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Annual Technical Report 2013 on Industrial Design Information Activities submitted by Israel (CWS/ATR/ID/2013/IL)

Where URLs are requested below, it is preferred that either URLs which are likely to remain stable over time (three years or more) are provided, or home (main) page URLs are provided with a short explanation of how to access the corresponding information.

The expression "industrial designs" covers industrial designs and models. Offices which issue design patents should report their design patent information activities in this series of Annual Technical Reports.

I. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Outline of main policies and plans aimed at development of industrial design information activities and expected time frames for their realization

There are plans to facilitate public access to relevant information through the Office's website. Today free search is available for the public using a public computer stationed at the Israel Patent office (ILPO). A Search Engine is scheduled to be added to the Office's website by the end of 2014. Additionally it is planned during 2015 to allow electronic filing of applications for registration.

Statistics: changes in terms of application filings and grants (registrations) with respect to previous year; trends or areas experiencing rapid changes

In 2012 1555 applications were filed and 636 applications were registered.
In 2013 1361 applications were filed and 702 applications were registered.

Other matters and useful links (URLs): annual report of the Office, news page, statistics, etc.

Statistics related to Industrial designs are available in the Israel Patent Office Annual Report:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/About/Pages/Annualreport.aspx>

II. SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Information and support provided by the Office to applicants regarding filing on paper and/or e-filing (instructions, seminars, etc.) – URLs

Information and instructions concerning filing an application form on paper are available to the public via the Office's website, at the following link:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/Departments/Designs/Pages/Guides.aspx>

Classification and reclassification activities; classification system used, e.g., International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), other classification

The Office uses a national classification system to classify industrial design applications. In June 2013 a new Israeli Designs Classification of Goods has entered into force. The new classification is quite similar to the Locarno classification.

The main difference between the national classification system and the International Locarno Classification system is that the national system does not use class 32 - GRAPHIC SYMBOLS AND LOGOS, SURFACE PATTERNS, ORNAMENTATION.

Israeli Designs Classification of Goods is available at the following link:
<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/Departments/Designs/Pages/default.aspx>

III. SOURCES OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE

Main types of publications in the field of industrial design information, outline of the content (industrial design applications, design patents, registrations, etc.) and medium (on paper, on CDs, online – URLs)

Industrial Design information is available at the ILPO website:
<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/Departments/Designs/Pages/default.aspx>

As mentioned above, as of today, electronic searching of the databases is available to the public at the ILPO offices only. The design database will be available on the ILPO internet website by the end of 2014.

Official Gazettes: main types of announcements, frequency of publication, medium (on paper, on CDs, online - URL), etc.

The ILPO publish information on industrial designs in the Patents and Designs Journal, which appears on a monthly basis. The journal contains only bibliographical information on industrial designs accepted for registration, information about renewals and registrations cancelled. Images of designs are not published in the Journal. The Patent and Design Journal is available here:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/patent/Pages/YomanPatentim.aspx>

Circulars and regulations issued by the Registrar are published in the ILPO website here:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Pages/default.aspx>

Information products (coverage, medium, etc.) available to examiners, including external documentation and databases

Information products that are available to our examiners are databases from other countries and the Internet.

IV. ICT SUPPORT TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Hardware used to supporting business processes of the Office

The hardware used by Industrial Design Department:

6 PC ThinkCenter
1 Laptop Lenovo L 412 ThinkPad
1 Scanner HP Scanjet 7650
1 Printer HP Laser Jet 4000
1 Printer HP Laser Jet 4100n
1 Printer LEXMARK C544n
1 Fax Brother MCF 8880 DN

V. PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AIMED TO SUPPORT USERS IN ACCESS AND EFFICIENT USE OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION

Office's library (if deals with industrial design information): equipment, collection management, network of libraries in the country, cooperation with foreign libraries

The office's library provides the public, free of charge, with information and general advice in relation to application, examination and registration procedures.

The industrial design database is available to the public at the library.

VI. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION

Assistance to developing countries

The office receives trainees from developing countries under the WIPO training program.

VII. OTHER RELATED MATTERS