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Annual Technical Report on Industrial Design Information Activities in 2019 submitted by The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania

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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

N.A.

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

N.A.

New projects launched or resumed this year in the context of the policies(plans) mentioned above, short description: aims, partners, tasks

N.A.

Main areas of industrial design information activities and related information and communication technology (ICT) practices which were in the focus of attention last year

N.A.

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

2020 registered designs: 26 national designs, vol. y. 48 percent less than planned, Protection granted to 97 international design registrations - 39 percent more than planned.

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

N.A.

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

N.A.

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

Applicants are served on a one-stop-shop basis, using all available forms of information provision (service by telephone, e-mail and upon arrival at the SPB; provision of information on the SPB website). In 2020 another form was installed - remote video consultation via MS Teams program. The SPB paid a lot of attention to improving the quality of consultations and installed call recording and a topic-based query function that allows the applicant to select a relevant topic and faster get the answer they need.

Availability of the application dossier in electronic form

N.A.

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

N.A.

Other activities

N.A.

III. SOURCES OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE

N.A.

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)

N.A.

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

N.A.

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

N.A.

Information products (coverage, medium, etc.) and services available to external users; conditions of access (e.g., free of charge, subscription, etc.)

N.A.

Legal status information (kind of information, coverage, medium, etc.)

N.A.

Other sources

N.A.

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

In 2020 the SPB paid a lot of attention to the improvement and expansion of SPB electronic services. Updating old ones and creating new.

Specific software tools supporting business procedures within the Office: general description, characteristics, advantages, possible improvements

N.A.

Hardware used to supporting business processes of the Office

Completed migration of system servers of Trademarks, Designs and Patent Registers and other related information to the State Data Center.

Internal databases: coverage, updates, interlinks with external sources

Improved internal information systems of Trademarks and Design Registers (back office). New indicator has been monitored, with the registration of trademarks and designs, more specifically - the part of the related documents sent electronically from the SPB to the applicant. This the result of the indicator exceeded expectations, as it reached 100% performance. Documents relating to the settlement of disputes sent to the applicant by e-mail, part of 2020 m. reached 99 percent.

An agreement was reached with the State Enterprise Center of Registers on Trademarks and the interfaces between design registers, Legal Entities and Address Registers are automatic. Data integration will facilitate the use of SPB electronic services, as the basic data of the applicants will be generated automatically, and will decrease the likelihood of errors in the documents provided. Integration work completed successfully in January 2021.

Establishment and maintenance of electronic search file: file building, updating, storage, documents from other offices included in the search file

N.A.

Administrative management electronic systems (register, legal status, statistics, and administrative support)

Updated 5 online databases (trademarks, designs, oppositions, appeals and classification of goods and services), making it possible to search results, export to Microsoft Excel, modernized technological platform.

Other matters

N.A.

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

N.A.

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

N.A.

Publications related to different business procedures and industrial design information sources available to users, for example, books, brochures, Internet publications, etc.

Started translating WIPO General Remote module on learning about intellectual property objects and their protection from English into Lithuanian. It will be complete by 2021. Module will be free of charge and available to the public.

Cooperation with universities, technology and innovation support centers, etc.

N.A.

Education and training: training courses, e learning modules (URLs), seminars, exhibitions, etc.

In 2020 1 event was organized for the protection of intellectual property objects to discuss topical issues:

- Workshop on "Key Aspects of Trademark and Design Protection" (in collaboration with Business Lithuania; almost 400 participants from various business sectors);

In addition, the SPB has joined the business portal *bzn start*, which regularly shares expert experience and advice on the protection of industrial property objects. SPB participated in Networking Day and Launch business events organized by this portal.

Other activities

N.A.

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

N.A.

International exchange of industrial design information in machine-readable form (e.g., Official Gazettes)

N.A.

Participation in international or regional activities and projects related to industrial design information

N.A.

Assistance to developing countries

N.A.

Other activities

N.A.

VII. OTHER RELATED MATTERS

N.A.