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INCENTIV – Information Centre for  
Intellectual Property

## INFORMATION SEARCH SERVICES (outside of the granting rights procedure)

### INDUSTRIAL DESIGN SEARCH SERVICES

#### PURPOSE

Why perform an industrial designs search 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 product placement in Croatia 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 SEARCH SERVICES AND RELATED COSTS

1. Industrial design search based on one of the criteria such as applicant/owner, class, subclass and/or the name of the product according to the Locarno Classification – per request 250,00 HRK
2. Industrial design search according to its appearance – per request 350,00 HRK
3. Industrial design search on a specially defined request – to be charged on the actual costs basis
4. A bibliographic data printout for a specific industrial design – per document 50,00 HRK
5. A copy of industrial designs/ publications of the Office collection, per page 5,00 HRK
6. A CD-ROM containing retrieved documents – per request 100,00 HRK

(The above costs are VAT-free)

The costs indicated under point 1. will be increased by 50 % if an urgent search service within 3 working days is requested. The costs indicated under point 2. will be increased by 50 % if an urgent search service within 7 working days is requested. Costs are charged at the time of request.

#### SEARCH SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS

Our experts conduct industrial design searches on a national level using industrial design databases with effect in the Republic of Croatia (Office's Industrial design register, databases of international industrial design registrations with effect in Croatia, EU designs database). A search service is provided upon a written request containing written data on client as well as one or more search criteria such as (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.

Once the search is completed, a Search report is dispatched to the client. Report contains:

- The input data contained in industrial design search service request (owner, class, subclass and/or name of the product according to the Locarno Classification of Industrial Designs),
- Databases used in searching, indicating the latest database update,
- Search report containing industrial designs found in Industrial designs Register as published in the relevant official gazette listing 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; however this term may be extended in case of a larger number of filed requests. An urgent industrial design search service may be requested (paid extra as indicated above) and conducted in short-term with the report ready for delivery within 3 or 7 working days (depending on the type of search). The search report is delivered by e-mail, mail or may be handed over at the Receiving Office. Inland rates for regular mail deliveries are included in the search service costs; however air mail deliveries abroad and special postal services are paid according to the actual costs.

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