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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 with respect to the previous year.

The total number of model and industrial design applications filed in 1999 is 1468, including renewals.

The number of granted models and industrial designs during 1999 has not changed when compared to those of 1998.

II. MATTERS CONCERNING THE GENERATION, REPRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN DOCUMENTS AND OF SECONDARY SOURCES OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION:

- Publication of models and industrial design registrations:

According to the model and industrial design act, the announcements of these kinds of publications are made in the Models and Industrial Design Gazette, including relevant bibliographic data and drawings.

- Mass storage media used:

-Paper and microfiches for national documents.

III. MATTERS CONCERNING CLASSIFYING, RECLASSIFYING AND INDEXING OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACCORDING TO THE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS APPLIED.

Argentine models and industrial designs are classified according to the Locarno Agreement.

No reviewing or reclassification activities were carried on during 1999.

IV. SEARCH FILE ESTABLISHMENT AND UPKEEP:

- National documents:

Paper file arranged upon classification, containing bibliographic data and drawings of each application. It is being updated along with the registration of new applications.

V. ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF COMPUTERIZED SEARCH SYSTEMS FOR INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS.

Use of a database including only the bibliographic data of applications.

VI. ADMINISTRATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

- Information Services: INPI offers, at low costs, state of the art search and report services, carried out by an *ad-hoc* working group.

- Information on Internet: On the INPI Website, external users can obtain information on the procedures for filing patent, trademarks and industrial designs applications, as well as for requesting state of the art searches. It is also possible to download the corresponding forms.

- The search file for external users is available to the public cost-free.

- The library of the INPI is also open to the public.

VII. MATTERS CONCERNING MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION.

There is nothing new to report regarding these matters.

VIII. MATTERS CONCERNING EDUCATION AND TRAINING INCLUDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

- Training to members of INPI:

No news to report, only the normal attendance of professionals of INPI to the regular seminars and courses organized by WIPO in cooperation with foreign national offices.