*

UmInEx – independent exhibition of inventions and technical innovations organized by Industrial Property Office in September 2001.

Participation at INCHEBA Fair in Bratislava and the International Engineering Fair in Nitra with aim to provide free information and consultations in IP field.

### *AWARDS*

The JÁN BAHÝĽ AWARD and the Mentions of Honour were awarded in September 2001 by the president of the office for extraordinary and exceptionally valuable technical solution. The award was named after important Slovak inventor of the helicopter – Ján Bahýľ.

### *PUBLICATIONS*

New INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE BROCHURE, leaflet and other materials were published under new design bearing information on IPO activities, industrial property in a user-friendly form.

The first original publication CREATIVE PROCESSES OF A HUMAN was issued in volume of 1000 pieces.

Collection of speeches presented at Conference was issued.

Catalogue of Exhibits from UmInEx Exhibition with description and contact addresses was published.

Three publications covering Nice Classification and new laws in the IP field with commentaries were issued.

### *OTHER*

The OPEN DOOR DAY - celebrating April 26, the World Intellectual Property Day

IX. Other relevant matters.

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