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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

Application filings and registrations in 2006:

32 applications filed direct with the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania (SPB), from which 65.6% applications originating in Lithuania 40 designs registered.

Compared with 2005 the number of:

filings increased by 6.7%
filings originating in Lithuania decreased by 4.5%
design registrations increased by 37.9%.

Packages and containers for the transportation of goods, furniture, sales and advertising equipment, paper products, jewelry, brushes, appliances for animal care were the leading areas as reflected in design application filings in 2006.

Statistics of the year 2006 (national design applications and national designs, national designs in force) is provided on the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/en/index.php?c=statistics.php>).

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

The Official Gazette on Inventions, Designs, Trademarks contains announcements published in 2006 on the industrial design registrations:

FG9L Registrations published in accordance with Article 21 of the Design Law of the Republic of Lithuania;
PD9L, TC9L Changes in the Register of Designs of the Republic of Lithuania in accordance with Article 29 of the Design Law of the Republic of Lithuania;
MM9L Registrations lapsed in accordance with Article 30 of the Design Law of the Republic of Lithuania;
ND9L Renewal of registration of the design in accordance with Article 35 of the Design Law of the Republic of Lithuania;
PC9L Transfer of the design in accordance with Article 40 of the Design Law of the Republic of Lithuania;
QB9L Licensing (sublicensing) in accordance with Article 41 of the Design Law of the Republic of Lithuania;
TK9L Rectifications.

Sections of the Official Gazette are coded in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.17.

The Official Gazette was prepared using DTP tools, printed and might be obtained at Lithuanian Technical Library (LTL).

The SPB Official Gazette publications (Adobe PDF format) is included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/en/index.php?c=gazette.php>).

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

Registrations have been classified in accordance with the eighth edition of the International (Locarno) Classification.

Internationally agreed Numbers for the Identification of Data (INID Codes) relating to designs were used in the Register of Designs of the Republic of Lithuania and in SPB Official Gazette Inventions. Designs. Trade Marks.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

The SPB Official Gazette Inventions. Designs. Trade Marks. is prepared using DTP tools, printed and might be obtained at LTL.

The exchange of SPB Official Gazette with foreign states and intergovernmental organisations was effected by LTL and this way LTL file is updated with foreign documentation.

The SPB Official Gazette publications (Adobe PDF format) are included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/en/index.php?c=gazette.php>).

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

The Register of Designs of the Republic of Lithuania is a database (FoxPro 2.0) which contains all bibliographic and legal status data (including changes in names, addresses, licences, transfers).

Statistics of national designs is provided on the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/en/index.php?c=statistics.php>).

The SPB Official Gazette publications (Adobe PDF format) is included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/en/index.php?c=gazette.php>).

Public users have a possibility to use the following LTL CD-ROM and DVD-ROM databases:

Promyshlennaja sobstvennost. Oficialnyj biuletën (AM);
Schweizerisches Patent-, Muster- und Markenblatt (CH);
The Patents and Designs Journal (DK);
Industrial Property Bulletin (EE);
CD-BOPi (ES);
Buletin Oficial de Proprietate Industrială (MD);
Glasnik intelektualne svojine (ME, RS);
IPPO Glasnik (MK);
Published registered design applications (JP);
Buletin Oficial de Proprietate Industrială (RO);
Poleznye modeli. Promyshlennye obrazcy (RU);
Promislova vlastnist (UA);
Rasmily ahborotnoma (UZ);
Tekeningen of Modellenblad. Recueil des Dessins ou Modeles. (BX);
Community Trade Marks Bulletin (EM);
International Designs Bulletin (WO).

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)

The Register of designs of the Republic of Lithuania is open to public access only in the following forms:

Extract from the Register (on request)
SPB Official Gazette.

LTL also offered to its visitors the opportunity to get acquainted with a wide range of Lithuanian publications (SPB Official Gazette, etc.), Official Gazettes of foreign states and intergovernmental organisations on DVD-ROMs and CD-ROMs, sets of communications and regulations.

The visitors of LTL can be consulted on the spot as well as by telephone or e-mail. LTL is an access provider to the LTL website (<http://www.tb.lt/PIC/PIC.htm>) and provides an opportunity to order design search.

The distribution of SPB Official Gazette in foreign states and intergovernmental organisations on the basis of mutual exchange is effected also by LTL.

The SPB Official Gazette publications (Adobe PDF format) are included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/en/index.php?c=gazette.php>).

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

The SPB Official Gazette was distributed in 39 foreign states and intergovernmental organisations (AM, AT, BA, BG, BY, BX, CH, CZ, DE, EE, EM, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, JP, KG, KZ, LV, MD, MK, PL, RO, RS, RU, SI, SK, TJ, TM, TR, UA, US, UZ, WO) on the basis of mutual exchange.

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)

Lithuanian specialists took part in WIPO Standards and Documentation Working Group (Seventh Session) of Standing Committee on Information Technologies.

The regional seminar Coordination of the World Intellectual Property Organization Universities was organized together with WIPO in 2006.

Seminars on the protection of the industrial property in Lithuania and patent information service were held in Kaunas and Siauliai in 2006.

World Intellectual Property Day has been celebrated, an exposition dedicated for the World Intellectual Property Day and for the 15th Anniversary of the SPB has been organized at LTL.

Upon active cooperation with the WIPO, a University Initiative program is being implemented in Lithuania, according to which industrial property information coordinators operate in Vilnius Gediminas Technical University as well as in Kaunas University of Technology.

In cooperation with WIPO Lithuanian language publication Inventing the Future - An Introduction to Patents for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises has been published:

Lithuanian press published articles on the improvement of the Lithuanian industrial property information system.

Bibliographical index The Protection of the Industrial Property (where books and articles of the Lithuanian authors in field of industrial property for years 1991-2006 indicated) is maintained and information publication Protection of the Industrial Property is published every quarter by LTL as well.

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

SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/index.php?c=teisesaktai/index.php&rightfrm=no&srch=no>) provides information on legislation related to designs.

The Annual Report of the Office is included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/en/>).

SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/en/index.php?c=/news/index.php&l=en>) contains design -related news regarding the Office.

X. Other relevant matters

During the year 2006 the replies of the Lithuanian party to Standing Committee on Information Technologies Circulars were directed to WIPO and the formats of the publication and exchange of the Lithuanian industrial property data based on WIPO standards were determined.

In 2006, Lithuanian industrial property statistical data were submitted to WIPO to be published in its publication Industrial Property Statistics.