

Annual Technical Report on Industrial Design Information Activities of the Patent Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan in 1998

1. Evolution of registration activities:

30 industrial design applications were filed with Kazpatent in 1998. Examination was performed for 36 applications. 12 industrial designs were registered.

A new draft Patent Law was developed (it is expected to be adopted in 1999).

2. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction and distribution of secondary sources of trademark information:

A model of the bilingual official patent bulletin "Onerkecip Menshigi" (Part I), containing information on inventions, industrial models and industrial designs, is prepared by the Patent Office and then it is printed by the external typographic company (12 issues per year). It is distributed by subscription, by sales and mutual exchange.

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

The Office uses International Classification for Industrial Designs (the 6-th edition).

4. Search file establishment and upkeep: Nothing new to report.

5. Activities in the field of computerized search systems:

A computerized in-house search system contains information on applied, registered and rejected industrial designs in Kazakhstan. Searches are available on names of the applicants, classification indexes and other bibliographic data.

The information stored is also used for statistics, printing of notifications, decisions, preliminary patents and patents.

Equipment used: 1 PC, printer LazerJet 4V, scanner ScanJet 3C, XEROX 5026.

6. Administration of trademark services available to the public:

The following trademark information is available to the public:

- the Patent bulletin,
- registry extracts - on request.

The Patent Office is represented in Internet.

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

The Patent Office exchanges information on industrial designs in the form of the official patent bulletins with 16 countries (mainly with countries of CIS).

8. Matters concerning education and training:

Matters concerning protection of industrial designs are elucidated in public reports, training courses and seminars regularly organized by the Patent Office.