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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. Evolution of registration activities

In 2005, significant changes were not observed in comparison with the year 2004 in terms of number of filed applications and granted patents. No significant changes were observed also in terms of trends or areas with respect to the previous year.

Year 2004 2005  
procedure National The Hague agreement National The Hague agreement  
Applications 45 272 46 284  
Patents 38 - 36 -

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

-Preliminary processing of the documents is performed by automated system. Conducted works include: primary processing of applications; entering of bibliographic data, and figures into the database; and record-keeping of received documents.  
-The Official Bulletins data bulk for publishing in Georgian language is prepared by generating from the database and formatting them with MsWord text processors.  
-The Industrial Property Official Bulletin is published twice a month on paper, CDROM and on the WebSite of SAKPATENTI.  
Every Official Bulletin contains colored images of published designs as well as bibliographic data of the international applications extended to the territory of Georgia.

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

Documents are classified using the Locarno classification (8th edition). Other classifications are not in use.

### IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

It is possible to conduct searches in design bibliographic data with the Office patent database.  
Various Official Bulletins from other Intellectual Property Offices of the world are also kept in the library.  
The library is also equipped with two workstations having access to the Office patent database and the Internet.

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

- Patent search in in-house databases are conducted online by means of LAN. Every examiner is given possibility to conduct searches in the in-house databases from his/her working place. External databases are accessible via the Internet.
- Automated system of SAKPATENTI is based on a powerful LAN. The LAN is a high speed network (100 MBps) of which core is built on three 24 port switches. The switches connect HUBs of individual local segments and 5 high-throughput servers. In the LAN, 103 computers, 110 printers, and 72 power supply units (UPS) are contained.

Data flow processing, monitoring and control

Entering primary information of domestic applications on Industrial Designs, bibliographic data, abstracts, and design views into the database.

-processing Industrial Designs registered in the International Bureau in accordance with the Hague agreement;

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Since 2000, development of new project of unified automated system started and it has been implemented in 2005 with the use of last generation information technologies and software means (ORACLE system).

The system algorithm is completely based on legislative articles being currently in force in SAKPATENTI. Each application which is filed goes through certain technological cycle

and appropriated actions are conducted in accordance with the procedure. The objective of the functional complex is to administer the following actions:

receiving documents, registration and making modifications in them;

control of time limits;

communication with an applicant with established forms;

formation of databases

conducting searches in the databases;

creation of reference systems and their use;

registry upkeep;

preparation of materials to be published in Official Bulletins;

providing the statistical and other data to the management staff.

For further upgrading the automated system some efforts were made objectives of which were as follows:

- increase the speed of information processing;
- improvement of operation reliability;
- provision of full automation of the technological cycle;
- formation of electronic Bulletin in real time;
- possibility of conducting searches with keywords and in bibliographic data;
- secure storage of accumulated data;
- extensive use of the Internet for information exchange;
- capability of online filing of applications;
- control of time limits according to the rules of international agreements and protocols;
- control of meeting the requirements of the laws in force, normative acts, rules etc.

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

The Office industrial property library is located in separate premises and is equipped with every necessary documentation as well as computers for assisting public on searching procedures, for obtaining official publications, for providing consultations as concerns applications drafting, novelty searches, etc.

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

All Official Bulletins stored on CD discs (trilingual versions) are exchanged with various Intellectual Property Offices worldwide. These bulletins are stored in MS Word format and published on the Office Website in PDF format.

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

The Office is well equipped with audiovisual means for conducting seminars and training courses. Power Point presentations were mainly used as visual means for training purposes.

Several examiners and staff members attended seminars abroad.

To provide knowledge dissemination policy, The Office continues to publish journal "Intellectual Property" containing papers on all spheres of intellectual property. It is published on paper and on the Website in PDF format (full texts). The authors of the papers are mainly the Office staff members. The journal provides great aid both to patent professionals and the public in obtaining useful educational materials.

Apart from publishing, the Office permanently provides consultations to applicants as concerns applications drafting, novelty searches, etc.

## **IX. Other relevant matters**