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If an applicant has converted a patent application or an application for utility model registration into an application for design registration pursuant to the provisions of Article 13, paragraph (1) or (2) of the Design Act, the retroactive effect of the filing date should be allowed only if the earliest description and drawings of the original patent application or application for utility model registration contain a concrete statement based on which the design in the new application for design registration resulting from conversion can be clearly recognized.