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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

Changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants (registrations) with respect to the previous year

In 2011 the Israeli Patent and Designs Office received 1,511 industrial design applications, the figure for 2010 was 1,622. In 2011, 861 industrial design were granted as opposed to 848 in 2010.

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

Publishing, including printing, copying techniques and electronic printing

The Israel Patent and Design Office publishes information of industrial designs in the Patents and Designs Journal, which is issued once a month. The journal contains only bibliographical information on industrial designs accepted for registration, information about renewals, registrations cancelled and changes in particulars entered in the Register. Images of designs are not published in the Journal. Judicial decisions of the Commissioner of Patents and Designs are published in Hebrew on the ILPO website.

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

Classification and reclassification activities; Classification system used, e.g., International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), other classification (please indicate whether industrial designs are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification is used)

The Office uses a national classification system to classify industrial design applications. The major difference between this system and the International Locarno Classification system is that the national classification system forces an objective classification and does not permit the use of the "Miscellaneous" classification.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

File building

The search files are manual in the databases of Office and by Internet.

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

In-house systems (online/offline)

An automated support system was internally developed for industrial design operations using the MS-Access tool and ACDSYSTEM tool which meets the requirements of image processing data and image search.

VI. Administration of industrial design information products and 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)

Planning, administration, automation, security

The Israel Patent and Design Office is the national authority where applications for registration of industrial designs in Israel are filed, examined and registered.

Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and industrial design information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web)

The internal library provides the public, free of charge, information and general advice in relation to application, examination and registration procedures of Designs.

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

VIII. Matters concerning education and training, including technical assistance to developing countries (please indicate URLs of web pages of the Office's website wherever appropriate)

Training courses for national and foreign participants

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

IX. Other general information related to the Office that is available on the Internet -- URLs of web pages of the Office's website that:

contain the Annual Report of the Office

<http://www.justice.gov.il/MOJEng/RashamHaptentim/AnnualReport.htm>

X. Other relevant matters