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– The term “patent” covers utility models and SPCs.  
– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in the series of documents SCIT/ATR/ID.

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## ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON PATENT INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1999

### I Evolution of Patent Activities:

In the patent information field the department of the Registrar General ( Malawi Patent Office ) filed the following:-

### APPLICATIONS

	1998	1999
<b>CLASS</b>		
A	37	4
B	6	1
C	63	5
D	0	0
E	2	0
F	2	1
G	4	0
H	2	0
UNCL	231	272
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>283</b>

# APPLICATIONS

	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>ARIPO</b>	342	281
PCT	4	1
NATIONAL	4	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>283</b>

# GRANTS

	1998	1999
CLASS		
A	25	22
B	9	4
C	40	42
D	0	0
E	2	2
F	3	0
G	2	0
H	3	1
UNCL	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>71</b>

## GRANTS

	1998	1999
ARIPO	81	65
PCT	2	5
NATIONAL	2	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>71</b>

### II Generation, Reproduction, Distribution and use of Primary and Secondary sources of Patent Information.

Filing of applications, notice of acceptance, grants, annuities / renewals and lapses are done by examiners manually. Patent journals are published monthly and copies are sent to ARIPO, WIPO and Patents agents. Information is stored in paper forms.

III **Abstracting, Classifying, Reclassifying and Indexing of Patent Information**

The International Patent Classification (IPC) is being used up to subgroup.

IV **Search File Establishment and Upkeep**

Searching and upkeeping files is done manually because patent information is kept in paper forms which include PCT documents, OAPI bulletins, Patent Abstract journal of Japan, Aripo Applications and Journal of Japanese Group of AIPPI.

V **Activities in the field of Computerized Search Systems for Patent Information**

The office receives the following CD-ROMS :- Espace-First, Espace OAPI, Patent Abstracts of Japan and (PTDLP) Patents of trademarks (USA), IP-LEX, Jopal and IPC-class.

Equipment used:

Searching for abstracts is done on two machines namely EKO and Vectra

EKO : Software:- Win95 4.00.1111  
Printer :- HP Deskjet 670C

Vectra : Software :- Microsoft Office 4.3  
MS-DOS 6.22  
Printer :- HP Laserjet 5

VI **Administration of Patent Services available to the public**

Patent information is kept in the library and clients are assisted by the Assistant Librarian to carry out their searches.

VII **Mutual Exchange of Patent documentation and Information**

Malawi Patent Office exchange information in paper form with WIPO, OAPI, Japanese Patent Office, EPO, ARIPO office and some member states of the organisation like Zambia and Zimbabwe. Nothing so far has been done on electronics.

VIII **Education and Training including Technical Assistance to Developing Countries**

Nothing to report

IX **Other Relevant Matters**

Nothing to report