

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 1999 and 2000.

The requests for international searches and international preliminary examinations increased in 2000 compared to 1999 as a result of an increasing use of the PCT-system.

a) Table 5.0: Statistics on Other Work

(Definitions are given in the Annex) "-" means not applicable				
		EPO	JPO	USPTO
Request for International Searches	1999	47,415	6,753	31,377
	2000	59,171	8,282	39,211
Requests for International Preliminary Examinations	1999	31,772	3,866	14,293
	2000	38,707	4,804	16,949
Searches for National Offices/Third Parties	1999	17,630	-	-
	2000	18,888	-	-
Design Patent Applications	1999	-	37,368	14,732
	2000	-	38,496	18,292
Utility Model Patents Applications	1999	-	10,283	-
	2000	-	9,587	-
Plant Applications	1999	-	-	421
	2000	-	-	797
Re-Issue Applications	1999	-	-	448
	2000	-	-	761
Trademark Applications	1999	-	121,861	319,880
	2000	-	145,668	361,775