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Annual Technical Report on Industrial Design Information Activities in 2021 submitted by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent)

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The term "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

Information on the following topics is desired:

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

   Annual Report 2021(AR) *https://rospatent.gov.ru/content/uploadfiles/otchet-2021-en.pdf*

   AR par.5.1, pp.79

   Goals, objectives and plans of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property are published on the site of Rospatent in the section "Plans" (in Russian): https://rospatent.gov.ru/ru/about/plans
2. **New projects launched or resumed this year in the context of the policies(plans) mentioned above, short description: aims, partners, tasks**

   AR par.5.1, pp.80-81
3. **Main areas of industrial design information activities and related information and communication technology (ICT) practices which were in the focus of attention last year**

   AR par.5.1, p.80
4. **Statistics: changes in terms of application filings and grants (registrations) with respect to previous year; trends or areas experiencing rapid changes**

   AR par.1.4, pp.18-19
5. **Other matters and useful links (URLs): annual report of the Office, news page, statistics, etc.**

Annual Report 2021 *https://rospatent.gov.ru/content/uploadfiles/otchet-2021-en.pdf*

Rospatent facts & figures 2021 (short report) https://rospatent.gov.ru/content/uploadfiles/annual-report-2021-short-version-en.PDF

News: https://rospatent.gov.ru/en/news

The following pages of the Office's website contain:

Legal information - Regulation section (in Russian):

https://fips.ru/to-applicants/industrial-designs/promyshlennye-obraztsy-normativnye-dokumenty.php;

Information notices in the Industrial Designs section (in Russian):

https://fips.ru/to-applicants/industrial-designs/;

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

Information on the following topics is desired:

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

   AR pp.91 «Information Services Provided on the Basis of SPC»

   Users of the FIPS website have access to user and technical documentation on setting up and operating an electronic application filing service for the grant of a patent for an industrial design (in Russian):

   https://www.fips.ru/podacha-zayavki/lichnyy-kabinet-dlya-perepiski-po-zayavkam/index.php

   Methodological recommendations on the examination of applications for industrial designs (in Russian):

   https://www.fips.ru/to-applicants/industrial-designs/metodicheskie-rekomendatsii.php

   State registration of industrial designs, and grant of patents in respect of industrial designs, and duplicates thereof (in Russian):

   https://rospatent.gov.ru/ru/stateservices/gosudarstvennaya-registraciya-promyshlennogo-obrazca-i-vydacha-patenta-na-promyshlennyy-obrazec-ego-dublikata

   Access to documents for patent applications for inventions, utility models, and industrial designs, and issuance of copies of said documents (in Russian):

   https://rospatent.gov.ru/ru/stateservices/oznakomlenie-s-dokumentami-zayavki-na-vydachu-patenta-na-izobretenie-poleznuyu-model-promyshlennyy-obrazec-i-vydacha-kopiy-takih-dokumentov

   Fees section: https://rospatent.gov.ru/en/activities/dues

2. **Availability of the application dossier in electronic form**

   Within the framework of the paperless document management system for an industrial design, access is provided to the primary materials of applications received in paper and / or electronic form, lists of goods and / or services, designations applied for registration, bibliographic data on applications and versions of documents - incoming and outgoing correspondence signed with an electronic signature.

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

   https://rospatent.gov.ru/en/products_services/classifications

   AR par.4.5, p.67

4. **Other activities**

III. SOURCES OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE

Information on the following topics is desired:

1. **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)**

   https://new.fips.ru/publication-web/?lang=en

   Gazette documents are in PDF format.

   All *Industrial Designs* Official Gazette for 2005-2021 available at:

   https://www.fips.ru/publication-web/bulletins/PO?lang=en

   The following web pages of the Office's websites provide information concerning Office publications:

   - Regulations on the Rospatent Official Gazette, *Industrial Designs* (in Russian):

   https://www.fips.ru/documents/npa-rf/prikazy-rospatenta/polozhenie-ob-ofitsialnom-byulletene-promyshlennye-obraztsy-utverzhdeno-prikazom-rospatenta-ot-31-12.php;

   - Official Publications section:

   https://www.fips.ru/publication-web/bulletins/PO;

   - Catalog of Publications and Databases in the Patent Information Products section (in Russian):

   https://www.fips.ru/vse-uslugi/patentno-informatsionnye-produkty/.

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

   The forms of notifications on industrial designs published in the Rospatent Official Gazette, *Industrial Designs*, are presented in the Table.

1. Notifications containing communications on changes to information concerning State registration of an industrial design
PD4L Change of denomination, first name, surname or patronymic of patent owner
4L Change of author's(s') details
4L Change of correspondence address
2. Notifications containing communications on termination and restoration of validity of an industrial design patent

MZ4L Premature termination of validity of a patent for an industrial design (group of industrial designs) on the basis of the patent owner's request
4L Premature termination of validity of a patent owing to non-payment within the prescribed period of the fee for maintenance of the patent in force
MK4L Termination of validity of a patent for an industrial design upon expiry of the term of validity
NF4L Restoration of validity of a patent
3. Notifications containing communications on extension of the term of validity of a patent for an industrial design, grant of a duplicate patent
ND4L Extension of term of validity of a patent for an industrial design (group of industrial designs) on the basis of the patent owner's request
RH4L Grant of a duplicate patent
4. Notifications containing communications on agreements relating to disposal of the exclusive right in an industrial design, transfer of an exclusive right in an industrial design, without the conclusion of an agreement with the patent owner
PC4L State registration of an agreement on alienation of an exclusive right
QB4L State registration of an agreement on grant of right of use
PC4L State registration of the transfer of an exclusive right without an agreement being concluded
QB4L State registration of an agreement on a pledge (subsequent pledge) of an exclusive right
QZ4L State registration of amendments relating to an agreement on alienation of an exclusive right
QZ4L State registration of amendments relating to an agreement on grant of right of use
QZ4L State registration of amendments relating to a commercial concession agreement (sub-concession), according to which the user was granted the right to use the industrial design
QZ4L State registration of amendments relating to an agreement on a pledge (subsequent pledge) of an exclusive right
QC4L State registration of termination of an agreement on grant of the right of use
QC4L State registration of termination of an agreement
QC4L State registration of termination of an agreement on a pledge (subsequent pledge) of an exclusive right
5. Notifications containing other communications on registered industrial designs
K4L Correction of obvious and technical errors in the records of the State Register of Industrial Designs of the Russian Federation and /or in publications in the Gazette
RZ4L Other changes relating to registration of industrial designs

The following web pages of the Office's websites provide information relating to access to online publications:

- Industrial Designs in the Official Publications section

https://www.fips.ru/publication-web/bulletins/PO;

- International Classification for Industrial Designs

https://www.fips.ru/publication-web/classification/mkpo?view=index;

- Open Registers of Russian Patent Documents subsection (in Russian)

https://www.fips.ru/registers-web/

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

FIPS examiners can access all free available resources in the Internet, containing information about industrial designs.

The minimum scope of the search includes industrial design documentation from Russia, Germany, the United Kingdom, Spain, the United States, France, Japan and WIPO. Nevertheless the scope of the search may include any generally available documents regardless of the language, age and type.

The list of available databases is located in the internal network and is updated regularly.

The list contains information about industrial design resources of countries and organizations included in the minimum scope of the search, as well as additional resources. Additional resources cover industrial designs information of about 30 countries and organizations, including the EUIPO. For each resource, there is information about web addresses, previous queries and a brief description of search and browsing options.

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

Annual Report 2021 https://rospatent.gov.ru/content/uploadfiles/otchet-2021-en.pdf *(AR)*

AR par.5.3.2 – 5.3.5, pp. 84-88

The following web page on the Office website which contain information relating to information products and services provided by the Office, are:

- *Information on subscribing to patent information products* – in the Patent Information Products section: Catalog of Publications and Databases:

https://www.fips.ru/en/informational-resources/information-products-and-services.php;

- *Carrying out searches – in the* Search System section:

https://www.fips.ru/en/informational-resources/information-retrieval-system/

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

All patent document databases contain information on legal status that is updated monthly.

Information on the legal status of industrial designs is published in the *Industrial Designs* Official Gazette, posted on the FIPS and Rospatent websites.

In the Search section of the Office's website, information is provided on registrations, with an indication of legal status or stage of prosecution of registered subject matter in the Open Registers: https://www.fips.ru/registers-web/.

6. **Other sources**

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

Information on the following topics is desired:

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

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Office's experts have been teleworking with the access to the FIPS automated systems.

The software and hardware complex allows the Patent Disputes Chamber to remotely review requests and objections submitted by regions residents. Participation in the hearings is provided through the browser and does not require the installation of additional software for external participants.

2. **Hardware used to supporting business processes of the Office**

Equipment used (industrial design search systems):

HP DL380 server – 8 units.

(RAM – 4GB, processors - 2, external memory – 300 GB)

HP DL580 – 5 units.

(RAM – 16GB, processors - 4, external memory - 900 GB)

HP workstations - 66 units.

Software:

Solaris, Windows 7, Windows XP, Windows 2003 Server, Windows 2008 Server, Windows 2012 Server operating systems.

Carriers used:

LTO-7magnetic tapes

3. **Internal databases: coverage, updates, interlinks with external sources**

In 2021, continued the extension of the database of an automated paperless document flow system for examining industrial design applications (Industrial Design Applications), providing examiners with a wide range of features.

Industrial design software continued to be used, providing a review of trademark database search results on the basis of pre-prepared search instructions, in order to prevent unfair competition when using trademarks and industrial designs.

FIPS examiners can access all free available resources in the Internet, containing information about industrial designs.

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

Examiners of applications for industrial designs are provided with the results of information searches in the automated system for verbal searches, RF Trademarks, and the system for formalized linguistic descriptions of trademark images, SILOIZ, for similarities between verbal or figurative elements of trademarks and verbal and figurative elements of industrial designs that have been the subject of applications.

Examiners from the industrial designs department analyze and use the results obtained in taking substantive decisions regarding elements similar to the trademarks found.

AR par.5.4, pp.88-91

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

AR par.5.1, pp. 79-80

6. **Other matters**

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

Information on the following topics is desired:

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

   https://new.fips.ru/en/about/vptb/

   https://rospatent.gov.ru/en/activities/russian_patent_library

   AR par.5.4, pp. 88-91

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

   https://new.fips.ru/en/about/vptb/vptb-information-products.php

   Brief information on legal protection of created designs (in Russian):

   https://rospatent.gov.ru/ru/faq/kak-mozhno-zashchitit-originalnyy-dizayn-ot-poddelok-i-zaimstvovaniy

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

   AR par.3.3, pp. 54-58

   AR par.7.3, p. 116

   AR par.6.3, p. 106

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

   AR par.7.4, p.117

   AR par.6.2-6.3, pp.102-111

   Information about thematic meetings and webinar recordings (in Russian) are available at:

   https://fips.ru/about/vptb-otdelenie-vserossiyskaya-patentno-tekhnicheskaya-biblioteka/tematicheskie-vstrechi/

   The addresses of web pages of the Office's site containing information about training, seminars and conferences:

   - "Scientific Conferences" section

   https://www.fips.ru/en/about/scientific-conferences/

   - the "Training. Advanced professional training. Retraining" section:

   https://www.fips.ru/about/deyatelnost/obuchenie/index.php;

   - plan of thematic meetings of the employees of Rospatent and FIPS with representatives of the business community dedicated to acquaintance with new by-laws for 2021 (in Russian):

   https://fips.ru/about/vptb-otdelenie-vserossiyskaya-patentno-tekhnicheskaya-biblioteka/tematicheskie-vstrechi/plan-provedeniya-tematicheskikh-vstrech-na-2021-g.php

5. **Other activities**

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

Information on the following topics is desired:

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

   AR p.90

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

   AR par.4.10, pp.69-70

   AR par.4.4, pp.65-66

3. **Assistance to developing countries**
4. **Other activities**

Section "International Cooperation" on the website of the Office:

https://rospatent.gov.ru/en/activities/international_cooperation

"The Hague System for the International Registration of Industrial Designs" subsection:

https://rospatent.gov.ru/en/activities/international_cooperation/hague

Section "International Conferences"

VII. OTHER RELATED MATTERS