

Slovenian Intellectual Property Office

DESIGNS

Practice and proceedings

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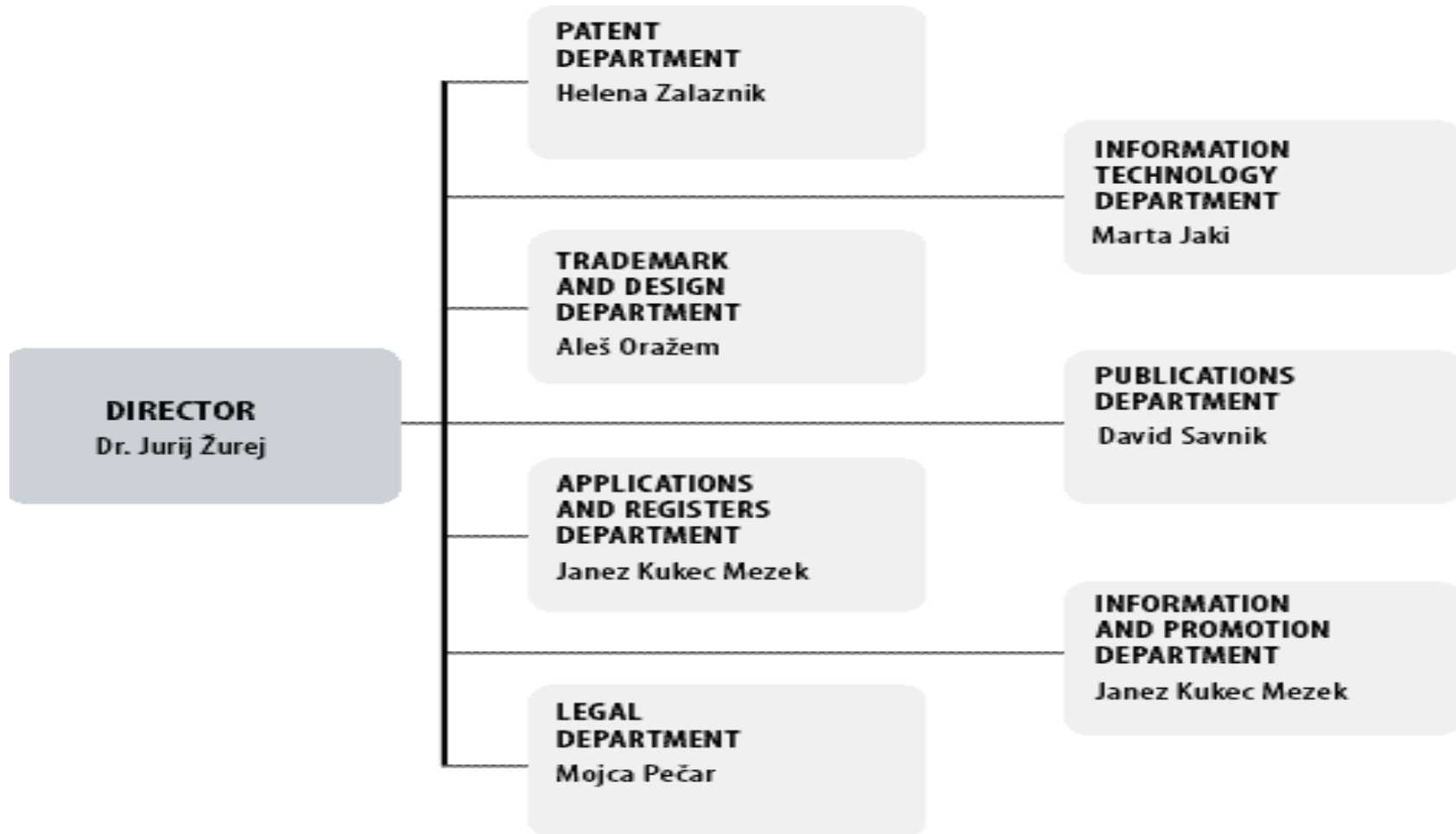
Topics

- Introduction of the SIPO
- Registration process
- Frequently asked question

SIPO – status and organization

- The Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) is an autonomous body within the Ministry of Economy
- 46 Employees
- 7 Departments

Organization chart



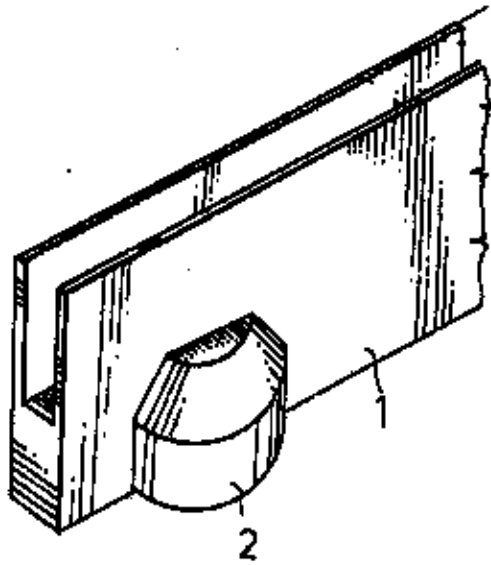
Fundamental competences

- granting protection for industrial property rights:
patents, supplementary protection certificates, **industrial designs**, trademarks, topographies of integrated circuits and geographical indication, with exception of agricultural products and foodstuffs;
- issue permits to collecting societies of authors and holders of related rights and supervision of those societies;
- preparing intellectual property legislation, carrying out documentation activities and providing services to the public.

Ways to get design protection in Slovenia:

- **International route (WIPO) – International design**
- **European route (OHIM) – Registered Community Design**
- **National route (SIPO) – National design**

First and last reg. design



Filing date: 22.12.1984

Locarno classification: 8-09

Application number: 8460650

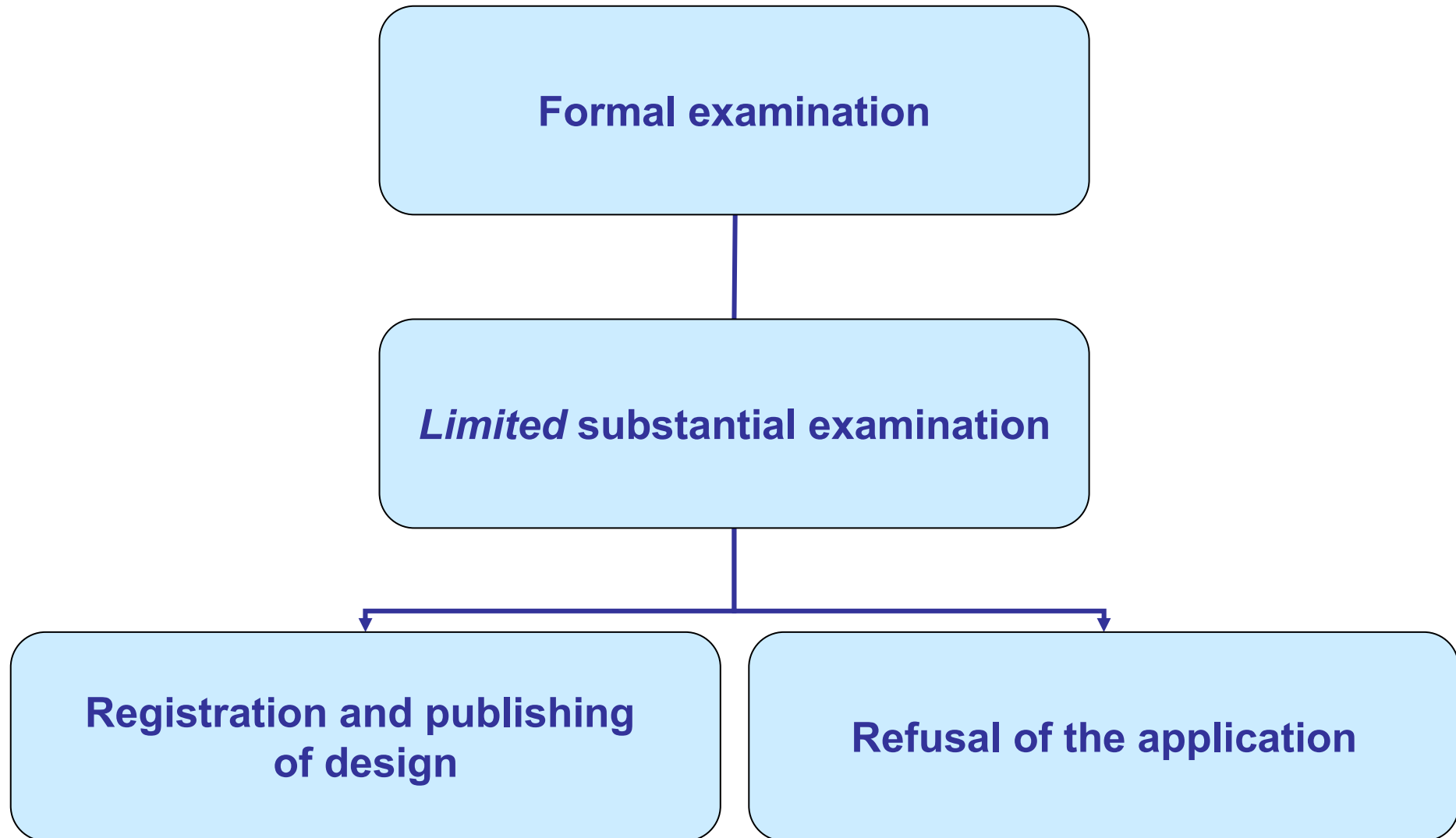


Filing date: 13.04.2011

Locarno classification: 6-02; 6-04; 6-05

Application number: 201150033

Registration procedure



Examination of the formalities

- Industrial Property Act (Zakon o industrijski lastnini – ZIL-1)
- Filing date
- Mandatory elements of application:
 1. a request (in Slovene),
 2. appearance of design (photograph / graphical representation),
 3. indication of applicant (name and address / firm and seat),
 4. filing fee (payment possible after notice of SIPO),
 5. power of attorney, if the application has been filled by representative.
- Optional elements of application
- 3 months to correct deficiencies in application

Substantial examination?

- Office **does not** examine **novelty** and **individual character** of the design.
- Design **shall be refused** if:
 - contains official symbols covered by Article 6ter of the Paris Convention,
 - contains or imitates symbols of particular public interest,
 - design is contrary to public order or morality,
 - design subsist in features of appearance of a product:
 - which are solely dictated by its technical function,
 - which must necessarily be reproduced in their exact form and dimensions.
- Refusal- rarely

Registration in statistics

- number of designs in force: **702**
- number of designs no longer in force: **1148**

- In light of Locarno classification (period 2001 – 2010)
 - class 9 LC** – 15,4 %
 - class 6 LC** – 10,3 %
 - class 7 LC** – 9,4 %

- Foreign applications: average 14,5 % (period 2001 – 2010)

- Number of applications in 2010 **107**

- Number of registred designs in 2010 **138**

Fees

- **Filing fee**

for **first design**

80 EUR

for **each additional design**

65 EUR

- **Renewal fee**

for **each design**

70 EUR

Frequently asked questions

- *How long does registration last?*
- *What is the grace period?*
- *Design v. other intellectual property rights?*
- *Designs protection abroad: national, international or RCD?*
- *Importance of Haag system!*

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