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Your Guide to Trade Mark and Design Searches



The purpose of this guide is to provide you with the basics of trade mark and design searches performed through the most commonly used free-of-charge online databases.

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Introducing IP searches



Beyond its most common use for anteriority searches, intellectual property (IP) searches are invaluable tools to collect and analyse data, as they can be utilised for gathering competitive information. Indeed, when studied it thoroughly, the information acquired through such searches may provide key facts for companies about their business environments, and make them develop a more rational business approach against their competitors.

Hence, conducting IP searches not only confers a rough estimate about the possible chances of the registrability of an IP right. Among others, it also helps in following the latest developments in the market or foreseeing and avoiding possible infringement issues that might be faced when doing business.

Anteriority searches made by the applicants or third parties are not binding on the final decision on the grant or registrability of IP assets. The official evaluation on grant or registrability is made by the IP offices during the prosecution of the application according to the results of the official searches and/or evaluation made by the examiners.

Trade mark and design searches

Trade mark and design searches are two of the most common IP searches conducted. Both IP titles are keys for unlocking the doors of success, since trade marks and designs are directly linked to “branding” and “aesthetical appearance” of the product or service they relate to, which constitutes the client-product or service loyalty.

Therefore, utmost importance should be given to brand selection and design implementation – hence trade mark and design searches. However, because of the multi-faceted structure of the IP business (e.g. market intelligence for trade marks, aesthetical and creative thinking for designs and knowledge of IP law for all), like for other IP rights, trade mark and design searching requires vast expertise, so in-depth searches should be performed by professionals to have more extensive and accurate results.

This guide addresses some fundamentals about IP searches for trade marks and designs to help the beginner in developing basic IP searching skills, introduces the most common, free-of-charge search tools, and provides some handy tips for developing a trade mark and design searching strategy through different examples. Nevertheless, it is strongly recommended to consult an IP professional for conducting any type of IP searches more precisely¹.

¹ The European IPR Helpdesk's publication "[10 steps to find a suitable IP professional](#)" provides guidance on the steps to be followed to find a suitable IP professional.

1. Trade mark searching



1.1. Why perform trade mark searches?

A trade mark is a sign by which a company identifies its goods and/or services and distinguishes them from the goods and services supplied by other companies. The trade mark owner has the exclusive rights to use the trade mark in relation to goods and services. Therefore, before filing for a new trade mark application, it is essential to make sure that it is free to use, meaning that it should not be similar or identical to any trade mark already existing (registered or undergoing the filing process) for the classes of products or services to which the new trade mark applies.

Conducting trade mark searches provides very useful data on possible earlier similar trade mark applications in order to demonstrate the chances of registrability of a new trade mark, which is also very central in avoiding unnecessary registration costs. On the other hand, it also offers significant information about the competitors, the market itself and potential infringement cases.

Trade mark databases are one of the most important indicators about the market trends to better understand consumers' current interests and preferences. For example, the increasing trend of organic (bio-) trade marks and the growing number of applications for natural substances in food and food-related classes confirms the rising interest in organic (bio-) products.

Without any doubt, trade mark searches help identify possible infringing trade marks (i.e. if there are identical or similar ones, which may infringe any prior rights e.g. gained through use).

When performed regularly, such searches even give right holders an opportunity to detect identical or similar applications in time to file an opposition against their registration, where applicable.

Besides, trade mark searches may help anticipate the launch of new products or services by a company. Indeed, companies may want to register their brands for new products or services, before they are put on the market.

1.2. What to consider when searching trade marks?

Independently from the database used, there are different routes to follow when conducting trade mark searches depending on the aim of the search:

- a. When looking for trade marks filed by companies, the company (applicant) name is the main keyword to be searched. However, if the trade mark owner has a large trade mark portfolio, it would be helpful to refine the search by using classification codes.
- b. When performing anteriority searches, the initial step should be by using the classification codes.

As trade marks are registered in relation with goods and services for which the trade mark is used, the applicant has to provide a list of classes related to the goods and services for which it intends to use the trade mark, when filing the trade mark application. Therefore, prior to performing a trade mark search, it is key to define the classes to be searched.

The Nice Agreement establishes an international classification of goods and services for the purposes of trade mark registration called the Nice Classification. It provides information about the types of goods (classes 1 to 34) and services (classes 35 to 45) belonging to each class. Within the EU, since all countries follow this classification system, applicants can conduct searches based on these classes for national and European Union trade marks (EUTM).

Determining the trade mark classes

In order to determine which classes your goods and services fall in, it can be helpful to check the [general headings of the Nice Classification](#).

However, to ease the process, the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) has developed an online tool “[TMclass](#)” to help users in finding the correct classes and accepted terms for their list of goods and services.

3. It is also possible to see the term in different languages of the participating offices² in a pop-up window, if the class number is clicked. This option is particularly helpful if a national application is to be filed in one or several of these offices.

Term details (English)

Vinegar

Class: 30 Language: English Accepted by: ARIPO, BOIP, CD IPRD, CGPDTM, CIPO - OPIC, DIP, EUIPO, IE IPO, ILPO, IPOPHL, IPPD,

TAXONOMY

Class 30 > Salts, seasonings, flavourings and condiments

TRANSLATION TARGETS

Language	Nice Class	Text	Quality
ar			Terminology
bg	30	Ouet	Terminology
ca	30	Ouet	Terminology
da	30	Eddik	Terminology
de	30	Eddig	Terminology
el	30	σάβ	Terminology
es	30	Vinagres	Terminology
et	30	Äädikas	Terminology
fi	30	Ettikka	Terminology
fr	30	Vinaigre	Terminology
he			Terminology
hr	30	Ouet	Terminology
hu	30	Ecet	Terminology
is	30	Eðik	Terminology
it	30	Aceto	Terminology
ja	30	酢	Terminology
ka	30	ბუხ	Terminology
ko	30	식초	Terminology
lt	30	Actas	Terminology
lv	30	Etiņa	Terminology
na	30	Sice	Terminology
nl	30	Ouet	Terminology
nn	30	Hall	Terminology
pl	30	Acid	Terminology
pt	30	Eddik	Terminology
ro			Terminology
ru			Terminology

² The offices which supply data to TMClass database. Currently there are more than 35 participating offices.

1.3. How to search trade marks?

There are several trade mark databases used to perform trade mark searches. For national trade marks, users may carry out searches in the trade mark databases of their national IP office (generally in the national language).

For more extensive searches (especially when filing an EU trade mark or an international application), there are two main online free-of-charge databases:

1. [TMview](#): This contains all types of trade marks present in the official databases of more than 50 participating trade mark offices, the EUIPO (EU trade marks) and the WIPO (International - Madrid System - trade marks). The tool is available in more than 35 languages and currently includes around 50 million trade marks.
2. [Global Brand Database](#): With close to 40 million records, the database, managed by the WIPO, allows its users to perform trade mark searches by text or image in brand data from more than 40 national and international sources, including trade marks, appellations of origin and official emblems.

Both TMview and Global Brand Database also allow image search, where users are able to upload their logos to check if there are visually similar records.

The EU trade marks can also be searched through EUIPO's [eSearch plus database](#).

Trade mark search in TMview

Assume that we are planning to file a trade mark application for the trade mark “Vinnie” for vinegars in class 30.

1. Go to www.tmdn.org/tmview/welcome and type the trade mark “Vinnie” in the text field. Note that it is possible to perform a search for the trade marks which “contain” the term typed, which “start with the term”, or which is an “exact match” (identical) of the term itself. In order to catch the possible similar trade marks, we will search the database to see if there are any trade marks which contain “Vinnie”. Click on “Search”.

The screenshot shows the TMview website interface. The search bar contains the text "vinnie". A dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Contains", "Starts with", and "Is". The "Contains" option is selected. A red box highlights the dropdown menu, with a red arrow labeled "1.1" pointing to it. The "Search" button is highlighted with a red arrow labeled "1.2".

Home About News **1.1** Cont... Search **1.2** Clear

Contains vinnie Search Clear

Starts with Is Advanced search

What is TMview?

TMview shows trade mark information. It is:

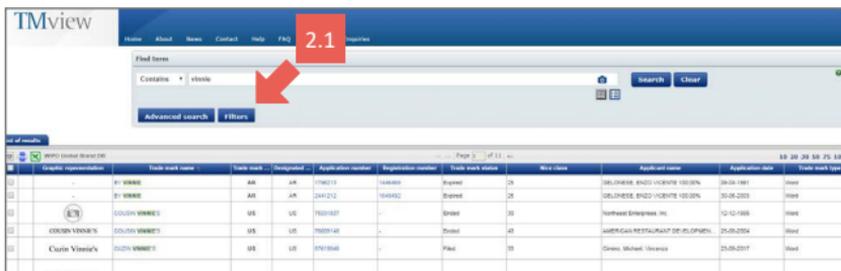
- Free to use.
- Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Updated daily by the trade mark offices.
- Available in at least one official language of each integrated office.

How can TMview help you?

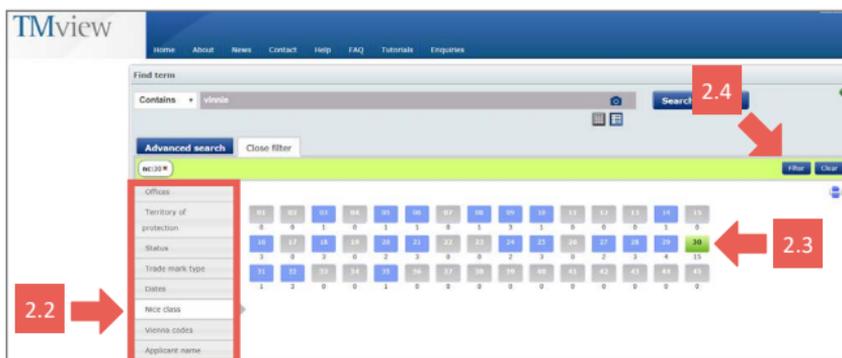
Use TMview to:

- Check the availability of your idea for a trade mark name.
- Find out the goods and services protected by your competitors' trade marks.

2. In the results screen, it is possible to refine the search results by clicking on “Filters”. TMview provides filtering options based on filing offices, territory of protection, status, trade mark type, filing or registration dates, Nice classes, status, Vienna codes³ or applicant names) in order to refine the results.



Select “Nice class” and class 30 as we are searching for the trade marks that contain “Vinnie” in class 30. After clicking on the “Filter” button, the results show that there are 15 related trade marks containing “Vinnie” in this class. Users can also see the distribution of results into classes on this screen.



³ *The Vienna Classification is an international classification of the figurative elements of marks.*

3. The results can be printed or exported to an Excel file by clicking on the Excel logo. The same search can be performed directly in WIPO's Global Brand Database by clicking the relevant link on this page.

The screenshot shows a table of search results for the trademark 'VINNIE'. A red box highlights the 'WIPO Global Brand DB' logo and a red circle with the number '3' is placed over the 'Print' and 'Excel' icons. The table contains the following data:

Trade no.	Designat.	Application no.	Registration no.	Trade mark status	Nice class	Applicant name	Applicant date	Trade mark U.I.
151	US	75031507	-	Ended	30	Northeast Enterprises, Inc.	12-13-1995	WIPO
152	CA	1677528-00	-	Ended	30,35	151-4568 Alberta Ltd.	20-05-2014	WIPO
153	US	83971607	91193351	Registered	29,30	Northern Foods Grocery Group Li.	26-06-2013	WIPO
154	CA	1635144-00	-	Ended	3,5,9,10,16,18,20,21,24,25	Northern Foods Grocery Group Li.	15-07-2013	WIPO
155	EM	91193351	91193351	Registered	9,16,18,21,25,28,29,30,32	NORTHERN FOODS GROCERY	26-06-2013	WIPO

4. TMview's "advanced search option", on the home page, can also be used for a structured type-search by entering the relevant data in different predefined search fields.

The screenshot shows the TMview home page search interface. A red box highlights the 'Advanced search' button, and a red arrow points to it with the number '4.1'.

The screenshot shows the TMview advanced search interface. A red box highlights the 'Basic search' section, and a red arrow points to the 'Nice class' field with the number '4.2'. The 'Nice class' field contains the value '30'. Other fields include 'Designated territories', 'Trade mark offices', 'Trade mark name', 'Application number', 'Registration number', 'Trade mark type', 'Trade mark status', 'Applicant name', 'Fuzzy search', 'Opposition', 'Seniority', 'Application date', 'Registration date', 'Sort results by', and 'Order results'.

Trade mark search in the Global Brand Database

1. The WIPO's Global Brand Database is accessible through the EUIPO's TMview (see previous page) or by clicking its web address www.wipo.int/branddb/en

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Global Brand Database

Perform a trademark search by text or image in brand data from multiple national and international sources, including trademarks, appellations of origin and official emblems. V:
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SEARCH BY: Brand Names Numbers Dates Class Country

Text: [e.g. apple OR apple "apple"]
Image Class: [e.g. 05.07.13, apple AND tree]
Goods/Services: [e.g. trademark, computer]

FILTER BY: Source Image Status Origin App. Year Expiration

Source	Image	Status	Origin	App. Year	Expiration
AE TM 155,406	AU TM 1,685,430	BH TM 51,668	BN TM 45,430	CA TM 1,592,586	CZ TM 407,271
CL TM 597,231	CZ TM 2,016,229	DK TM 289,751	EE TM 59,094	EG TM 115,020	ES TM 1,592,289
FR TM 1,592,289	IL TM 876,581	FR TM 2,707,337	GE TM 39,929	GE TM 840,260	IL TM 273,886
IS TM 165,750	IT TM 1,169,674	IS TM 161,938	JP TM 2,113,769	JP TM 87,274	JP TM 3,476,232
KH TM 33,213	LA TM 43,472	LA TM 168,783	MO TM 29,818	MO TM 66,951	MO TM 1,285,953
MY TM 625,968	NZ TM 649,209	ON TM 58,424	PH TM 31,213	PH TM 438,200	SG TM 660,983

2. Type the trade mark “Vinnie” in the “Text” field. When typing the text, the database provides four different options: (i) “Normal” allows searching exact matches to the search term(s) entered, (ii) “Phonetic” performs searches for terms that sound like the search term(s) entered, (iii) “Fuzzy” allows searches for terms that are spelled similarly to the search term(s) entered and (iv) “Stemming” option can be selected in order to enable the matching of other forms of the search term(s) entered.

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3. Users may add different search options to limit the search by clicking on the relevant tabs. Enter the class number (“30” for vinegars) in the “Class” tab of the search box. Then click on “Search”. As in TMview, the results of the Global Brand Database can be filtered to narrow the search results, using different options (source, image, status, origin, application year and expiration date), as seen on the right-hand side of the screen.

The screenshot shows the WIPO Global Brand Database search interface. The search box is set to 'Class' with the value '30'. The 'FILTER BY' section is expanded to show options like Source, Image, Status, Origin, App. Year, and Expiration. Red callouts 3.1 through 3.5 point to the search box, the filter options, the search button, and the filter button respectively.

SEARCH BY (Names, Numbers, Dates, Class, Cou...)

Image Class = e.g. 05.07.13, apple AND tree

Goods/Services Class (Nice) = 30

FILTER BY (Source, Image, Status, Origin, App. Year, Expiration)

Country	Source	Image	Status	Origin	App. Year	Expiration	
AE TM	155,406	AU TM	1,685,430	BH TM	51,668	BN TM	45,430
CA TM	1,592,586	CH TM	407,271	CL TM	597,231	DE TM	2,016,229
DK TM	289,751	DZ TM	32,849	EE TM	59,094	EG TM	115,020
EM TM	1,592,289	ES TM	876,581	FR TM	2,707,337	GE TM	39,929
ID TM	940,850	IL TM	273,886	IS TM	105,710	IT TM	1,161,074
JO TM	151,938	JP TM	2,113,769	KH TM	87,274	KR TM	176,231

Display: List | Sort: Value - asc

Further Information

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[Fact Sheet: How to search for trade marks](#)

[IPR Chart: EU Trade Mark](#)

[IPR Chart: International Trade Mark \(Madrid System\)](#)

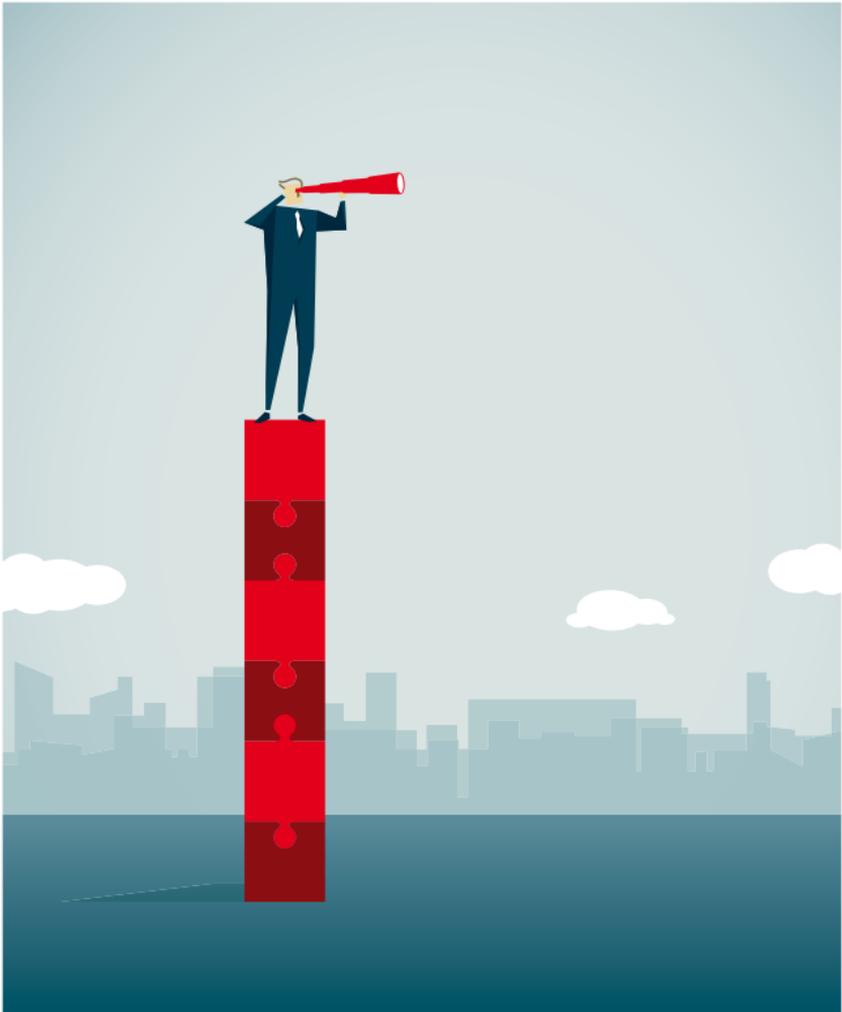
Trade Mark Searching Help

[EUIPO – TMview Help Pages](#)

[WIPO – Global Brand Database Help Pages](#)

[EUIPO – eSearchPlus Database \(for EU trade marks\)](#)

2. Design searching



2.1. Why perform design searches?

Design protection confers on the design holder an exclusive right to use a design - making, offering, putting on the market, importing, exporting or using the product in which the design is incorporated or to which it is applied - and to prevent third parties from using it commercially without its prior consent.

As for other IP rights, the first-come, first-served principle applies in design protection, but in order for a design to be registered, it should be novel and have an individual character (originality).

Therefore, risks of investing in non-original design or filing an application for identical or confusingly similar design can be avoided or at least limited by performing design searching. By conducting a design search, it is possible to check whether a prior design forms an obstacle to the protection of a subsequent one.

Furthermore, design databases can be employed as a monitoring tool for the latest trends in the design sector and for following up the latest works of competitors and other designers.

Design searches also help identify possible infringement cases (to check if there are any infringing designs) and give an opportunity for an earlier right holder to file an opposition against the registration of the designs, if applicable.

Unregistered designs are not subject to official publication and thus cannot be found by searching design databases. However, information on unregistered designs can be obtained by consulting existing literature, design catalogues, websites, by visiting trade fairs and exhibitions or by conducting a search within the circles specialised in a specific business sector.

2.2. What to consider when searching designs?

As for trade marks, designs are registered in relation with products on which it is applied. Determining the classification of the design limits the results list and saves time for users for further analysis.

For the purpose of designs, the [Locarno Classification](#), which is the international classification system for industrial designs, is used to classify the products on which the design is used.

Determining the design classes

The EUIPO has developed an online tool "[DesignClass](#)", which helps in finding the correct classes and subclasses of designs.

An example on using Designclass is presented below:

1. Go to the DesignClass website: www.euipo.europa.eu/designclass

2. Although English is the default language, it is possible to use DesignClass in other EU languages. Select your preferred language by clicking on the “Language” tab. Type the goods or services you would like to search (in this example, assume that we are looking for a class for “cushion” for furnishing) and click on “Search”.

3. The results show that the term “cushion” (for furnishing) is in class 06, subclass 09. The users may directly click on the “DesignView” button to search in the design database for this class and/or subclass.

The screenshot shows the DesignClass search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the term 'cushion' and a dropdown for 'Class / Subclass' set to '01-32'. Below the search bar, there are buttons for 'Search', 'Browse terms', and 'Reset filter'. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Browse terms (Tree structure)' on the left and a table of search results on the right. The table has columns for 'Class', 'Subclass', 'My List', 'Term', 'Path', 'Images', and 'Search'. The first two rows of the table are highlighted with a green box, showing '06' and '09' in the 'Class' and 'Subclass' columns respectively, and 'Cushions' and 'CUSHION' in the 'Term' column. A green arrow points to the 'DesignView' button in the 'Search' column of the first row.

Class	Subclass	My List	Term	Path	Images	Search
06	09	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cushions	%		DesignView
06	09	<input type="checkbox"/>	CUSHION	%		DesignView
02	07	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pin cushions	%		DesignView
06	09	<input type="checkbox"/>	Air cushions	%		DesignView

2.3. How to search for designs?

Several design tools are available to perform design searches. National designs can be searched by using the national design databases of individual IP offices.

For more extensive searches (especially when filing an EU design or an international application), there are two main online free-of-charge databases:

1. **Designview**: The Designview database gives access to design information of more than 65 participating offices, including the EUIPO and WIPO, for over 14 million designs.

2. [Global Design Database](#): With more than four million designs, the Global Design database enables simultaneous searches via a single, intuitive interface across all international designs (Hague System) as well as in more than 10 participating national collections, including the EUIPO.

The EU design applications can also be searched through EUIPO's [eSearch plus database](#).

It is also possible to carry out design searches in the WIPO's [Hague Express database](#) dedicated only to international designs (the Hague System).

Design search in Designview

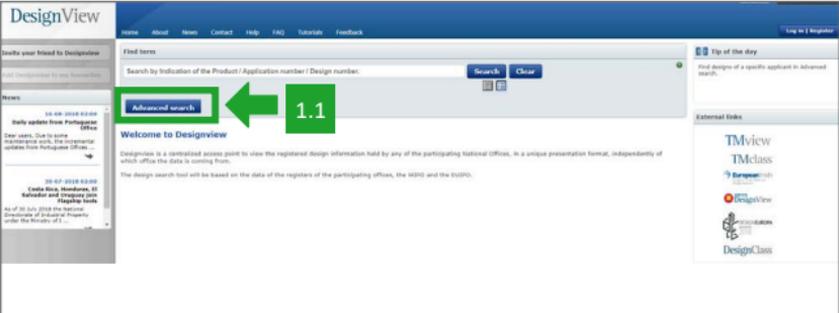
Two search options are offered by Designview namely, “Basic search” and “Advanced search”, both of which can be accessed through the main page of the database.

Basic search (the default screen on the main page) can be conducted by writing down the indication of the product, the application number or the design registration number, if known.

In the “Advanced search mode”, the users have a number of alternatives. Advanced searches use multiple search criteria such as application or design number, the owner or designer name, the design status, or the indication of products (if the class is not known), separately or in combination. It is also possible to select the Locarno Classification and its sub-classification when searching.

Assume that we are searching for “cushion” designs (class 06.09) in Estonia, France, Italy and Spain, filed between the years 2010 and 2017 inclusive.

1. Go to www.tmdn.org/tmdsview-web/welcome and click on the “Advanced search” button.



The screenshot shows the DesignView website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, About, News, Contact, Help, FAQ, Tutorial, and Feedback. Below the menu is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search by Indication of the Product / Application number / Design number:" and buttons for "Search" and "Clear". A green box highlights the "Advanced search" link in the left sidebar, with a green arrow pointing to it from a green box containing the number "1.1". The main content area features a "Welcome to DesignView" message and a "Tip of the day" section. The right sidebar contains "External links" with logos for TMview, TMclass, European Intellectual Property, DesignView, and DesignClass.

2. On the advanced search screen, type the search data in the relevant fields according to your search criteria and click on the “Search” button. Please note that it is possible to directly write the term “cushion” in the “Indication of the product” field, if the classification is not known. In our example, you would first enter the country code(s), then the Locarno Classification (as previously identified), the filing date and click on “Search”.

The screenshot shows the DesignView search interface. The search criteria are as follows:

- Designated territories:** EE,FR,IT,ES (Annotation 2.1)
- Locarno classification:** 06 - Furnishing (Annotation 2.2)
- Filing date:** From 01-01-2010 To 31-12-2017 (Annotation 2.3)

The search button is highlighted with a green arrow (Annotation 2.4).

Additional search criteria visible in the form include:

- Offices: - Select one or more offices -
- Indication of the product: Strict mode «Contains mode
- Verbal element: [Empty field]
- Design number: [Empty field]
- Application number: [Empty field]
- Design status: - All -
- Owner name: [Empty field]
- Previous owner name: [Empty field]
- Designer name: [Empty field]
- Representative's name: [Empty field]
- Expiry date: From [Empty field] To [Empty field]
- Registration date: From [Empty field] To [Empty field]
- Publication date: From [Empty field] To [Empty field]
- Priority date: From [Empty field] To [Empty field]
- Effective date: From [Empty field] To [Empty field]
- End of deferment: From [Empty field] To [Empty field]
- Priority number: [Empty field]
- Priority country: - Select one or more offices -
- Exhibition priority: [Empty field]

3. Designview also offers filters to refine the results according to: filing offices, territory of protection, status, dates and Locarno Classification.

Design	Indication of the product	Design number	Design name	Filing date	Status	Design office
	Tab 11 "Toscani" mobile lamp design and variants	0119493201	DEPLUS DESIGN S.R.L.	14/01/2011	Registered and fully published	IR
	Book cover	0071304001	POSTALTO.COM HORNBAUM CONSULTING	18/03/2011	Registered and fully published	BE
	Chair	0008793001	BEIGNE GARDINER	19/03/2011	Registered and fully published	BE
	Chair 2, armless 2-4, Table 2-4, armless 2, Chair 3, Chair 4	0008803004	JOSPEL S.P.A. DESIGN/ALCANTARA	19/03/2011	Registered and fully published	BE
	Chair 2, armless 2-4, Table 2-4, armless 2, Chair 3, Chair 4	0008803008	JOSPEL S.P.A. DESIGN/ALCANTARA	19/03/2011	Registered and fully published	BE

4. Choose the preferred filter that you want to apply to your results.

Find term

Search by Indication of the Product / Application number / Design number.

Advanced search

- Offices
- Territory of protection
- Status
 - Filed: 0
 - Registered: 0
 - Expired: 0
 - Ended: 0
 - Application published: 0
 - Registered and fully published: 2198
 - Registered and subject to deferment: 0
 - Lack of effects: 0
 - Design surrendered: 6
 - Invalidity procedure pending: 2
 - Design declared invalid: 23
 - Expiring: 43
 - Design lapsed: 389
 - (Empty): 0
- Dates
- Locarno
- Owner
- Designer

Filter

Status Legend:

- Filed
- Registered
- Expired
- Ended
- Registered and fully published
- Registered and subject to deferment
- Lack of effects
- Design surrendered
- Invalidity procedure pending

Status Pie Chart:

Registered and fully published: 93.6%

Design search in Global Design Database

This database provides several options to search designs through different tabs:

- “Design” tab allows searching by indication of products, classification, and description of design (text);
- “Names” tab allows searching by holder, creator (designer) and representative (attorney);
- “Numbers” tab allows searching by application or registration number;
- “Dates” tab allows searching by filing, registration, publication or priority date;
- “Country” tab allows searching by designated states (in member countries) or priority countries.

Users may also refine the results according to source (original data source for the records matching your search), designation (countries designated in each record), Locarno Class or registration year in order to decrease the number of hits.

The screenshot shows the WIPO Global Design Database search interface. The search filters are set to 'Design' (Indication of Products), 'Design class' (06.09), and 'Description' (cushion). The 'FILTER BY' section shows a table of results categorized by source and designation.

Source	Designation	Locarno Class	Reg. Year
CA Designs	169,203	DE Designs	1,126,114
EE Designs	2,384	JP Designs	416,861
FR Designs	48,418	IT Designs	2,163
GB Designs	87,569	RU Designs	86,093
		US Designs	753,076
		WO Designs	2,663
		ZK Designs	1,159,740

The same example as above (i.e. “cushion” designs in class 06.09 in Estonia, France, Italy and Spain, filed between years 2010 and 2017) can be searched in the Global Design Database:

1. Go to www.wipo.int/designdb/en and fill in the fields of the related tabs with your search criteria. In the “Design” tab, users may either write down the product itself (e.g. “cushion”) and/or select the related class of their product (class 06.09), if known.

Global Design Database

SEARCH BY: Design | Names | Numbers | Dates | Country

Indication of Products =

Design class = LC 06-09 **1.1**

Description =

search

Then, enter the filing date period and country codes in the related tabs and click on “Search”.

Global Design Database

SEARCH BY: Design | Names | Numbers | Dates | Country

Filing Date = 2010-01-01 TO 2017-12-31 **1.3**

Registration = e.g. 2005-01-01, [2004-01-10 TO 2004-01-15]

Publication =

Priority =

search

Global Design Database

SEARCH BY: Design | Names | Numbers | Dates | Country

Designation = EE IT ES FR **1.5**

Priority =

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2. The search results return a list of designs according to the criteria entered. Users may then further filter the results by using the box on the right-hand side to limit the results by source, designation, Locarno Class and registration year.

Global Design Database

SEARCH BY: Design | Name | Numbers | Date | Country

Designation:

Priority:

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FILTER BY

Source	Designation	Locarno Class	Reg. Year
CA Designs	0	0	0
CH Designs	0	0	0
DE Designs	0	0	0
ES Designs	200	200	200
FR Designs	0	0	0
IT Designs	0	0	0
JP Designs	0	0	0
US Designs	0	0	0
UK Designs	0	0	0
WO Designs	3	3	3

People: List: Map:

Sort by: Reg. Date - desc

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SEARCH RESULTS

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[Fact Sheet: Design Searching](#)

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[IPR Chart: International Design \(Hague System\)](#)

Design Searching Help

[EUIPO – DesignView Help Pages](#)

[WIPO – Global Design Database Help Pages](#)

[EUIPO – eSearchPlus Database \(for EU designs\)](#)

[WIPO – Hague Express Database \(for international designs\)](#)

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