

5. 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 applicants 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 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 all these types of other work received in 1995 and 1996 are shown in the table below.

The requests for international searches and international preliminary examinations increased in 1996 compared to 1995 as a result of an increasing use of the PCT-system.

Table 5 : STATISTICS ON OTHER WORK

		EPO	JPO	USPTO
Requests for International Searches	1995	22 490	2 401	16 673
	1996	28 250	3 317	20 768
Requests for international Preliminary Examinations	1995	14 640	1 270	8 367
	1996	18 110	1 751	9 498
Searches for National Offices or Third Parties	1995	17 980	n.a.	n.a.
	1996	18 490	(n.a.)	(n.a.)
Design Patent Applications	1995	n.a.	40 067	15 409
	1996	(n.a.)	40 192	15 161
Utility Model Patent Applications	1995	n.a.	14 886	n.a.
	1996	(n.a.)	14 082	(n.a.)
Plant Patent Applications	1995	n.a.	n.a.	452
	1996	(n.a.)	(n.a.)	665
Re-issue Patent Applications	1995	n.a.	n.a.	598
	1996	(n.a.)	(n.a.)	592
Trademark Applications	1995	n.a.	179 689	188 850
	1996	(n.a.)	188 160	212 510