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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.

Annual Technical Report on Industrial Design information Activities in 1999

I. Evolution of registration activities:

In 1999 the Danish Patent and Trademark Office received 1406 national applications. The figures for 1997 is 1239 and for 1998 it is 1387.

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

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office publishes information on industrial design in the Danish Industrial Design Gazette which is issued twice a month. The Gazette fulfills a number of statutory obligations under the Danish Consolidate Designs Act (and order on application and registration of designs) requiring the advertisement of industrial design accepted for registration and other information about industrial design i.e. applications refused or withdrawn, new registrations, renewals, amendments and registrations cancelled.

In addition to the Danish Industrial Design Gazette the Office issues another publication on industrial design, namely the Annual Register on Industrial Design.

III. Matter concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of industrial design information according to the classification systems applied:

The Office uses the International Classification for Industrial Designs under the Locarno Agreement of October 8, 1968, 6th Edition.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

The search files are manual and the files are also being upheld manually. The files consist of pictures or drawings of all industrial design applications and design registrations. It also consists of industrial designs which have been refused or withdrawn within the last year as well as design registrations which has been cancelled within the last 5 years.

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

Nothing new to report.

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):

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office is the national authority where applications for registration of industrial designs in Denmark are filed, examined and registered.

The internal library provides, free of charge, the public with information and general advice in relations to application, examination and registration procedures.

However information about registered industrial designs, can now be given by the danish Patent and Trademark Office for a certain fee.

Questions concerning the legal status or procedural stage of an industrial design application or registration can be addressed to the Patent Office.

We can also be reached by Email on the following address:

pvs@dkpo.dk

Web: <http://www.dkpto.dk>

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

We send and receive industrial design gazettes in paper form.

The Gazette is also available on the Internet.

The Gazette is exchanged with all countries.

We are also participating in the MIPEX-project (Message based Industrial Property information Exchange).

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

The Office is regularly represented at fairs for industry and trade in order to promote the use of industrial design information and industrial property rights. Courses and training programmes in the field of industrial design law and industrial design information are held frequently by the Danish Patent and Trademark Office and many people participate in these being from the industry and trade, attorneys and other industrial design professionals.

In 1999 the Office received visitors from Lithuania, Ghana and Sudan.

IX. Other relevant matters:

We have been developing and testing a new IT-system for internal use in the Danish Patent and Trademark Office.

We have taken it into use, but due to various difficulties the whole thing is delayed and still in process.