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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 comparison with 2002, the total number of industrial design applications filings in 2002 decreased by 20,3%; we had 1129 applications in 2002, and 900 in 2003. At the same time, the number of industrial design applications filed under the Hague Agreement decreased by 23,8%; we had 934 applications in 2002, and 712 in 2003.
On the other hand, the Industrial Design Department granted 795 registrations in 2003 against 1027 in 2002.

Filed Industrial Design Applications:

Year Hague Agreement National Total
2001 925 161 1086
2002 934 195 1129
2003 712 188 900

Registered Industrial Design Applications:

Year Hague Argeement National Total
2001 925 82 1007
2002 934 93 1027
2003 712 83 795

On December 31st, 2003, in Yugoslavia, there were 4610 registered and valid industrial designs, including 301 industrial designs entered in the national register and 4309 industrial designs registered through the Hague Agreement.

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 Federal Intellectual Property Office (henceforward “Office”), on the basis of Industrial Design Law, publishes its official gazette, the Intellectual Property Journal. The Intellectual Property Journal is published bimonthly, 6 times a year in 300 copies.

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

The Intellectual Property Journal, in the part referring to industrial designs, is prepared by means of computer. Information from the Industrial Design database is transferred to text processor automatically, then minimal technical preparation follows and the text is sent to printing. The following information and bibliographical data concerning registered domestic and international Industrial Designs are published in the Intellectual Property Journal – registration number, application number, filing date, registration date, date of granted priority right, validity date, information on the holder of title, information about the design that has been registered. Industrial designs are published in grayscale technique. In 2003, 83 registered industrial designs were published.

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

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

In the Office, it is possible to search manually the designs, because the Office still maintains a database that consists of cards with the published industrial designs.

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

A database has been formed consisting of applications and registered rights and it is kept on one PC. The database consists of the following information: application number, filing date, registration number, registration date, date of the granted priority right, date of the expiration of validity, name of the holder of right and address, information concerning the representative, title of the design, number of the Locarno class, graphical appearance of the design.

The database on industrial designs is kept on an IBM computer having this configuration – Board with PENTIUM 4/1.7GHz, 256 MB RAM, 36.4 GB hard discs, 3½ floppy drive, CD drive, DVD drive, 17 inches color monitor. Operating system is Microsoft Windows XP. Database is processed through our own software. Among other software packages, we use Microsoft Word 97 for text processing and desk-top publishing for the publication in the Intellectual Property Journal. We keep connection with the database for all documents and certificate publication, and we use Epson Smart Panel for scanning and processing of figurative industrial designs.

There are two more PCs (one with Pentium 4/2.66GHz, 512 MB RAM, 35.9 GB HD, 17" color monitor, the other with Pentium 2/500MHz, 128 MB RAM,10GB HD, 15" color monitor).

For the time being, there is no possibility of on-line access to the database for experts outside the Office in order to perform searches.

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)

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

International or regional cooperation in the exchange of industrial design information, e.g., in the form of official gazettes

During 2003, the Official Gazette of the Federal Intellectual Property Office of Yugoslavia, "Intellectual Property Journal" has been delivered to the following countries:
AM, AT, AU, BE, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CO, CU, CZ, DK, DZ, EG, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IN, IT, JA, LI, LT, LY, MK, NL, NO, PL. RO, RU, SE, SI, TR, UA, US.

Exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., data contained on CD-ROM or magnetic tape

The Office has received gazettes from the following countries: AM, AT, BG, BR, BY, CH, CZ, DE, FR, GB, HR, HU, JP, LT, MK, NO, PL, RO, RU, SI, TJ, TR, WIPO.

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

Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro organised lectures concerning industrial Design legal protection in chambers of commerce, fair exibitions and some of the big companies.

IX. Other relevant matters