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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

Statistical evolution concerning:

Applications filed:

in 2006 – 2236, in 2007 –2147, i.e. 4% decrease with respect to the previous year.

Patents granted:

in 2006 - 2061, in 2007 -2213, i.e. 7,4% more than the previous year.

Year 2007 witnessed changes in the technological process of incoming application flow registration; in particular, the system of electronic registration of incoming application flow was integrated with the central electronic document archive. The electronic register underwent updating of the subsystem of immediate statistics and reporting on incoming application flow, including applications for industrial designs.

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

During several past years, including 2007, none of the trends or areas of technologies experienced rapid changes resulting in fast increase of number of applications. However, some areas and fields were clearly defined as stable leaders in application filling, in particular: Class 19 "Stationery and office equipment..." – 23,1% of the total amount of applications filed, Class 09 "Packages and containers for the transport or handling of goods" – 13,6%, Class 11 "Jewellery" – 8,2%; Class 25 "Building units and construction elements" – 5,5%; Class 06 "Furnishing" - 5,5%; Class 12 "Means of transport or hoisting" – 4,8%.

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

http://www.sdip.gov.ua/eng/about/Stateng/currenteng/; http://www.ukrpatent.org/en/statistics.html

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

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

The Official Bulletin "Promyslova Vlasnist" ("Industrial Property") contains announcements related to industrial designs in the following parts of its Book 2: "Information on the Grant of Patents of Ukraine for Industrial Designs", "Indexes", "Notifications", "Colour Representations of Industrial Designs".

The Official Bulletin "Promyslova Vlasnist" is issued both on paper and electronic carriers with the same frequency.

A cumulative optical disc DVD "Industrial Designs Registered in Ukraine" is also issued. It contains information on all the registrations of industrial designs recorded in Ukraine beginning from January 1993 and up till the completion of the current registration.

The official web-sites of the State Department of Intellectual Property (State Department) (http://www.sdip.gov.ua) and the State Enterprise "Ukrainian Industrial Property Institute" (Institute) (http://www.ukrpatent.org) contain a number of databases (DBs) and information and reference systems (IRS) on industrial designs:

- interactive DBs: "Electronic Version of the Official Bulletin "Promyslova Vlasnist"; "Industrial Designs Registered in Ukraine"; "Information about International Registration of Industrial Designs Legally Protected in Ukraine";
- interactive IRS "Industrial Design Applications Proceeding State".

Since June 1, 2007 the full-scope access to the DB "Industrial Designs Registered in Ukraine" is granted free of charge.

In 2007 a methodological manual "Drafting and Filing Applications for a Patent of Ukraine for Industrial Design" was corrected, updated in view of the changes that took place in the industrial property regulatory and legal framework, and re-published. This publication first saw the light in 2006.

Mass storage media and microforms used

The mass storage media for information about marks for goods and services in the Institute are servers of the electronic databases. To satisfy the information needs of the general public, the interactive DB "Industrial Designs Registered in Ukraine" is accessible via the Internet.

Databases and office automation

The whole set of procedures connected with automation of processing applications for marks for goods and services was carried out by the tools of the automated system (AS) "Industrial Designs". A technological database is the core of the AS "Industrial Designs". The data from this database are used for forming the information array of documents for the respective part of the Official Bulletin as well as for updating of the interactive DB "Industrial Designs Registered in Ukraine".

Information on industrial designs can be found in the following databases:

- technological DB of the AS "Industrial Designs";
- DB "Electronic Version of the Official Bulletin "Promyslova Vlasnist" accessible via the Internet;
- IRS "Industrial Design Applications Proceeding State" accessible via the Internet;
- DB "Information about International Registration of Industrial Designs Legally Protected in Ukraine".

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

http://www.ukrpatent.org/en/bases.html

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 Ukrainian translation of the 8th edition of the Locarno Classification was used for classifying industrial designs. A software system for checking the classification symbols operates in the AS "Industrial Designs". This system contains dictionaries with the scheme of the Locarno Classification and special software for checking the classification symbols.

To satisfy the information needs of the general public the IRS "International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification). Eighth edition" was placed on the State Department's and Institute's web-sites.

Bibliographic data and processing

During input into the technological database the bibliographical data are processed by the software tools. The database structure allows storage of all bibliographical data and provides extended search facilities.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

The search file contains the file of applications input into the in-house automated system "Industrial Designs" and the reference and search tools. No documentation of other Offices is included into the search file for industrial designs.

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

In-house systems (online/offline)

The in-house computerized search systems for industrial designs are the search systems of the AS "Industrial Designs", "Input Applications Register" and the AS "Indicators". All these systems are operative on-line.

External databases

- DB "Electronic Version of the Official Bulletin "Industrial Designs";
- IRS " Industrial Design Applications Proceeding State":
- DB "Information about International Registration of Industrial Designs Legally Protected in Ukraine".

These systems are connected to the Internet.

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

The proceedings of the State Register of patents for industrial designs are carried out in the environment of the AS "Industrial Designs". Legal status data are formed on request.

For statistical data generation in the AS "Industrial Designs" an integrated subsystem "Statistics" is used. The subsystem supports the functions of examination, register and the activities of the planning and economic department.

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)

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)

At the Public Patent Documentation Collection (PPDC) the users had access to information on industrial designs published in the Official Bulletin "Promyslova Vlasnist" and the Official Bulletins of 42 foreign countries and WIPO.

Industrial design information was also available to the general public via the Internet in the interactive databases "Industrial Designs Registered in Ukraine", "Information on the International Registration of the Industrial Designs Legally Protected in Ukraine", IRS "Industrial Design Applications Proceeding State". Besides, the users had access to the IRS "International Classification of Industrial Designs (the Locarno Classification). Eighth Edition".

The list of services provided by the Institute to the general public is presented in the document on the Institute's web-site at: http://www.ukrpatent.org/en/perelik.html.

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.

http://www.ukrpatent.org/ua/industrial.html (Ukrainian only)

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

http://www.ukrpatent.org/en/publications.html; http://www.sdip.gov.ua/eng/information/; http://www.ip-centr.kiev.ua/newcipip/head_page_large.jsp

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

In the framework of international exchange the Official Bulletin "Promyslova Vlasnist" on CD-ROM, containing industrial design information, was sent to 45 foreign Patent Offices. In return, official bulletins containing such information were received from 29 Offices.

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)

In the year under review the educational institutions in Ukraine continued training, upgrading and improvement of qualification of specialists in the sphere of intellectual property. An indicative event of 2007 was the conversion of the closed joint-stock company "Institute of Intellectual Property and Law" into the State Institute of Intellectual Property (SIIP). The SIIP structure provides for training and improvement of qualification of specialists in three specialties of the specific categories: intellectual property, consolidated information, innovative activities management. By the decision of the State Accreditation Commission of 27 November 2007 SIIP was accredited the IV (highest) accreditation level. Licenses for master training and improvement of qualification of specialists in "Intellectual Property" specialty were obtained. In 2007, 67 specialists and 46 masters in "Intellectual Property" specialty were trained.

In 2007, the SIIP conducted the courses of basic training for intellectual property rights evaluators (6 persons were granted certificates), courses of improvement of qualification for managers according to the programme "Practical Aspects of Intellectual Property Management at Enterprises". During 2007, the State Department jointly with the SIIP organized courses of improvement of qualification in the intellectual property field for 11 members of scientific and pedagogical staff of the higher education institutions. Together with the Ukrainian Scientific and Technical Centre and the "Kharkiv Technologies" Centre, a training course "Technological Management: Commercialization of the Results of Scientific Activities in Scientific and Research Institutes" for scientists of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (30 persons) was held on the basis of the Institute. A similar training was provided to the scientists of the National Academy of Georgia and the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan. As much as 421 persons took part in conferences, courses, seminars and trainings organized and held by the Institute in 2007.

To satisfy its own needs as well as requests of other higher educational institutions of Ukraine which train specialists and masters in specialty "Intellectual Property", the SIIP published nearly 7000 copies of textbooks (14 titles). In 2007 the concept of the study subject "Intellectual Property Basics" for pupils of the 10th grade of different types of comprehensive educational institutions and students of higher educational institutions of the 1st and the 2nd levels of accreditation was developed. The concept was approved by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and sanctioned for publishing as a textbook.

The government order for training specialists in specialty "Intellectual Property" of specialist's and master's degree in 2007 amounted to 72 specialists and 100 masters. The order was issued to 9 higher educational institutions of Ukraine.

In 2007 the State Department held over 25 seminars and conferences on the current problems related to the acquisition, exploitation and enforcement of IP rights, including the XI International Scientific and Practical Conference "Current Problems of Intellectual Property" (with participants from Ukraine, the Republic of Belarus, Lithuania, the Republic of Moldova, Germany, the Republic of Poland, the Russian Federation, Romania, Hungary, the USA, as well as the international organizations – WIPO, the EPO, the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM), the Central and Eastern European Copyright Alliance (CEECA, Budapest) - over 250 persons all in all; "Intellectual Property as an Economic Development Tool"; "The VII All-Ukrainian Scientific and Practical Conference "Issues of Training Intellectual Property Specialists in Ukraine"; All-Ukrainian conference dedicated to the Inventor's Day "Place of Inventor and Innovator in the Ukrainian Society"; training seminars "Commercialization of Intellectual Property Rights", "Peculiarities of Intellectual Property Rights Examination" and "Organization of Activity of Intellectual Property Divisions in Higher Education Institutions" (for scientific as well as scientific and pedagogical staff of the higher education institutions of the III – IV levels of accreditation) and others. During the year the State Department also organized regional conferences and seminars on intellectual property matters for educational institutions, students, managers of enterprises, institutions and organizations, representatives of regional and district state administrations, enterprises, scientific institutions and organizations.

The State Department gives special attention to encouraging creativity. In particular, to ensure a thorough support for the gifted youth, the State Department yearly takes part in and provides sponsorship for holding a Week of all-Ukrainian and international scientific and educational projects "Ukraine-Europe-World". Within the framework of the above-mentioned week the all-Ukrainian young innovators and inventors contest "Nature-Person-Industry-Ecology" and all-Ukrainian championship in information technologies "Ecosoft -2007" took place from February 28 to March 4, 2007

In April 2007 the exhibition centre "KyivExpoPlaza" hosted the III International exhibition "Inventions and Innovations", organized within the framework of the Week of industrial technologies. The presentation of the innovative developments of the exhibition participants and the "Invention-2006" contest winners was highly successful. During the exhibition hours a ceremony of awarding the winners of the yearly all-Ukrainian contests of inventive activity "Invention-2006" and the competition for the WIPO awards for innovative companies with participants coming from all Ukrainian regions was held. The WIPO awards presentation took place in September during the Inventor and Innovator Day celebration.

It is notable that in 2007 the State Department carried out a significant work on training and improvement of qualification of intellectual property specialists, creativity encouragement etc. Detailed information on this aspect of the State Department's activity can be found in the respective chapter of the "Annual Report of the State Department – 2007", which can be accessed at: http://www.sdip.gov.ua/t/docman/binary/eng.pdf

During 2007 the publication of the monthly scientific and practical journal "Intelectualna Vlasnist" ("Intellectual Property") continued. The journal deals with the theoretical and practical problems of the legal protection of intellectual property rights, industrial designs in particular. Current information on the news in the sphere of intellectual property, the contents of the coming issue of the journal etc. are posted on the web-site of the journal at http://www.intelvlas.com.ua.

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

http://www.sdip.gov.ua/eng/laws/; http://www.ukrpatent.org/en/legistation.html; http://www.sdip.gov.ua/eng/about/Stateng/zvit3/; http://www.sdip.gov.ua/eng/; http://www.ukrpatent.org/en/index.html; http://www.ip-centr.kiev.ua/newcipip/head_page_large.jsp

X. Other relevant matters