

Statement of novelty for designs

IPONZ wishes to clarify that only a single copy or instance of a "statement of novelty" is required to accompany an application and representations to register a design. The statement need not be signed.

The traditional practice of requiring three copies of the statement of novelty and that they be signed is discontinued. If the design is filed using the IPONZ online filing facility the statement of novelty should be entered directly into the appropriate field of the online filing form.