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Annual Technical Report 2013 on Industrial Design Information Activities submitted by Brazil (CWS/ATR/ID/2013/BR)

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. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Outline of main policies and plans aimed at development of industrial design information activities and expected time frames for their realization

The Industrial Design Register Division (DESIN) is responsible to examination of industrial design register applications. We are promoting studies and discussions about best practices to create equal criteria in examination of industrial design.

New projects launched or resumed this year in the context of the policies(plans) mentioned above, short description: aims, partners, tasks

The main project is the definition of a Permanent Committee to Enhancement of Industrial Design, a workgroup that promote discussions about improvements and best criteria to the activity of examination of industrial design applications.

Main areas of industrial design information activities and related information and communication technology (ICT) practices which were in the focus of attention last year

(N/a)

Statistics: changes in terms of application filings and grants (registrations) with respect to previous year; trends or areas experiencing rapid changes

Applications for national BR industrial designs increased from 6.772 in 2012 to 6.847 in 2013 (1,11%). Grants (registrations) decreased from 4.334 in 2012 to 2.656 in 2013 (-38,72%).

Other matters and useful links (URLs): annual report of the Office, news page, statistics, etc.

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

II. SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Information and support provided by the Office to applicants regarding filing on paper and/or e-filing (instructions, seminars, etc.) – URLs

-Contacts:

http://www.inpi.gov.br/portal/artigo/guia_basico_desenho_industrial

-Questions about Industrial Designs:

http://www.inpi.gov.br/portal/acessoainformacao/artigo/desenho_industrial_1351691999842

-Industrial Designs procedures:

http://www.inpi.gov.br/portal/artigo/guia_basico_desenho_industrial

Availability of the application dossier in electronic form

At the moment, there is no electronic filing of industrial design registers.

Classification and reclassification activities; classification system used, e.g., International Classification for Industrial Designs (Locarno Classification), other classification

The Design Documents were organized according to a National Classification before 2000. The Locarno Classification has been used to classification and search activities since January, 2001.

III. SOURCES OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE

Main types of publications in the field of industrial design information, outline of the content (industrial design applications, design patents, registrations, etc.) and medium (on paper, on CDs, online – URLs)

Since April 2005, selected bibliographic data relating to BR Industrial designs are published in the weekly electronic Brazilian Official Gazette (Revista da Propriedade Industrial - RPI).

Official Gazettes: main types of announcements, frequency of publication, medium (on paper, on CDs, online - URL), etc.

Since April 2005, official notices and selected bibliographic data relating to BR Industrial Designs are published in the weekly electronic Brazilian Official Gazette (Revista da Propriedade Industrial - RPI). Official gazettes are available on the Brazilian Patent Office website in PDF and TXT format, at <http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/rpi/>, and all published official gazettes are stored in the library available to the public. Bibliographic data of Brazilian Industrial Designs are available for consultation at an internal database (SINPI) and at internet (www.inpi.gov.br). Keyword searches in titles or abstracts are available only in Portuguese.

Information products (coverage, medium, etc.) available to examiners, including external documentation and databases

INPI has a paper collection of BR industrial designs documents classified according to Locarno Classification. The Design Documents were organized according to a National Classification before 2000. The Locarno Classification has been used to classification and search activities since January, 2001.

In order to carry out searches in industrial design documents or other publications, the INPI staff access a number of Internet free industrial design databases. Official policy is that a worldwide online search should be carried out as whole or part of every industrial design search or substantive examination (assessing novelty and originality after the grant) done in this Office. A list of Internet industrial design databases is given below:

- UK industrial design database at <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/design/d-os/d-find.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>
- FR industrial design database at <http://bases-modeles.inpi.fr/>
- AU industrial design database at http://pericles.ipaustralia.gov.au/adds2/adds.adds_simple_search.paint_simple_search

Information products (coverage, medium, etc.) and services available to external users; conditions of access (e.g., free of charge, subscription, etc.)

(N/a)

Legal status information (kind of information, coverage, medium, etc.)

(N/a)

IV. ICT SUPPORT TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Specific software tools supporting business procedures within the Office: general description, characteristics, advantages, possible improvements

The SINPI (Integrated System of Industrial Property) is the in-house system available for searching industrial designs documents since 1986. This system is covering about 77.246 documents. SINPI is a client-server model developed in Delphi that allows the industrial designs examination and provide all support to the weekly official gazette and others official documents as the registration certificate. According to its research and development focus, INPI is evaluating modern web solutions such as the Industrial Property Automation System (IPAS).

Hardware used to supporting business processes of the Office

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.

Internal databases: coverage, updates, interlinks with external sources

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 large collection of useful information for the INPI staff. Copies of the documents cited in the search reports are produced in-house to supply the applicants.

Establishment and maintenance of electronic search file: file building, updating, storage, documents from other offices included in the search file

File building and updating of search file, classified under the Locarno Classification is centralized. BR industrial design documents collection is arranged according to Locarno Classification (9^a Edition) and is available in paper.

Administrative management electronic systems (register, legal status, statistics, and administrative support)

(N/a)

Other matters

pPI is a web based search engine for Trademarks, Patents, Industrial Design and Computer Program applications since 1986. This database is available through Internet and allows searching bibliographic text and viewing Trademark images.

V. PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AIMED TO SUPPORT USERS IN ACCESS AND EFFICIENT USE OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION

Office's library (if deals with industrial design information): equipment, collection management, network of libraries in the country, cooperation with foreign libraries

The library catalog, designed in MARC format, is available for the general public through INPI's website. The public can access the collection and other electronic resources in OPAC terminals, at the Library's Reading Room. As a WIPO Depository Library, the library staff catalogues the intellectual property publications and make it available for the general public. Also, the library is a member of the Brazilian Bibliographical Exchange Program - COMUT, provided by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, which has more than 2,500 other partner libraries.

Publications related to different business procedures and industrial design information sources available to users, for example, books, brochures, Internet publications, etc.

The library's technical literature collection covers all aspects of intellectual property with its holdings of some 15,000 references, between monographs, articles, book chapters and over 30,000 electronic periodical titles, provided by Capes Consortia. In the scope of industrial designs, the library has about 130 works and 70 titles of electronic periodicals. These materials can be consulted in the Library's Reading Room. Also, the library electronic catalog is available by internet on the INPI website.

Cooperation with universities, technology and innovation support centers, etc.

The library belongs to Capes Consortia, from the Ministry of Education, comprising 422 other libraries from Brazilian academic institutions. It allows INPI to have access to 'Portal Periódicos Capes', a great virtual library which contains more 30,000 electronic periodicals and 400 reference databases.

Education and training: training courses, e learning modules (URLs), seminars, exhibitions, etc.

The library offers training courses for the use of electronic catalog and Portal Periódicos Capes, teaching users to search in different fields of knowledge, including technical literature in industrial designs and related areas.

VI. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION

International exchange of industrial design information in machine-readable form (e.g., Official Gazettes)

Our Official Gazettes (Revista de Propriedade Industrial – RPI) are available on the Brazilian Patent Office website in PDF and TXT format, at <http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/rpi/>, and all published official gazettes are stored in the library available to the public. Bibliographic data of Brazilian Industrial Designs are available for consultation at an internal database (SINPI) and at internet (www.inpi.gov.br). Keyword searches in titles or abstracts are available only in Portuguese.

Participation in international or regional activities and projects related to industrial design information

There were no official programs on industrial design information in last 2013. However, we present lectures on the industrial design registration and legal protection of designs when prompted.

Assistance to developing countries

There were no official programs about assistance to developing countries on industrial design protection.

VII. OTHER RELATED MATTERS