

SLOVENIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (SIPO)

ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON
INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1998

I. EVOLUTION OF REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES

In 1998, SIPO received 127 national applications, a 10.4 % increase from the previous year. The number of applications for international registrations under the Hague Agreement, requesting protection in Slovenia, also increased compared to the previous year.

The working draft of the new Law on Industrial Property available on the SIPO Internet home page includes new provisions on industrial design protection.

II. MATTERS CONCERNING THE GENERATION, REPRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN DOCUMENTS AND OF SECONDARY SOURCES OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION

Nothing new to report.

III. MATTERS CONCERNING CLASSIFYING AND INDEXING OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACCORDING TO THE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM APPLIED

Industrial designs are classified according to the Locarno Classification.

IV. SEARCH FILES ESTABLISHMENT AND UNKEEP

Main kind of files are the collection of all national industrial designs in paper form which is updated regularly, and the collection of International Design Bulletins.

V. ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF COMPUTERIZED SEARCH SYSTEMS FOR INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS

Nothing new to report.

VI. ADMINISTRATION OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

On-line information services containing bibliographic data on published and granted industrial designs, bulletins, periodicals relating to industrial designs are offered to the public.

Information containing guidance on all aspects of design registration are available free of charge.

The home page of SIPO enables public to get general information on industrial designs protection in Slovenia.

VII. MATTERS CONCERNING MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION

SIPO exchanges Official Bulletins and CD- ROMs with 17 countries.

VIII. MATTERS CONCERNING EDUCATION AND TRAINING INCLUDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPPING COUNTRIES

SIPO organized short-time training for design examiners from Bosna and Herzegovina. SIPO examiners participated at the Seminar on Hague Agreement organized by WIPO. SIPO examiners visited the French Patent Office (INPI). SIPO participated in several exhibitions in Slovenia in order to promote design protection.