

ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT OF BELGOSPATENT ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1998

I. Evolution of registration activities

In 1998, the receipt of patent applications for industrial design patents remained at the same level. During the year, there were received 106 applications including 66 applications from national applicants, that is 62.3 %.

Natural persons filed 12 applications, of which 11 were from national applicants.

There were taken 46 decisions on the grant of RB patents for industrial designs.

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

The Official Bulletin contains data on patents for inventions, utility models and industrial designs as well as on certificates of trademark registration. All amendments of legal character are placed in its part " Notifications". There are presented both bibliographies and reproductions of industrial designs. The Bulletin has the systematic and numbering indices. It is published quarterly. During the year, there were publicated 48 industrial design patents.

Belgospatent has been creating the data base (DB) of industrial designs. On the basis of information contained in DB there were created and have been functioning 2 systems: the system of automated clerical work (WS for an examiner and WS for an operator) and the system of preparation for imposing official publications (WS for a publication manager and WS for an imposer).

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

To classify industrial designs, Belgospatent uses the International Classification for Industrial Designs (the Locarno Classification). In 1998, Belarus joined the Locarno Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs (this joining entered into force on July 24,1998).

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

The search file is formed from information received on paper carriers. DB of industrial designs has been created.

At present, searches for substantive examination are carried out in the collections of Rospatent.

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

Searches are not automated.

VI . Administration of industrial design services available to the public

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

The Official Bulletin which contains data on industrial design patents is distributed in the framework of international exchange to 41 countries and 4 international organizations. In return, Belgospatent receives Official Bulletins of these countries with information about industrial designs on paper and on CD-ROMs.

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

IX . Other relevant matters