

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 patents and trademarks in the JPO and the USPTO. The searches on the behalf of national Offices and searches for third parties are special work requested from the EPO.

The numbers of requests received for all these types of other work are shown in the table below for 1997 and 1998.

The requests for international searches and international preliminary examinations increased in 1998 compared to 1997 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	1997	33 110	4 341	24 498
	1998	41 710	5 448	27 984
Requests for international Preliminary Examinations	1997	22 010	2 353	11 627
	1998	27 570	2 354	13 992
Searches for National Offices or Third Parties	1997	18 660	-	-
	1998	18 900	-	-
Design Patent Applications	1997	-	39 865	16 546
	1998	-	39 352	17 107
Utility Model Patent Applications	1997	-	12 048	-
	1998	-	10 917	-
Plant Patent Applications	1997	-	-	621
	1998	-	-	720
Re-issue Patent Applications	1997	-	-	548
	1998	-	-	594
Trademark Applications	1997	-	133 116	223 842
	1998	-	112 469	246 611