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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

1. An important fact took place in 2001, in connection with industrial property protection in Poland: a new Act „*Industrial Property Law*”, adopted by Parliament on 30 June 2000, came into force on 22 August 2001, introducing, among others, protection of industrial designs as a new subject of protection.
2. In 2001, the Polish Patent Office (the PPO) received 1 139 ornamental design applications and 548 industrial design applications (from the moment the new Act became effective), making up 1 687 applications in total, including 1 223 national and 464 foreign applications.
3. In 2001, 1.126 decisions were taken relating to grant of rights in registrations for ornamental and industrial designs (together); of that, 785 were positive decisions.
4. The number of exclusive rights in force on 31.12.2001 for ornamental designs was 3 634 and 207 for industrial designs, making a total of 3 841 exclusive rights.

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

In 2001, no information on industrial designs was published in official gazettes of the PPO.

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

International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification) has been used in the PPO.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

Search file is being created at present.

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

Online system has been under creation, basing on industrial design applications filed with the PPO.

VI. Administration of industrial design services available to the public

Full texts of specifications of industrial designs registered in the PPO, organized in classified collections, have been displayed for the users in our Office's Library.

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

Within international exchange, we receive official gazettes containing data on industrial designs on paper and on CD-ROM.

VIII. Matters concerning education and training

Trainings have not been organized up to now.

IX. Other relevant matters

None.

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