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Where URLs are requested below, it is preferred that either URLs which are likely to remain stable over time (three years or more) are provided, or home (main) page URLs are provided with a short explanation of how to access the corresponding information.

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

Applications for national BR industrial designs increased from 5.311 in 2007 to 5.586 in 2008 (+5,18%). Grants (registrations) increased from 3.853 to 5.198 from 2007 to 2008 (+34,91%). The Directorate of Technology Transfer and Other Registers is responsible for the examination and grant of the industrial design registrations.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide statistics related to industrial designs

Statistics related to Brazilian industrial designs are available at http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/instituto/estatisticas-new-version.

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

(1) Paper Industrial Design Documents

The published industrial designs documents are prepared by the Dissemination, Documentation and Technological Information Center (CEDIN), a Division of the Directorate of Institutional Partnerships and Technological Information (DART) that is responsible for the dissemination of the technological information. The industrial designs documents are published with a letter code "F". Copies of all published are sent to the search file, and all the bibliographic data is available to consultation at an internal database (SINPI) and at internet (www.inpi.gov.br). The first page of Brazilian industrial designs documents contains bibliographic data, according to WIPO standards.

(2) Industrial Property Gazette

Since April 2005, official notices and selected bibliographic data relating to BR industrial designs applications and registrations are internally generated and published in the official weekly electronic Brazilian Official Gazette (Revista da Propriedade Industrial - RPI). Some officials gazettes are available on the Brazilian Patent Office website in PDF and TXT format, at http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-superior/revistas, and all the published officials gazettes are stored in the library and are available to the public.

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

INPI's website (www.inpi.gov.br) plays an increasingly important part in the dissemination of notices regarding to industrial designs, as well as it informs the public and the community of users all the information concerning training activities, events and legal information concerning intellectual property.

Besides that, the official gazette weekly provides to the users the information concerning INPI's decisions on industrial designs matters.

Mass storage media and microforms used

The Office has a paper collection of BR industrial designs documents classified according to a National Classification based on the Locarno Classification, and they are used in search activities.

Databases and office automation

Search tools are available to technical staff and technical personal performing industrial design information activities to external users. There is a corporate mainframe database (Integrated System of Industrial Property - SINPI) for processing the life of a BR industrial design application, where searches can also be performed. The Office's intranet contains a very large collection of essential information for the INPI staff.

Copies of the documents cited in the search reports are produced in-house to supply the applicants.

All the staff access the Internet and the Office's intranet and has their own official e-mail addresses. The Office uses Microsoft Windows and BROffice, which provides an integrated and extensive network of applications that are available to all staff. All personal have their own workstation on which numerous applications are available. Word processing can be carried out using Microsoft Word and BROffice Writer; PowerPoint, Excel, BROffice Impress and BROffice Calc are also available.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide access to online industrial design gazettes and to other sources of industrial design information, including download of bulk industrial design data

Brazilian industrial designs database is available through Internet at http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-superior/pesquisas. The gazettes can be accessed in http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-superior/revistas.

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)

Industrial Design documents are classified by INPI staff according to the Locarno Classification. Until January 2001, INPI used to classify according to the National Classification. If it is necessary, some documents are reclassified.

The Locarno Classification is available through Internet at http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/pasta_classificacao.

Bibliographic data and processing

Bibliographic data are used for search using the internal system (SINPI) and through Internet (http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-superior/pesquisas).

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

File building

Until 2001, the documents were classified according to the National Classification of Design. From that date on the documents are being classified under the Locarno Classification. BR industrial design documents collection is available in paper.

In 2008 the collection of industrial design documents increased 5.586 paper documents.

Updating

Administrative staff carries out updating of search file centrally.

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

In-house systems (online/offline)

The SINPI (Integrated System of Industrial Property) database is the in-house system available for searching. Technical searching can be carried out using the Locarno Classification code or indexing terms, combinations of terms from the same or different headings for searching industrial design documents, legal status or other parameters. Brazilian industrial design database is available through Internet at http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-superior/pesquisas.

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External databases

In order to carry out searches in industrial design documents or other publications, the INPI staff access a number of Internet industrial design databases. The official policy is that a worldwide online search should be carried out as whole or part of every industrial design search or examination done in this Office.

A list of Internet industrial design databases is given below:

UK industrial design database at http://www.ipo.gov.uk/design/d-find/d-find-proprietor.htm

US Patent full text and full image database at http://patft.uspto.gov/netahtml/PTO/search-bool.html

European Union industrial design database at http://oami.europa.eu/RCDOnline/RequestManager

AU industrial design database at http://pericles.ipaustralia.gov.au/adds2/adds.adds_simple_search.paint_simple_search

Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics and administrative support)

Register, legal status and administrative support information is stored on the SINPI database.

Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), data carriers used

Servers IBM and HP are used to support Internet, Internal Databases, E-mail and Intranet. The internal network uses a client-server arrangement on an Ethernet LAN running Informix Netware. The PCs used by all staff performing patent and information activities are Pentium 4, 2.8 GHz, machines with 17" and 21" screens and DVD drivers.

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

INPI has an internal library that is conducted by the Dissemination, Documentation and Technological Information Center (CEDIN). The library collection contains technical books, pamphlets, manuals, some legal reports, name and subject-matter indexing books, periodicals and official gazettes from many different countries. The collection is located in the office's main building in a securely manner, and the consultation can be done via intranet (INPI staff) or locally (INPI staff and external users).

Collection management, preservation

All INPI staff is free to suggest additional material for inclusion in the library collection, and the administrative manager periodically asks for suggestions.

In 2008 the library staff received approximately 2.813 requests from researchers and 3.423 copies of articles or technical information were demanded by the internal and external researchers. The library was updated with 646 new books, pamphlets etc.

In 2008 the library published 18 Bibliographic Alerts, that list new publications available in the library and help to divulgate matters concerned to intelectual property.

Some publications are also available at http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/publicacoes_html.

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 Office's Search and Advisory Service continues to promote its activities in providing priced industrial design investigations.

INPI has developed a service (Central Enquiry Unit) to provide answers to customers' doubts, available at INPI's homepage (http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/pasta ouvidoria).

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide information on business procedures such as: filing, publication, examination and registration procedures related to industrial designs; opposition and appeal procedures related to industrial designs; etc.

Addresses and contacts:

http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho

Questions about Industrial Designs

http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/pasta_perguntas

Industrial Designs procedures

http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/passoapasso_html

Granting procedures: http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/pasta_exame

Appeal procedures: http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/pasta_recursos

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide a description of information products and services offered by the Office (e.g., industrial design search service(s) and industrial design databases), as well as information on how to access and utilize them

Industrial design search services:

http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/informacao/pasta_manual

Industrial design databases and Brazilian websites related to designs: http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/pasta_links/index_html

Industrial design copy service:

Copies of the Industrial Designs documents can be requested to copdocpat@inpi.gov.br

Instructions to apply for copy of all the decisions or requested examination as to novelty and originality related to an Industrial Design document: http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/pasta_servicos/fotocopia_html

Other services relating to a industrial design document:

http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/pasta_servicos/servicos-complementares

Industrial design forms:

http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/pasta_formularios

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

INPI makes use of all relevant WIPO standards. In 2008, INPI has sent the Brazilian Industrial Designs documents (DI) in paper to OAPI.

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)

Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.)

The Directorate of Institutional Partnerships and Technological Information (DART) continued to promote, in 2008, INPI's presence at many exhibitions or seminars, and conducted visitors to the Office.

In 2008 INPI organized and took part in 22 seminars and 95 lectures in different places around Brazil and 2.398 people attended the seminars and 4.784 attended the lectures. Besides this, several courses was given in the country in order to promote de importance of the intellectual property.

The seminar "Protection of Industrial Design" was conducted at INPI in 2008.

In order to promote the use of industrial property in the productive chain of the fashion industry, the INPI sponsors since 2007, the Fashion Business, integrated with Fashion Rio, considered the biggest fashion event of Rio. In 2008, in the 11th edition of Fashion Business, INPI presented 2 lectures on Industrial Designs and Trademarks. During the 12th edition, also in 2008, INPI presented a case study on the strategy of success of a brand of shoes. This study is available at: http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/informacao/pdf-dos-estudos/JIMMY%20CHOO-versao%20final_com%20documentos.pdf/view.

Training courses for national and foreign participants

In accordance with the Brazilian Innovation Law, INPI has began an extensive training program, including seminars and courses, aiming to prepare managers and technicians staff in different aspects of intellectual property.

By the end of 2008, INPI has trained over 3.000 people. Managers and technicians from Universities, Institutions of Research and Development, Secretaries of Science and Technology and institutions supporting small and medium-sized enterprises were trained.

Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.)

The Brazilian Office has an active bilateral and cooperation programs with different countries, including a number of developing countries.

INPI also delivers seminars and lectures in different places including developing countries.

In 2007, INPI proposed to develop a project of technical assistance to Bolivia through training, capacity building and technical cooperation in industrial design, trademark, and other topics related to industrial property. Both countries exchanged information and INPI, upon prior approval of its presidency, offered technical assistance. Then, it was agreed that a specific agenda would be coordinated. In 2008, there was the IV Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Brazil-Bolivia Bilateral Trade in the city of La Paz, Bolivia.

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

provide information on legislation related to industrial designs

Information on legislation related to industrial designs is available at http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/desenho/pasta_legislacao.

contain the Annual Report of the Office

The Annual Report of INPI is available at http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-esquerdo/instituto/copy_of_relatorios-de-gestao-new-version.

contain industrial design-related news regarding the Office

Industrial design-related news regarding to the Office is available at http://www.inpi.gov.br/menu-superior/imprensa.

X. Other relevant matters

In 2008, changes were made in administrative proceedings of industrial design, in order to obtain a decision on the requests in a shorter time.

INPI implemented in 2007 the Innovation and Intellectual Property Academy. The Professional Master in Intellectual Property and Innovation received students from different areas (lawyers, engineers, managers etc) in the first and second classes of the course (2007 and 2008). In 2008 INPI started the selection process for the third class of the Professional Master (2009).