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

¹ – 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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AUSTRIA**I. Evolution of registration activities:**

- Changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants (registrations) with respect to the previous year;
- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year.

The following numbers of applications/registrations of industrial designs in Austria in 2001 are presented below in comparison with the numbers in 2000 (=100%):

Number of applications:	4 766	in 2001	(-6,4%)
	5 092	in 2000	

Number of registrations:	4 421	in 2001	(-13,3%)
	5 101	in 2000	

48 % of the total number of applications in 2001 were filed by applicants with residence in Austria. This yields an increase by 7% in comparison with 2001.

The majority of the designs was applied for lamps, textiles and fabrics, jewelry and construction components and building materials:

Class 26-05: 8,3 %

Class 05-05: 6,4 %

Class 11-01: 6 %

These are traditionally strong classes.

At present 30.603 industrial design rights are in force. Out of these rights, 12.231 are owned by Austrian residents.

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

- Publishing, including printing, copying techniques and electronic printing;
- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of industrial design information;
- Mass storage media and microforms used;
- Databases and office automation.

Nothing new to report since the 1996 report.

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

- Classification and reclassification activities; Classification system used, e.g., International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), other classification (please indicate whether industrial designs are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification is used);
- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes.

Nothing new to report since the 1998 report.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

- File building;
- Updating;
- Storage, including mass storage media;
- Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file.

Nothing new to report since the 1997 report.

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

- In-house systems (online/offline);
- External databases;
- Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics, administrative support, etc.);
- Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), data carriers used.

A project to allow for access to the images of industrial designs registered in Austria via the Internet-Information system of the office was started in 2000 and finalized in 2001. The first image of an industrial design is displayed in addition to the bibliographic data. This service is liable to a fee.

Due to the introduction of the EURO currency the EDP supported charging system had to be adjusted.

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):

- Planning, administration, automation, security;
- Collection management, preservation;
- Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and industrial design information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web).

A more user-friendly Homepage was created in March 2001 offering now as an additional service free-of-charge information about bibliographic data and open and annual renewal fees for industrial designs. The information can be interrogated by the application or registration number.

The address of the Austrian Homepage has changed to:

<http://www.patent.bmvit.gv.at>

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

- International or regional cooperation in the exchange of industrial design information, e.g., in the form of official gazettes;
- Exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., data contained on CD-ROM or magnetic tape.

Nothing new to report since the 1998 report.

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

- Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.);
- Training courses for national and foreign participants;
- Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.).

Training courses:

The Austrian Patent Office organized in 2001 several seminars on industrial property protection including industrial design for the public, especially for small and medium sized enterprises.

Additional to the basic seminars on industrial property protection, a special seminar on industrial design for small and medium sized enterprises was held in cooperation with an attorney in the Austrian Patent Office.

Promotional activities:

The office participated in 6 fairs by information stands, including information about its industrial design activities,.

IX. Other relevant matters.

None.

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