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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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I. Evolution of registration activities:

In 2001 the Israel Patent and Designs Office received 1417 applications .The figure for 2000 was 1851. In 2001 were granted 690 against 716 in 2000.

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 Israel Patents and Designs Office publishes information on industrial designs in The Patents and Designs Journal which is issued once a month. The journal contains only bibliographical information on industrial designs accepted for registration, information about renewals, registrations cancelled and changes in particulars entered in the Register. Images of designs are not published in the Journal. Judicial decisions of the Commissioner of Patents and Designs are published in Hebrew on the IPO web-site.

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

The Office uses a national classification system to classify industrial design applications. The major difference between this system and the International Locarno Classification system is that the national classification system forces an objective classification and does not permit the use of a "Miscellaneous" classification.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

The search files are manual and are updated manually. The files consist of pictures or drawings of all industrial design registrations . All search files are in paper form only. The examiners examine the applications regarding novelty in Israel only.

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

A modern automated support system was being developed for industrial design operations using the MS-Access tool and ACDSYSTEM tool which meets the requirements of image processing data and image search. Due to budget constraints work on this development has not been finished yet.

- The hardware used by Industrial Design Department:

NT network,

5 PC Digital Pentium II 32MB,

1 PC Digital Pentium III 64MB,

1 Scanner HP LaserJet 4000,

1 laser printer HP LASER JET 63000.

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 Israel Patent and Design Office is the national authority where applications for registration of industrial designs in Israel are filed, examined and registered. The internal library provides the public, free of charge, with information and general advice in relation to application, examination and registration procedures.

The Office provides industrial design information services to the public, upon request and against payment, on the state of the art, on the legal status of certificates and on the prevention of infringement risks.

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

We exchange industrial design gazettes with a number of national offices.

The American CD ROM's are received in machine readable form. The Office does not produce any machine readable information

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

The Office receives trainees from developing countries under the WIPO training program.

IX. Other relevant matters.

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