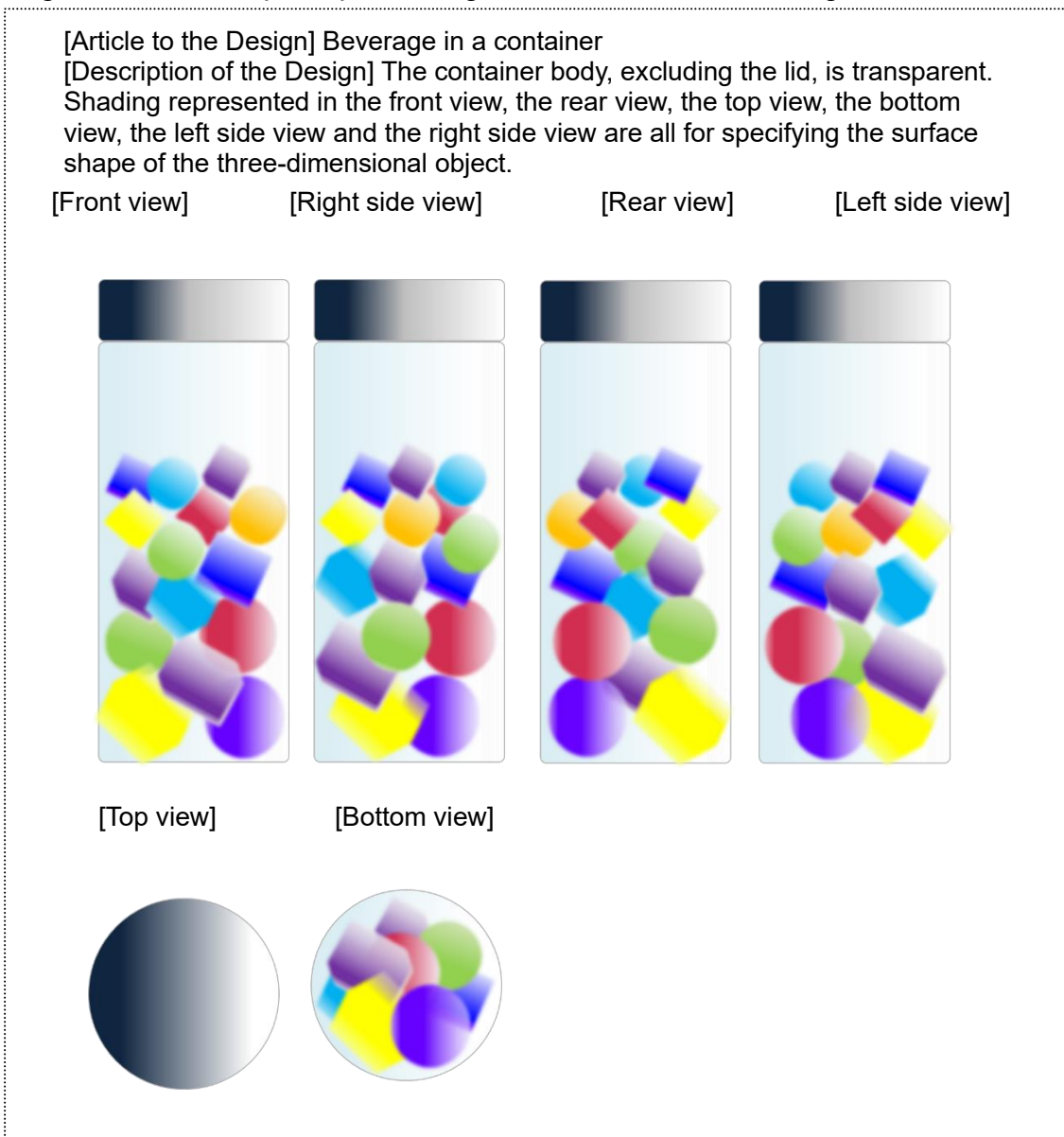


## 13. Designs for a Single Article that Includes Multiple Constituent Objects

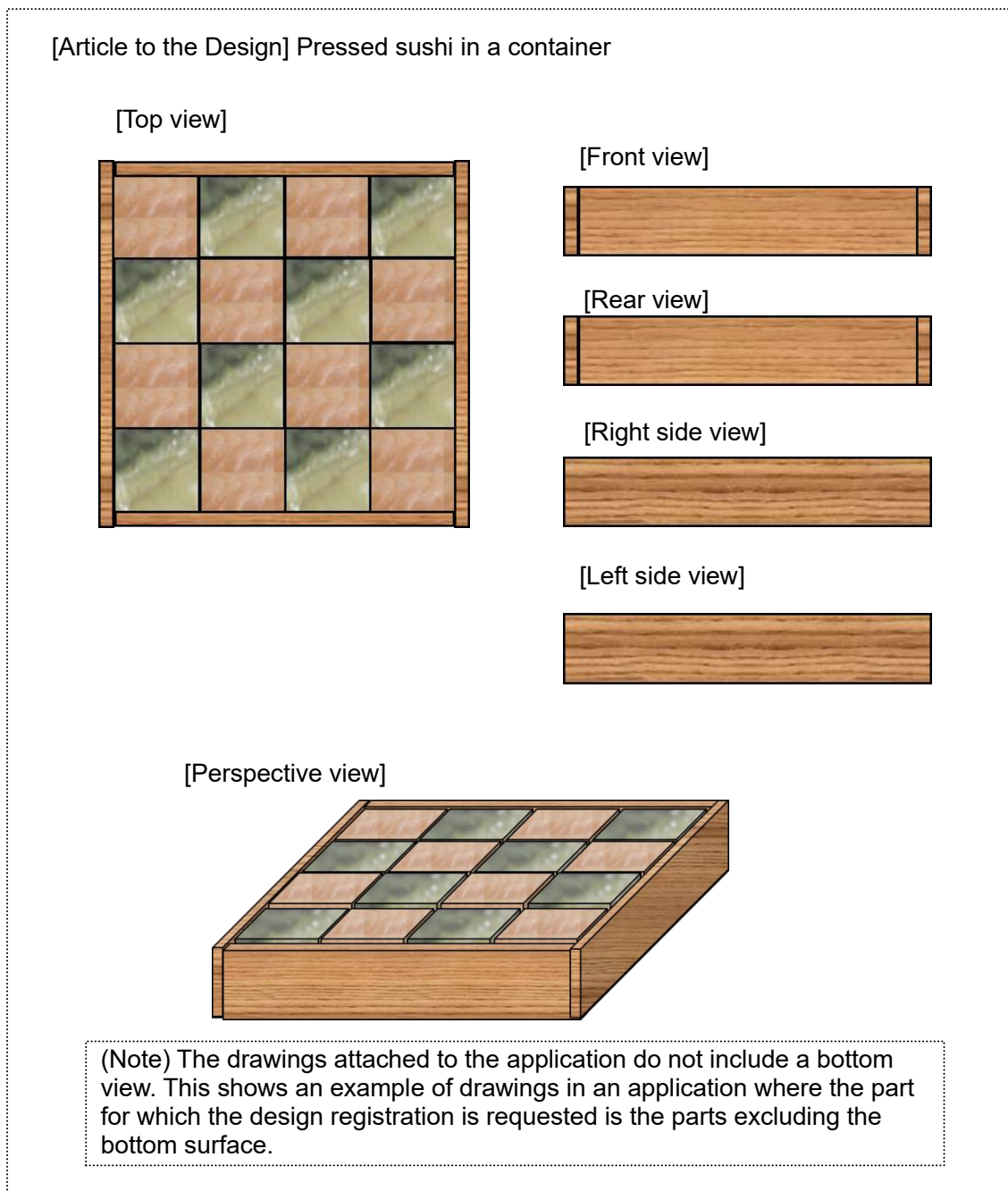
If an article, etc. to the design is represented by multiple constituent objects in drawings, etc., and the multiple constituent objects are not found to have any connection with each other for performing a specific single usage and function, the article, etc. will be determined to be two or more articles, etc. However, where the constituent objects could be commonly distributed in an integrated manner, and all constituent objects are created in an integrated manner with close relevance in shape, etc., the article, etc. will be determined to be a single article, etc. (see Part II, Chapter 2, 2.1 Determination as to whether two or more articles, etc. are represented in the Examination Guidelines for Design).

Following are examples of drawings, etc. determined to be a single article, etc.

<Fig. 3.13-1> Example representing a container and a beverage



<Fig. 3.13-2> Example representing a container and food



Furthermore, when filing an application for a single design that includes multiple constituent objects, statements in the column of “Article to the Design” should focus on the contents of the creation of the design and the constituent objects that have a large influence on the overall aesthetic impression. In the example in Figure 3.13-1, for instance, the emphasis is on the beverage inside, but conversely, if the emphasis was on the external packaging container, the statement should be “a packaging container containing a beverage,” etc.