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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:

Nothing to report.

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 Industrial Property Protection Office of the Republic of Macedonia issues the official gazette "Glasnik". The Gazette is issued four times yearly, every three months. This official gazette contains data concerning recognized industrial designs and information regarding other activities of the Office, in the country and abroad. There are very often commentaries of actual activities in protection of the industrial property rights. The Office issues Annual Report for its activities in the former year. In this Report there is basic data for industrial designs.

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

Industrial designs are classified according to the International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification).

There is industrial design data of applied and registered industrial designs, but in the lack of software, the research is done manually.

IPPO received a monthly publication of international designs, both on paper and CD-ROM. With effect from March, 1999, a monthly publication of the reproductions of designs registered under the 1960 Act we received on CD-ROM.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

Industrial design files are kept in paper form in the library, and they are updated continuously.

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

In the field of computerization several activities were taken during the 1999:

- In-house systems:

At the moment there is no global in-house system, but in cooperation with the EPO, Common Software light is planned to be implemented at the end of 2000. However, the WIPO and EPO CD-ROM publications are widely used on dedicated workstations or servers with multiple access.

External databases:

Esp@cenet

- Administrative management systems:

Electronic register of published industrial designs

- Hardware:
- 100 Mbit/per seat switched Ethernet network
- Xylan switches (48 ports)
- Motorola vanguard router
- 26 Celeron 430 MHz, 64 MB RAM, 4,3 GB HDD PCs and 17" monitors
- 4 Pentium 60-133 MHz, 16 MB PCs
- 1 application sever with dual PII 400 MHz, 320 MB RAM, and 9GB SCSCI HDD
- Pairgain modern 64 Kbit-2Mbit
- Windows NT 4 as a platform deployed on more than 80% of the computers
- Windows 95/98 where hardware requirements for Windows NT are not met
- Windows NT server

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 Office library has industrial design data from the bulletins for international registration of industrial design through Hague Agreement concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs, which are supplied by WIPO, as well as industrial design data supplied by exchange of official gazettes with Slovenia, Poland, FR Yugoslavia, Croatia, Moldavia, etc., which are available to all interested persons.

The Office can not provide computerized searches in the industrial database, because of having no software for this matter.

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

The Office send and receive trademark gazettes in paper form. The official gazettes, as well as the Annual Report are distributed to the next countries: YU, HR, SI, BG, CZ, PL, SE, TR, AT, AL, BY, BE, KR, FR, HU, CH, UA, ER, GB, US, JP, PT, KP, RU, SK, ES, MD and FI. The Office is receiving gazettes and annual reports from the next countries: AT, BG, ER, BY, MD, PL, HU, UA, FI, CZ, RU, SK, JP, YU, HR and SI.

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

In organization of the WIPO, in Geneva was held a Seminar, The Geneva Act, A New Treaty For The International Protection Of Design.

IX. Other relevant matters:

Nothing to report.

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