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Appendix: Examples of Constituent Articles, etc. of Design for a Set of Articles

Points to Note When Referring to These Examination Guidelines for Design

In these Examination Guidelines for Design, matters requiring particular attention regarding individual applications for design registration—such as designs including a graphic image, building designs, designs for a set of articles, and interior designs—are described in the respective chapters in Part IV “Individual Applications for Design Registration.”

General matters other than the above are described in other parts of these examination guidelines. Examiners should proceed with examination of a filed design while referring to each of the relevant sections in accordance with the contents of the filed design.

Explanatory Notes

Abbreviations, etc. used throughout the Examination Guidelines for Design

Abbreviations, etc.	Meaning
Drawing, etc. attached to the application	A drawing, photograph, model, or specimen attached to the application
Shape, etc.	A shape, patterns or colors, or any combination thereof * In the case of “graphic images,” a “graphic image” as defined in Article 2 of the Revised Design Act refers to one in which elements of shape, etc. are integrated with elements corresponding to usage and function of an article, but in these Examination Guidelines for Design, when referring only to the visual elements of a “graphic image,” the term “shape, etc.” is used as in the case of an article or building.
Constituent element of the design	A shape, pattern, or color of an article, etc. to the design
Publicly known design	A design set forth in Article 3, paragraph (1), item (i) or (ii) of the Design Act
Disclosed design	A design that has become a publicly known design
Electronic design information	Design information available through the Internet
Person skilled in the art	A person ordinarily skilled in the art of the design
Article, etc. to the design	Article to the design or article to the building or graphic image
Design disclosed in a prior application	A design disclosed by the applicant of a prior application for design registration as the shape, etc. of an article, etc. that falls under the article etc. to the design described in the column of “Article to the Design” in the application
A set of drawings	In the case of a three-dimensional article, the front view, rear view, left side view, right side view, top view and bottom view that represent the design for which the design registration is requested, or drawings that are replaceable therewith; in the case of a flat and thin article, the surface view and back side view
Other necessary drawings	A development view, sectional view, end elevational view of the cut part, enlarged view, perspective view or other necessary drawings to be added when a set of drawings alone cannot sufficiently represent the design in an application for design registration
Appended Table	Appended Table of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Design Act

Abbreviations, etc. for designs including a graphic image

Graphic image design	A design of a graphic image itself separated from an article, as added in the 2019 revision of the Design Act
Design including a graphic image on a part of an article etc.	General term for a design that includes a graphic image on part of an article or building
Design including a graphic image	General term for a “graphic image design” and a “design including a graphic image on a part of an article etc.”
Graphic image for operation	A graphic image provided for use in the operation of the device; a graphic image that gives an instruction in order to enable the target device to work according to its function
Graphic image for display	A graphic image displayed as a result of the device performing its function; a graphic image that includes a display that is related to some function of the device
Graphic image for operation	A graphic image that is provided for use in the operation of the

for performing the functions of an article	article in order to enable the article that displays the graphic image to perform its function
Graphic image for display necessary for the functions of an article	A graphic image for making necessary indications for performing the functions of the article that displays the graphic image
Graphic image for operation for performing the functions of a building	A graphic image that is provided for use in the operation of the building in order to enable the building that displays the graphic image to perform its function
Graphic image for display necessary for the functions of a building	A graphic image for making necessary indications for performing the functions of the building that displays the graphic image
Graphic image for operation for performing the functions of an article, etc.	General term for a graphic image for operation for performing the functions of an article and a graphic image for operation for performing the functions of a building
Graphic image for making necessary indications for performing the functions of an article, etc.	General term for a graphic image for display necessary for the functions of an article and a graphic image for display necessary for the functions of a building

Abbreviations, etc. for building designs

Building	<p>Subject matter that is a fixture of land and an artificial structure. Buildings eligible for design registration are broader in meaning than the term for building defined in the Building Standards Act. They refer to material objects that are constructed, and include civil engineering structures.</p> <p>* These definitions in the Examination Guidelines for Design are based on the legal purpose of the Design Act, that is, objects of the creation of design should be broadly protected by the Design Act.</p>
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Abbreviations, etc. for interior designs

Interior	Equipment and decorations inside a store, office, or other facility
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Abbreviations, etc. for designs for a set of articles

Constituent article, etc.	An article, building or graphic image constituting a set of articles
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Abbreviations, etc. for related designs

Principal design	A single design selected from the applicant's own design for which an application for design registration has been filed
Fundamental design	A first selected design as a principal design
Related designs pertaining to the fundamental design	A related design of the fundamental design and the gradual related designs linked to the related design

Abbreviations, etc. for international applications for design registration

Geneva Act	Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs
Designated Contracting Party	A designated Contracting Party under Article 1(xix) of the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement
International application	An international application under Article 1(vii) of the Geneva Act
International publication	Publication under Article 10(3)(a) of the Geneva Act
Date of the international registration	The date of the international registration under Article 10(2) of the Geneva Act
International registration	An international registration under Article 1(vi) of the Geneva Act

International application for design registration	An international application deemed to be an application for design registration under Article 60-6, paragraph (1) and paragraph (2) of the Design Act
International Register	International Register under Article 1(viii) of the Geneva Act
Statement in an application of an international application for design registration	Matters which are found to be stated in an application of an international application for design registration which was submitted under Article 6, paragraph (1), etc. of the Design Act
Statement in drawings of an international application for design registration	Matters which are found to be stated in drawings of an international application for design registration which was submitted under Article 6, paragraph (1) of the Design Act
International design classification	An international classification for industrial designs established by the Locarno Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs, signed at Locarno on October 8, 1968, as amended on September 28, 1979