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Filing date of a new application for design registration resulting from conversion and the handling of the filing date in a case where the new application resulting from conversion changes the gist of the original application's design

If a new application for design registration resulting from conversion (Design Act 13(1) or (2)) is found to change the gist of the design stated in the description and drawings as originally filed in the original patent application or application for utility model registration, the examiner should proceed with the examination considering the date on which the new application for design registration resulting from conversion has been filed as the filing date.

In this case, this fact should be notified to the applicant for design registration in the name of the examiner.