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### Revised Design Act - Report on Applications for Designs under Newly Expanded Scope of Protection 改正意匠法に基づく新たな保護対象についての意匠登録出願状況

On July 13, the JPO published on their website a report on the state of applications for designs that fall under the newly expanded scope of protection, as set forth under Japan's revised Design Act (which came into effect on April 1, 2020). This report provides the number of applications for images, buildings, and interiors (categories which were newly made subject to protection) as follows. (Representing information available as of July 1).

#### Number of Design Registration Applications

Images: 239

Buildings: 133

Interiors: 98

(Source JPO website, "Revised Design Act - Report on Applications for Designs under Newly Expanded Scope of Protection")

### Ratio of Applications for "Images", "Buildings", and "Interiors"

As shown above, applications for images had the highest number at 239 (approx. 51%), accounting for about half of applications in these new categories. Applications for buildings came in second at 133 (approx. 28%), followed by interiors at 98 (approx. 21%). The combined total for all three categories was 470. (N.B.: These numbers do not include international design registration applications under the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement.)

### Ratio of New Category Applications to Total Applications

The total number of design applications in Japan for the same period is unclear, since it has not been published yet (the total number for April 2020 was 2,598). However, given that the average monthly number of applications in the preceding year was approximately 2,390, then assuming a similar number for this year provides a rough estimate of approximately 6.6% of design applications being under the newly protected categories, in the three-month period since the revisions have come into effect.

In future issues of this newsletter, we will continue to examine trends in design applications falling under these newly protected categories.

7月13日、特許庁HPに、改正意匠法（令和2年4月1日施行）に基づく新たな保護対象について出願状況が公表された。これによると、新たな保護対象となった「画像」、「建築物」、「内装」の意匠についての出願件数は以下のとおりである（7月1日時点で取得可能なものに限る）。

	画像	建築物	内装
意匠登録出願件数	239	133	98

「改正意匠法に基づく新たな保護対象についての意匠登録出願状況」特許庁HPより

### 「画像」、「建築物」、「内装」の割合

上記のように「画像」が一番多く239件（約51%）で、全体の約半分を占め、「建築物」が133件（約28%）、「内装」が98件（約21%）と続き、合計470件であった。（注：ハーグ協定ジュネーブ改正協定に基づく国際意匠登録出願の件数は含んでいない。）

### 全体の出願件数に対する割合

同時期の全体の意匠出願件数（国内分）は未だ公表されていないため不明だが（令和2年4月は2598件）、前年度における出願件数の月平均は約2390件なので、同程度とした場合、3月間の総出願件数に対する新たな保

護対象の出願件数の割合は、大雑把ではあるが、約6.6%程度と考えられる。

当ニュースレターでは、これからも、新たな保護対象についての意匠登録出願状況について注目していきたい。

## New JPO Webpage Regarding 2019 Revision of the Design Act 令和元年意匠法改正特設サイトの開設

The JPO has added to their official website a special page specifically for providing information on the 2019 revision of the Design Act in Japan, which came into effect on April 1, 2020. This new webpage covers a wide variety of topics, from detailed information on applications and examination for use in actual practice, to easy-to-understand information for persons who are unfamiliar with the Design Act. For details, please visit the URL below.

Already two months have passed since the revised Design Act has come into effect, and design applications have been gradually increasing in number. It seems that the expansion of scope of registrable designs has already begun to have an effect.

URL (Currently Japanese only):

[https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/design/gaiyo/seidogaiyo/isyou\\_kaisei\\_2019.html](https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/design/gaiyo/seidogaiyo/isyou_kaisei_2019.html)

特許庁HPにて「令和元年意匠法改正特設サイト」が開設された。本ホームページでは令和2年4月1日より施行した改正意匠法に関連する情報を集約したものとなっている。特設サイトでは、出願願書や審査等の実務向きの情報から意匠法に不慣れな方でも分かりやすい情報など幅広く網羅されている。詳細は下記URLを参照いただきたい。

改正意匠法が施行されて早2ヶ月が経過したが、出願件数は徐々に増えているとのことだ。保護対象が拡充された影響が早くも出ていると考える。

【参照URL】

[https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/design/gaiyo/seidogaiyo/isyou\\_kaisei\\_2019.html](https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/design/gaiyo/seidogaiyo/isyou_kaisei_2019.html)





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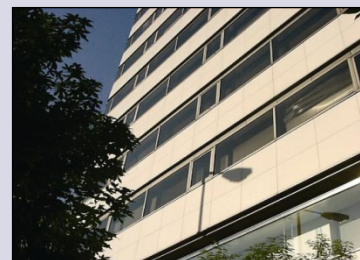
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