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– The term “patent” covers utility models and SPCs.
– Information related to design patent activities reported by industrial property offices issuing design patents is included in the series of documents SCIT/ATR/ID.

**Annual Technical Reports
on Patent Information Activities
in 2001**

I. Evolution of patent activities

-The average duration of the examination of applications on invention from filing date of an applications to the date of the decision in 2001 was 6.3 months and in 2000-8.1 months.

- The breakdown of filed applications received in 2000 and in 2001 according to the International Patent Classification (IPC) is presented in Table 1

Sections of IPC	2000	2001
A. Human necessities	38	60
B. Performing operations; transportation	7	11
C. Chemistry; metallurgy	24	31
D. Textiles; paper	3	6
E. Fixed constructions, mining	6	8
F. Mechanical engineering; lighting, heating; pumps and engines, weapons; blasting	12	12
G. Physics	25	23
H. Electricity	13	17
Total	128	168

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, distribution and use of primary and secondary sources of patent information.

In 2001, four numbers of the Official Bulletin "Industrial Property" were published: No 1 (12), No 2 (18), No 3(19) and No 4 (20), the last issue is in the form of CD-ROM. The bulletins were published in two languages: Armenian and Russian. In these Bulletins were published official data on patents for 138 inventions, 5 utility models In the Bulletins were published Rules for execution, filing and examination of application for the grant of a patent on invention

According to the Article 24 of the law on Patents of RA 12 numbers of the Official Bulletin "Inventions Applications " were published for the reason of laying out to public inspection of the inventions applications. The Annual Report on activities of Armpatent in 2000 was published in Armenian, Russian and English.

III. Matters concerning abstracting, classifying, reclassifying and indexing of technological information comprised in the patent documentation.

- Under Article 19 of the Law of RA "On Patents" abstract is a compulsory document of filed application. The Armpatent edits the abstracts filed by the applicant and from 1997 has implemented the translation of abstracts of granted patents in Russian for the purpose of publication.

- Classifying and reclassifying of the received applications for inventions and utility models were performed by the 7th edition of IPC.
- Coordinate indexing of patent information is carried out under the standards of WIPO. ST.9 (Annex 1. INID codes), ST.3 (two-letter codes for indication of the country). ST,16 (instructions for preparation of patent documents abstract) ST,16 (standard codes for identification of various types of patent documents)
- Hybrid system indexing is used during conducting the examination on certain objects by experts of Office
- For search purposes the experts of Armenian Patent Office uses the bibliographical data, abstracts and full description of foreign and national patents.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

The file is created by the Republic Scientific Technical Library of the Ministry of Commerce and Economical development, where the Armenian Patent Office passes all the received informative materials.

V. Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized search systems.

In 2001 the works on automation and technical re-equipment of the Office. were continued. The first version of subsystem “invention and utility models”, the first version of subsystem “office work” and the second version of subsystem ”trademarks” and “trade names” were elaborated for informational system.

The graphic station Compaq Deskpro EXS Intel Pentium III 16Hz/133MHz Minitower and three stations Compaq Deskpro EN Intel Pentium III 1GHz/133MHz Minitower, as well as other various servers were acquired. In some subdivisions the network speed is picked up from 10Mb/sec. to 100Mb/sec.

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VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information

The Official Bulletins free of charge were sent to the Armenian Research Institute of Scientific and Technical Information, the Fundamental Library of the National Academy of Sciences of RA, the libraries of the Armenian State University, Armenian Academy of Agriculture and to the State Public Library.

Within the limits of exchange of Patent information, the Armenian Patent Office distributed 22 copies of official bulletins, and 23 copies of annual reports to Patent Offices of foreign countries as well as to WIPO, European Patent Office (EPO) and Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO).

We came to an agreement with interested ministries and offices, as well as with National Assembly about joint issue on regional patent information on CD-ROM. The agreement was signed on May 22, 2001 in Moscow, and the decision was made to issue a probe disk. Necessary materials were prepared and sent to Rospatent.

VIII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, and promotion of, the use of patent information, including technical assistance to developing countries.

Two collaborators of the department took part in the seminars organized by EPO “Industrial Property Information on the Internet, on CD-ROM (incl. MIMOSA) and on-line Databases” held in Vienna and “INPADOC training” held in Tbilisi

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