

5 OTHER WORK

This chapter contains statistics on international work requested from Trilateral Offices, and also on 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, design patent and trademarks in the JPO and the USPTO. The searches on behalf of national Offices and searches for third parties are special work requested from the EPO.

The number of requests received for all these types of other work are shown in the table below for 1998 and 1999.

The requests for international searches and international preliminary examinations increased in 1999 compared to 1998 as a result of an increasing use of the PCT-system.

Table 5 : STATISTICS ON OTHER WORK

("n.a." indicates unavailable data, "-" means not applicable)

		EPO	JPO	USPTO
Requests for International Searches	1998	41 710	5 448	27 984
	1999	47 420	6 598	31 377
Requests for international Preliminary Examinations	1998	27 600	2 354	13 992
	1999	31 770	3 197	14 293
Searches for National Offices or Third Parties	1998	18 900	-	-
	1999	17 630	-	-
Design Patent Applications	1998	-	39 352	17 107
	1999	-	37 368	14 732
Utility Model Patent Applications	1998	-	10 917	-
	1999	-	10 283	-
Plant Patent Applications	1998	-	-	720
	1999	-	-	421
Re-issue Patent Applications	1998	-	-	592
	1999	-	-	448
Trademark Applications	1998	-	112 469	246 611
	1999	-	121 861	319 880