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<sup>1</sup> – 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:

In 2001 the Danish Patent and Trademark Office received 1189 applications. The figures for 2000 were 1400 and for 1999 1474.

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 designs in "Dansk Design Tidende" - The Danish Design Gazette. All the Danish Gazettes are for the moment published in paper form and also accessible on our internet-site ([www.pvs.dk](http://www.pvs.dk)).

III. Matters 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, 6<sup>th</sup> edition.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

We do not in The Danish Patent and Trademark Office perform any manual searches. Paper files of registrations of patents, trademarks, and designs are, however, kept and filed in the Office's building, including in the basement.

No documentation from other offices are considered part of the available search file, as our searches in other offices' files are also computerized.

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

According to the new Danish Designs Act we have now implemented a non-search system. Searches are only performed on request and then only by using our internal UPDATE system.

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 designs are filed, examined and registered.

The Office's Customer Division provides, free of charge, the public with information and general advice in relation to application, examination and registration procedures.

Furthermore the Office provides information about registered designs for a certain fee.

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

We can also be reached by E-mail on the following address:

[Pvs@dkpto.dk](mailto:Pvs@dkpto.dk)

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

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

The mutual exchange of design information is provided to approximately 40 countries worldwide in paper and electronically.

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

In 2001, our training section conducted more than 40 courses, seminars, and conferences involving a total of more than 1,400 participants. Subjects are wide-ranging: from specialised courses for IP experts to basic courses on patents, trademarks, and designs attracting many corporate leaders, marketing managers, and R&D managers.

The Danish Patent and Trademark Office's customer centre has a staff of 10, handling questions from Denmark and abroad. The centre receives about 150 wide-ranging inquiries a day.

Our newsletter, which has 2,300 subscribers and is published quarterly, has been supplemented by an internet-based news service. Articles regularly appear on the DKPTO website, and approximately 800 subscribers receive e-mail notification of the latest articles.

We have advertised 3-5 times in Danish newspapers and magazines.

Through our collaboration with the technological information centres, the Danish Patent and Trademark Office makes a special effort to meet the information needs of small and medium-sized enterprises. Among other activities, we visit these centres and brief the staff on the practical use of the IP system, including searching in patent applications.

Through the WIPO Worldwide Academy, we have received 6 participants from developing countries for a week of practical training. They came from China, India, Jordan, Saint Lucia, Sri Lanka, and the Syrian Arab Republic.

IX. Other relevant matters.

Our new IT-system enables us to make electronic search for design.

Denmark implemented according to directive No. 98/71/EF a new Design Law as from the 1 October 2000.

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