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An annual series of reports on the industrial design information activities of members of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies

⁻ 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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INDUSTRIAL DESIGN ACTIVITY IN 1999

Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic

I. Evolution of registration activities

In comparison with the statistics of the year 1998, there are following results in 1999 in industrial design area.

	1998	1999
Industrial design applications	293	291
- domestic	172	184
- foreign	121	107
Registered industrial design	246	230

Industrial design application procedure without changes.

II. <u>Matters concerning the generation, reproduction and distribution of secondary sources of industrial design information</u>

MS Office 97, QuarkXpress 3.32 for Windows and Corel Draw 7.0, Photoshop 5.0 is used for the graphic data processing; the photocomposing and printing is carried out by the Office.

The Official Gazette - Vestnik UPV SR - issued monthly in paper and electronic form in the Internet contains information on inventions, granted patents, registered utility models, topographies of semiconductor products, trademarks, industrial designs and appellation of origin.

The Gazette contains industrial design announcements arranged in following main chapters:

- list of registered industrial designs (numerical series with classification symbols)
- registered industrial designs (arranged according to the classes
- of the Locarno Classification)
- official decisions (cancellation, etc.)
- assignments of rights and other changes of owners
- extension of the term of validity of the industrial design registration
- licence contract registered in the register.

III. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of industrial design information

The Locarno Classification is used for classifying of industrial designs.

The WIPO Standard ST. 80 is used in the Gazette for bibliographic data coding.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

Industrial design search file of the Office comprises the industrial design collection of the Slovak Republic and former Czechoslovak Republic and official gazettes of foreign offices containing registered industrial designs.

V. Activities in the field of computerised search systems for industrial designs

Computerised search system for industrial designs contains basic bibliographic data.

Office automation management system contains industrial designs registry (data since 1993).

Data are searchable according to the application number, the industrial design number or the name of the applicant.

Administrative databases based on Lotus Notes.

Hardware and software used:

network ETHERNET, computers PC Pentium, operating system WINDOWS, HP LAN Server, Novell Netware 3.12 and WINDOWS NT 4.0, FoxPro for Win, CD server.

VI. Administration of industrial design services available to the public

Sales of the Official Gazette in paper form.

On-line searches in Office's search system, self service during a personal visit.

General information - provided by Office experts.

Searches upon request - orders in written form.

Industrial Design information on the World Wide Web:

- general information
- information about Office activities (seminars, training courses, etc.)
- application guide and forms
- relevant laws
- Annual Reports
- select registry data
- Official Gazette

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

The Office sends the Official Gazette to 33 countries, including the EPO and the WIPO within the frame of mutual exchange.

VIII. <u>Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries</u>

Lectures, training courses, seminars and presentations were organised for the public; excursion from enterprises and schools were accepted.

The Office experts participated in training courses and seminars organised by the WIPO and foreign Industrial Property Offices.

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