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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 the year 2003, the number of applications, in total, increased with a rate of 10% with respect to previous year. Figures for applications and registration are as follows:

Applications: 2002 3903 2003 4284

Registrations: 2002 3182 2003 3546

Detailed table according to domestic and foreign applications is attached.

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Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year

The most popular areas of design applications (according to the Locarno Classes) are furnishing (Class 6), textile piecegoods (Class 5), clothings (Class 2), packages /(Class 9) and household goods (Class 7). Design applications for these areas formed about 65 per cent of total design applications received in the year 2003. These five areas are generally the most demanded areas for design applications in Turkey.

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

Information concerning industrial designs is published in monthly Official Bulletins on paper. Documents for this Bulletin are generated in electronic environment and sent to the printing office which is an external company. Scanning the images of registered designs and other relevant documents continued in the year 2003, for electronic archiving an documentation purposes. This study is also a part of the project of preparing the electronic data collecting for industrial designs.

Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of industrial design information

Announcement of the Institute for industrial designs is mainly made on the Official Bulletins. The bibliographic information concerning design applications is published in the Bulletin in the format which is compatible with WIPO standards. In addition to the registrations, corrections, changes in address or names of the holder, transfers, cancellations, legal actions and renewals are published in the Bulletin.

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 classification system used is the Locarno Classification. This classification is used for administrative purposes.

Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes

Bibliographic data is stored on main database. These are: application number, application date, applicant (name, adress, nationality), attorney (if applicable), data for priority claim (if claimed), article, class code, and others.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

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

In-house systems (online/offline)

All the information concerning legal status, statistics, images of design aplications is stored in an in-house ORACLE database which allows bibliographic search only.

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)

General information about application procedure and legal framework of industrial design protection is available on the official website of the Institute.

By beginning to use the new software program, it is planned to provide industrial design services on electronic environment.

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

Statistical information concerning industrial design activities is forwarded periodically to WIPO and OHIM. Also the Official Bulletins are sent to Offices upon request.

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

Several seminars and training programs had been organized in the year 2003.

IX. Other relevant matters