

INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS SEARCHING

Information Search Services (outside of the registration procedure)

PURPOSE

Why searching industrial designs data and how to make use of the results:

- As a preliminary search prior to applying for the registration of one's own industrial design
- As a basis to assess the prospects of free import in Croatia of the product with a new industrial design
- As a basis to assess the risk of future investments in marketing
- To check the authenticity of advertisements, brochures and leaflets for new products or services
- To find out the competitors' products for which the registration of industrial design is applied for, and whether they are of particular relevance
- To prevent eventual litigations for infringement of other's rights and claims for damages
- As a source of inspiration for development of a new industrial design

TYPES OF SEARCHING AVAILABLE AND RELATED COSTS*

1. Searching of industrial designs based on the one search criteria (applicant/owner, class, subclass and/or the name of the product according to the Locarno Classification)
- per request.....250,00 HRK
 2. Searching of industrial design according to its appearance - per request.....350,00 HRK
 3. A printout of bibliographic data for a particular industrial design, outside of the searching service, - per document.....30,00 HRK
 4. Storage of documents retrieved by searching on CD-ROM and delivery upon the client's request.....100,00 HRK
- * (The above costs are VAT-free)

The indicated costs (except those under points 3. and 4.) shall be increased by 50% in case urgent searching within three working days is requested (under point 1.) or within five working days (under point 2.). The costs are payable at the moment of filing a request.

INFORMATION PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

Our specialists carry out database searching of the registered industrial designs with effect on the territory of Croatia (SIPO Industrial Design Register and available international databases of industrial design registrations with effect in Croatia). Searching is conducted upon a written request, including customer data, the search criteria (a figure or a similar reproduction of design, name of the industrial design owner, class and subclass and/or name of the product). If necessary, the request may be further clarified over the phone.

Searching completed, the client is delivered a search report of databases on the registered industrial design, including as follows:

- The input data for searching as carried out and based on search criteria contained in the search request (owner, class, subclass and/or name of the product according to the Locarno Classification of Industrial Designs)
- Databases used for searching
- Search results in the form of data printout from industrial design registrations, as published in the relevant official gazette (to be indicated: registration number, owner, representative - if any, name of the product to which such design refers, priority date, class and subclass according to the Locarno Classification, publication date/number of the official gazette, appearance of the industrial design).

SEARCH REPORT DELIVERY

Search results are normally delivered within 15 working days, but this term may be extended in case of a larger number of applicant's requests. Upon request for urgent searching the search reports are delivered within three working days, except for searching of industrial design according to its appearance, when it will be within five working days, and are subject to the payment of increased costs as indicated above. The search report with the final costs accounting is delivered by mail or may be taken at the Office reception. Inland rates for regular mail deliveries are included in the searching costs; however air mail deliveries abroad and special postal services are payable according to the actual costs.

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