

STATE PATENT OFFICE OF UKRAINE
ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT
ON INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES
1998

I. Evolution of registration activities:

- changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants with respect to the previous year:

Year	Applications filed	Patents granted
1997	699	392
1998	911	725

- trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year: printed matter, particularly stickers, advertisement leaflets, and also packages and containers (bottles, cans, boxes).

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

Data concerning the registered industrial design patents are published in a separate section of the SPOU's Official Gazette "Promyslova Vlasnist' (Industrial Property. Inventions. Utility Models. Industrial Designs. Marks for Goods and Services. Plant Varieties)". The entries in the Official Gazette contain bibliographic data and images of the registered industrial designs ranged in the numerical order. The INID codes under WIPO Standard ST. 80 are applied.

Notices concerning various modifications in respect of industrial designs, which are also published in the Official Gazette, include:

- extension of the term of the patent;
- changes in the full name and/or address of the patent owner;
- renunciation of the patent in part or completely by the patent owner;
- invalidation of the patent due to failure to pay the maintenance fee;
- complete or partial cancellation of the patent by a decision of the Appeals Board or the court;
- transfer of rights and licensing contracts;
- statements filed by the patent owners undertaking to grant authorization to exploit the patented industrial design to any person;
- issue of a copy of the protective document (patent certificate);
- correction of obvious errors in the announcements of grants;
- other amendments in respect of industrial design registrations.

Besides, current classification index of industrial design patents and numerical indexes of industrial design applications and patents were published in each issue. The 1998 Annual Report contains, in addition to the classification and numerical indexes also the annual name index of industrial design patent owners. Data concerning 571 industrial design patents were published in the Official Gazette during 1998.

Industrial design patent documents containing the bibliographic data and the original image (photo, drawing, etc.) are issued. During 1998 there were 571 industrial design patents issued. Industrial design publications comply with the applicable WIPO Standards and Recommendations.

A database of registered industrial design patents is maintained in the State Registers Department of the SPOU.

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

The 6th edition of the International Classification of Industrial Designs (The Locarno Classification) was used. No reclassification or indexation was carried out.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep:

The search file includes a card file of the images (photocopies) of the industrial designs filed with the Office (altogether 3050 applications). The file is maintained and updated by the industrial design applications examination division of the NDCPE (the Examination Body).

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

In-house systems:

Development of the "Industrial Designs" automated system was under way. Technical assignment for its designing was issued and development of the software for support of the functionalities of the system began. The structure of the database was designed.

No external databases were used.

VI. Administration of industrial design services available to the public (related to facilities , e.g. , for lodging applications, registering trademarks, assisting clients with search procedures, obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

Consultations on the filing requirements were provided.

The State Science and Technical Library and 17 Regional Centres of Science, Technical and Economic Information were supplied with the Official Gazette, containing announcements on industrial designs, free of charge by the SPOU. This publication was also distributed on subscription basis.

The collection of the SPOU's in-house reading room including the Official Gazettes received by the SPOU containing industrial design information issued by 33 industrial property offices was made available for consultation to the patent attorneys of Ukraine.

State Register extracts were provided on request.

No automated information services for the general public were available for the time being.

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

In 1998 the SPOU received Official Gazettes containing industrial design information from 33 industrial property offices in the framework of mutual exchange of information and documentation and was sending its Official Gazette "Promyslova Vlasnist'" containing industrial design information to its exchange partners.

No exchange of machine-readable information was performed.

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

In 1998 the SPOU organized training and instruction methods support at the Patent Science Department, a specialized department of the Kyiv Inter-Industry Institute for the Staff Upgrading in the New Trends in the Development of Engineering and Technology. This Institute is a branch of the Kharkiv State Polytechnical University and provides a two-year course of extra-mural training. 18 staff members of the SPOU and NDCPE specializing in innovation activity management and marketing graduated in the year under review, and another group of 20 persons was in the second year of studies. 25 staff members of the SPOU were enrolled for the first year of studies.

In 1998 the upgrading of the Intellectual Property and Law Institute (IPLI) was performed, and it was transformed into the State Institute for Training Specialists in the Field of Intellectual Property within the State system for the protection of intellectual property rights. Training programs for the Institute were developed. A group of examiners of NDCPE (5 persons) attended the London English language school supported by the British Embassy in Ukraine. Another group of 36 persons (the SPOU and NDCPE staff members) has taken an upgrading course of English under a contract between the SPOU and the Inter-regional Academy of Staff Management and another contract between the latter and the EPO under the TACIS project.

22 staff members of the SPOU and NDCPE have improved their knowledge in computer science in the Inter-regional Academy of Staff Management. 3 persons have attended the Microsoft courses on Microsoft Windows NT 4.0 and 4 persons have taken courses on the basics of Internet.

26 seminars dealing with intellectual property protection, among them 8 international and 3 regional ones, in particular, the international seminar "Intellectual Property Objects: the Questions of Licensing" jointly organized by WIPO, the SPOU and the National Academy of Sciences and a seminar for industry "Intellectual Property Rights and Economic Efficiency of Their Exploitation", one of the presentations dealing with the protection of rights in industrial designs in Ukraine, were held during the year under review.

The SPOU's specialists participated in the international and regional events organized by WIPO, such as the sessions of the PCIPI Working Groups and Executive Coordination Committee of WIPO, the First Plenary of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies and its Working Groups.

In 1998 the SPOU's experts attended the seminar "Industrial property in the Internet" organized by the EPO.

Within the framework of international cooperation the Presidents of the EPO and of the German Patent Office visited the SPOU, the discussions during the visit focused, in particular, on the problems of development of the patent information base.