

## Chapter 6

### OTHER WORK

This brief chapter contains further statistics of work done on IP rights that is not common to all Four Offices. The data presented below supplement the information already presented earlier in this report.

Other work includes applications for plant patents (USPTO); reissue patents (USPTO); applications for patents other than those for inventions: utility models (JPO and KIPO), designs and trademarks (JPO, KIPO and USPTO); and searches on behalf of national Offices as well as searches for third parties (EPO).

The utility model is different from the patent of invention introduced in Chapter 1. The utility model system is designed to protect a device related to the shape or construction of articles or combination of articles (JPO) or a creation of a technical idea using the rules of nature regarding the shape, structure or combination of subjects (KIPO). Contrary to most patent systems, a utility model is registered without a substantive examination as long as it meets basic requirements and its period of protection is shorter.

Neither the EPO nor USPTO grants utility models. However the USPTO's main type of patent is called a utility patent and is issued for the invention of a new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or a new and useful improvement thereof, and is similar to the EPO, JPO, and KIPO standard patents.

The numbers of requests received for these types of other work are shown for 2009 and 2010 in Table 6.

**Table 6: STATISTICS ON OTHER WORK**

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>EPO</b>	<b>JPO</b>	<b>KIPO</b>	<b>USPTO</b>
Searches for national offices & third parties	2009	22 941	-	-	-
	2010	27 818	-	-	-
Design applications	2009	-	30 875	57 903	25 806
	2010	-	31 756	57 187	29 059
Utility model applications	2009	-	9 507	17 144	-
	2010	-	8 679	13 661	-
Plant patent applications	2009	-	-	-	959
	2010	-	-	-	992
Re-issue patent applications	2009	-	-	-	1 019
	2010	-	-	-	1 180
Trademark applications	2009	-	110 841	126 420	351 874
	2010	-	113 519	121 125	370 168

Notable changes from 2009 to 2010 were that searches for national offices and third parties at EPO increased by 21 percent and Utility model applications filed with KIPO decreased by 20 percent.