

Other work

This chapter contains statistics on international work requested of Trilateral Offices and also the requests for search or granting of rights that are not common to all three Offices.

To the latter category belong the applications for plant patents and re-issue patents in the USPTO and also applications for patents other than those for inventions; utility models in the JPO; and design patents and trademarks in the JPO and the USPTO. The searches on behalf of national Offices and searches for third parties are special work requested of the EPO.

The number of requests for these types of other work received in 1996 and 1997 are shown in the table below.

The requests for international searches and international preliminary examinations increased in 1997 compared to 1996 as a result of an increasing use of the PCT-system.

Table 5: STATISTICS ON OTHER WORK

	Year	EPO	JPO	USPTO
Requests for International Searches	1996	28,250	3,317	20,768
	1997	33,110	4,341	24,498
Requests for International Preliminary Examinations	1996	18,110	1,751	9,498
	1997	22,000	2,353	11,627
Searches for National Offices or Third Parties	1996	18,490	-	-
	1997	18,660	-	-
Design Patent Applications	1996	-	40,192	15,161
	1997	-	39,865	16,546
Utility Model Patent Applications	1996	-	14,082	-
	1997	-	12,048	-
Plant Patent Applications	1996	-	-	665
	1997	-	-	621
Re-issue Patent Applications	1996	-	-	592
	1997	-	-	548
Trademark Applications	1996	-	188,160	212,510
	1997	-	133,160	225,517