

WIPO Information Session

Protection of Graphical User Interface and Icons in the Republic of Moldova

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Republic of Moldova



Basic facts:

- Area 33, 843 sq. Km
- Pop.(2012). 3,559.500 inh.
- Capital: Chişinău
- Declaration of Independence: August 27, 1991
- AGEPI: September 8, 1992

Memberships:

- WIPO: December 25, 1991
- United Nations: March 2, 1992
- WTO: July 26, 2001
- Council of Europe: July 13, 1995

Legal framework



- Law on protection of industrial designs (No.161/2007)
- Regulation on the procedure of filing, examination and registration of industrial designs (*December 29, 2008*);
- Government Decision on Fees in the Field of Protection of Intellectual Property Objects (August 13, 1997)

Scope of protection

- The scope of protection is determined by the graphical representations.
- GUIs, Icons are protected in the same conditions.
- Description shall have no effect on the scope of protection.

Description

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- It is not mandatory but can be presented.

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- It is not published in Official Bulletin of Intellectual Property (BOPI).

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- It is not included in the certificate of registration.

Reproductions_I

Accepted:

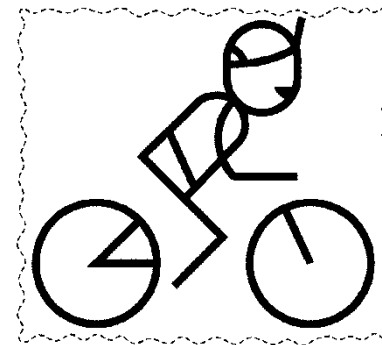
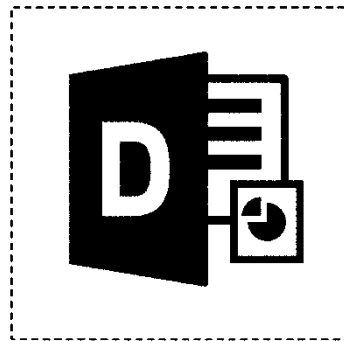
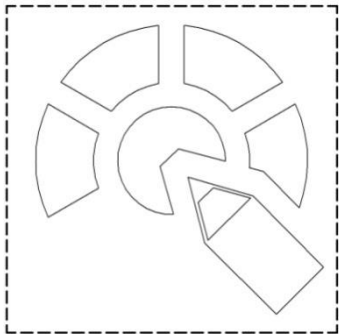
- Photographs (black and white);
- Photographs (color);
- Drawings (computer drawings).

Not accepted:

- Technical drawings.

Reproductions_II

- dotted or broken lines



Such reproductions can be accepted by AGEPI.

Verbal elements

The industrial designs containing verbal elements are accompanied by the remark: **“The semantics of the verbal part is not subject to protection”**.

Certificat de înregistrare a desenului / modelului industrial nr. 1682

(55) Reprezentarea desenului și modelului industrial
Remarcă: ponderea semantică a părții verbale nu se protejează



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Locarno Classification

CLASS 14-04 SCREEN DISPLAYS AND ICONS

- **Graphical user interfaces [computer screen layout]**
- **Icons [for computers]**

CLASS 32 GRAPHIC SYMBOLS AND

- **Graphic designs [two-dimensional]**
- **Graphic symbols**
- **Graphic symbols [comic figures]**

Icons are covered by the broad notion of graphical symbols.

Classes

14-04



32-00

EUIPO



CLASS 14-04
3D CHARACTERS
ANIMATED CHARACTERS

AGEPI



CLASS 32
GRAPHIC SYMBOLS

Classes 14-04 + 32-00

EUIPO



AGEPI



**CLASS 14-04
ICONS [FOR
COMPUTERS]**

**CLASS 32
GRAPHIC SYMBOLS**

Holder - ORANGE BRAND SERVICES LIMITED, GB

Substantive examination

- **Public order/morality;**
- **Novelty;**
- **Individual character;**
- **Conflicts with other rights (trademarks, geographical indications, copyrights, ..)**

GUI - Databases of AGEPI

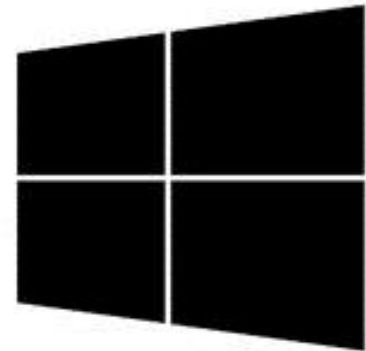
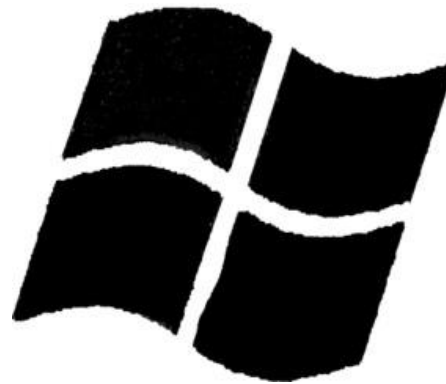
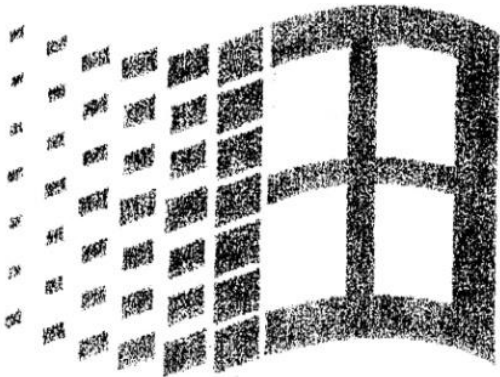


Certificate 1434, GUI, class 14-04 (Republic of Moldova)

Icons for software

Trademarks

MICROSOFT CORPORATION



Data transfer from the national database



E-filing

From 1 January 2013

➤ **New applications**

➤ **Renewal applications**

➤ **On-line payment**



<https://e-servicii.agepi.gov.md/ro>

Conclusions, comments

Representation of the GUIs or icons alone, without the product that incorporates it.

Representation of the GUIs or icons in solid lines + the product that incorporates it in dotted or broken lines.

Registration of the GUIs, icons as such.

Protection of GUIs, icons encourages technological and economic development.

Thank you...

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