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Simplifying the Types of Drawings Submitted for Filing Design Applications in Korea

Effective from October 1, 2019, the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) simplified the current types of drawings, “basic drawings”¹⁾, “supplementary drawings”²⁾, and “reference drawings”³⁾ to “basic drawings” and “reference drawings,” in order to accommodate applicants who file design applications in Korea.

(Background) Previously, applicants experienced difficulties in amending or supplementing the titles of drawings when examiners objected to incorrect titles in the case that the applicants used incorrect titles due to confusion over the types of drawings.

(Main revisions) According to the revisions, supplementary drawings will be included into basic drawings so that partially enlarged views, cross-sectional views, and exploded views can be submitted as basic drawings, instead of supplementary drawings, when filing design applications. It is expected that applicants will be able to make drawings easily with less confusion and will receive an expedited result of examination without an office action from the examiner.

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- 1) Basic drawings: perspective, front, rear, right and left side, top and bottom views for illustrating the entire shape of a design
- 2) Supplementary drawings: cross-sectional views, enlarged views or exploded views for illustrating detailed shapes of a design
- 3) Reference drawings: views for illustrating the understanding of a design such as its use and usages

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