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Annual Technical Report on Industrial Design Information Activities in 2019 submitted by Cyprus/DRCOR

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

The registration process followed by the Cyprus Office does not include a novelty search, but examiners are able to raise objections against any application if their knowledge is such that they are aware the design is not new. The Ptolemy system is used for the administration and issuing of Certificates and letters related to design applications.

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

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

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

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

2018

Design applications filed: 14

Registrations: 6

2019

Design applications filed: 17

Registrations: 9

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

<https://www.intellectualproperty.gov.cy/gr/5/34/?benid=3>

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

- Information and support are constantly provided by the Office to applicants regarding filing on paper, upon request.

Availability of the application dossier in electronic form

N/A

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

- Design applications are currently classified according to the Locarno Classification and the Design Class Tool provided by the European Union Intellectual Property Office.

Other activities

N/A

III. SOURCES OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE

Paper files are kept until and after registration, containing all relevant information.

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)

Publications of designs are available on paper and online at the Government Printing Office and the Office's website.

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

Designs are published in the weekly Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus, produced in paper and electronic form; contains design illustrations, bibliographic details, as well as the proprietor, agent and the Locarno class.

<https://www.cygazette.com/Gazette.dll/%7B8D2F3E21-F5CD-47B6-9E9E-8D990A651773%7D>

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

The Ptolemy system is available to examiners related to design applications which includes documentation and database.

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

All registered industrial designs may be found at the DesignView platform.

<https://www.tmdn.org/#dview-modal>

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

Other sources

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

We use a Backoffice system to file applications and data and execute all workflows.

Hardware used to supporting business processes of the Office

Personal computers.

Internal databases: coverage, updates, interlinks with external sources

We use the database of the Office Backoffice system.

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

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

No electronic system available.

Other matters

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

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

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

Not applicable for 2019.

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

Other activities

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)

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

Participation in activities of the EUIPO and WIPO Assemblies.

Assistance to developing countries

N/A

Other activities

VII. OTHER RELATED MATTERS