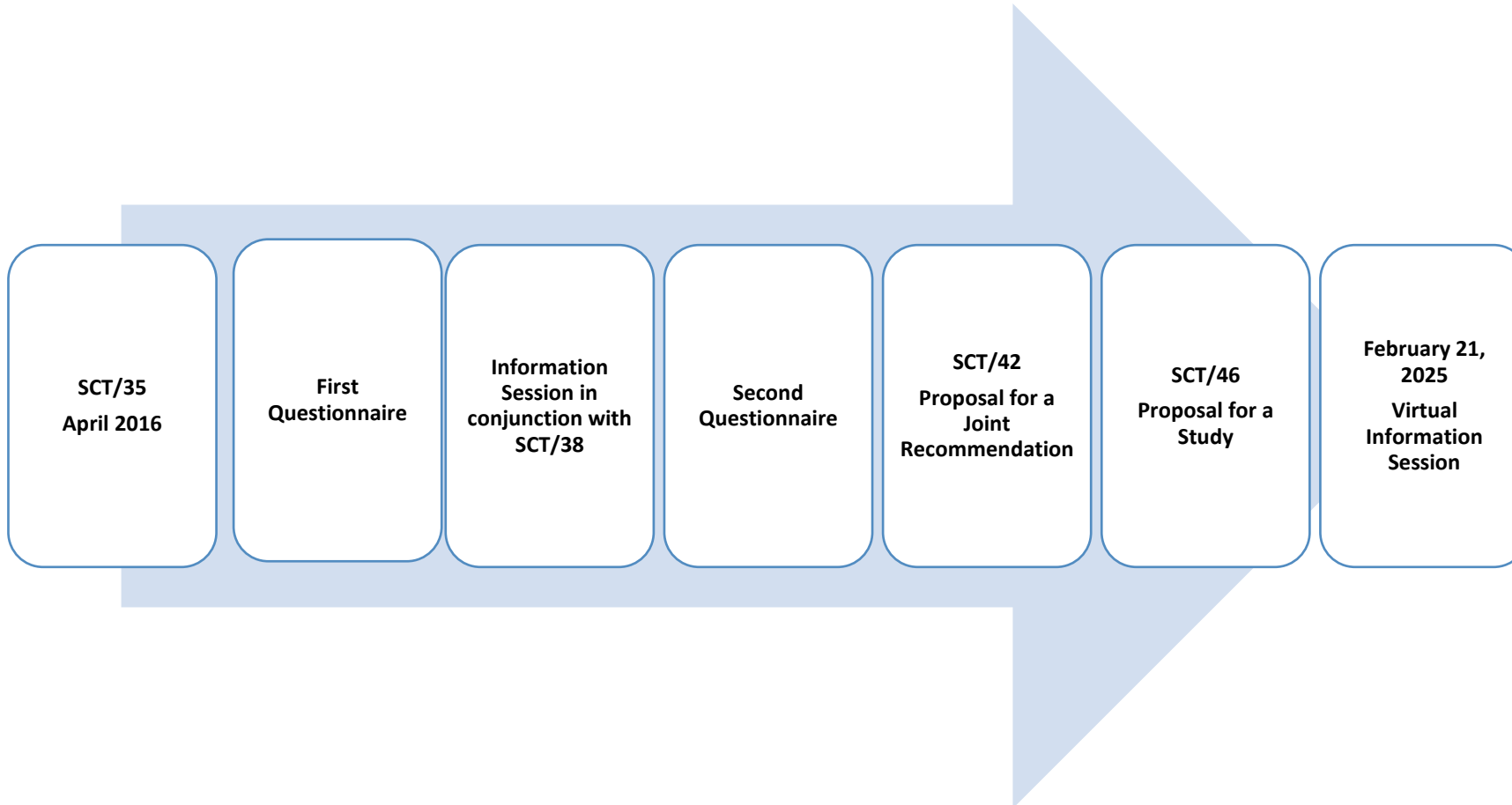


Findings From the Two SCT Questionnaires on Graphical User Interface (GUI), Icon, Typeface/Type Font Designs

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Information Session on Graphical User Interface (GUI)
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First Questionnaire

- I. Systems of protection
- II. Application for a design patent / industrial design registration
- III. Examination of the application
- IV. Scope and duration of protection

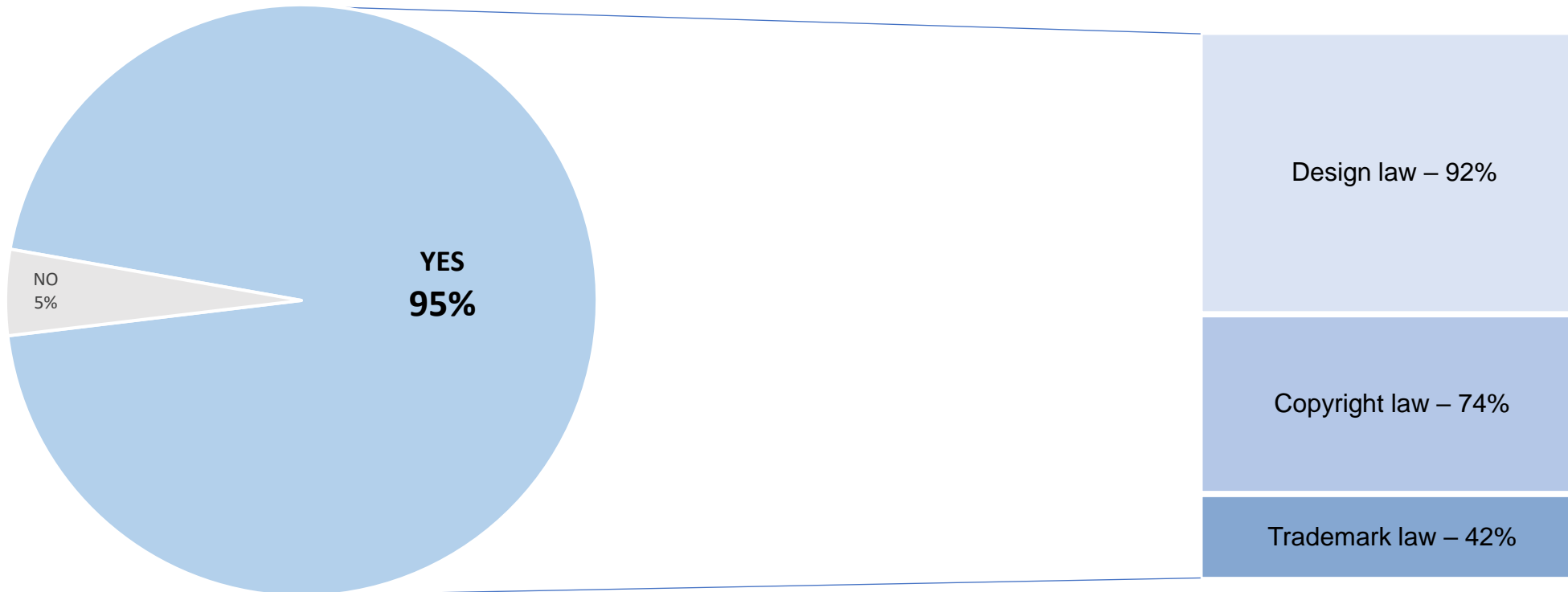


Second Questionnaire

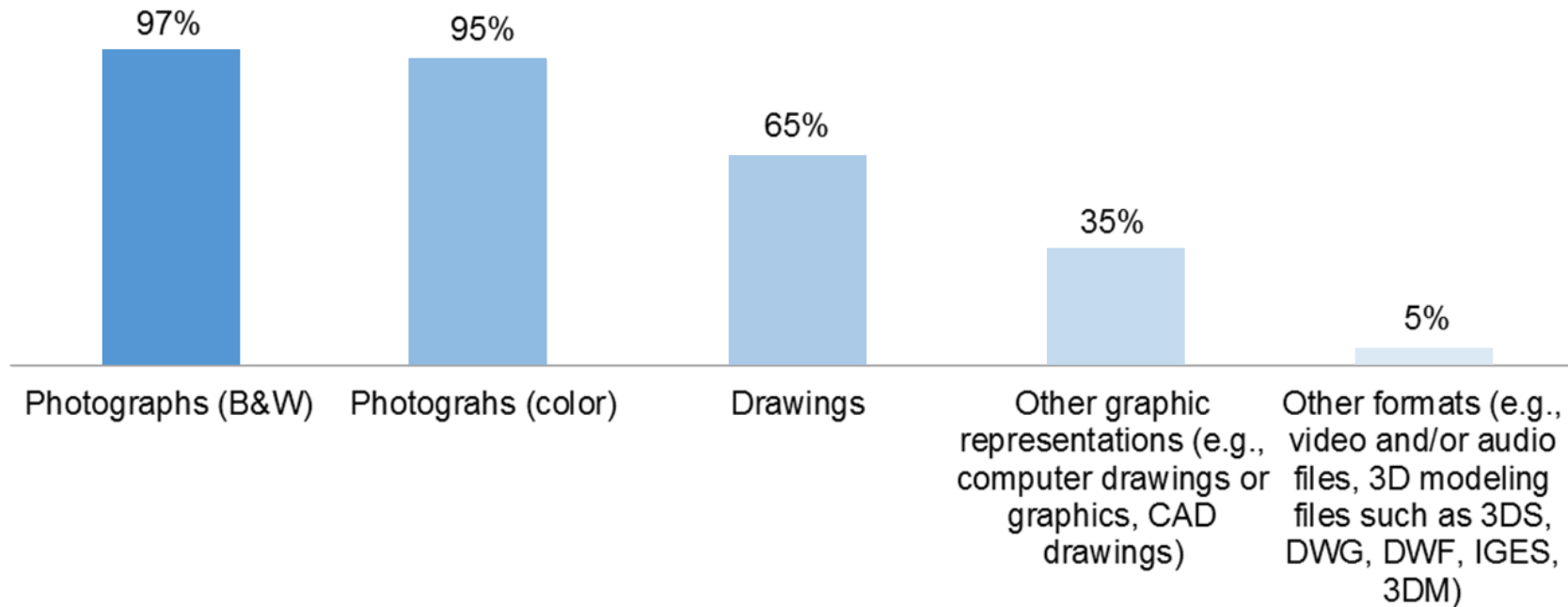
- I. Questions concerning the requirement for a link between GUI, icon, typeface/type font designs and the article or product
- II. Questions concerning the methods allowed by offices for the representation of animated designs



Protection for GUIs

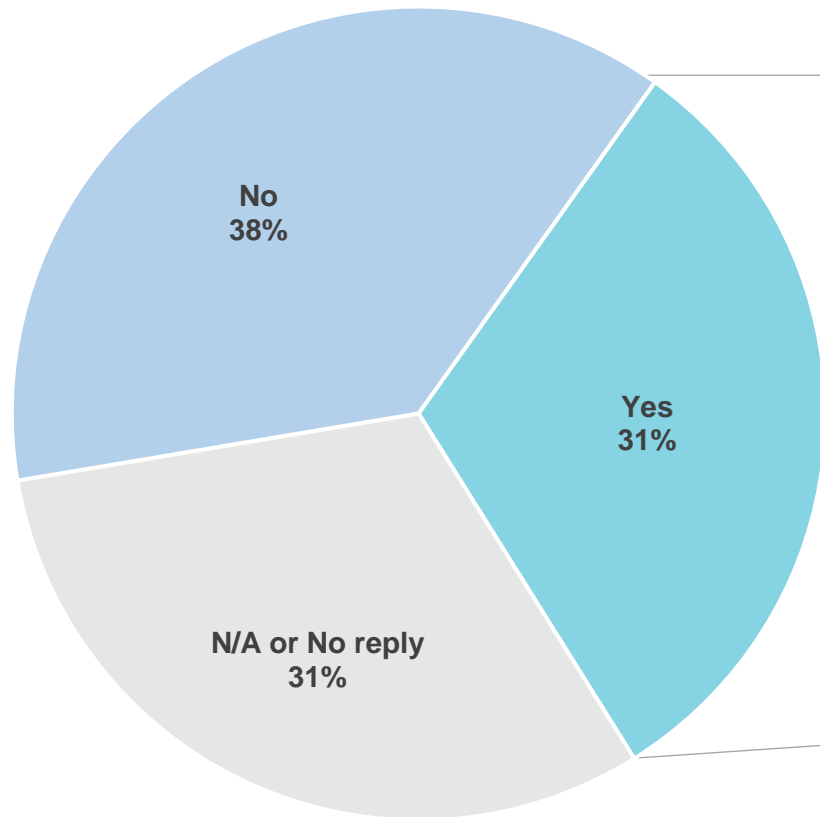


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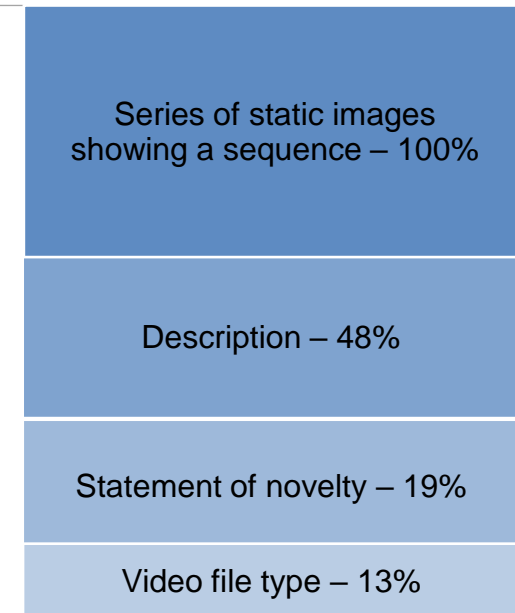


Animated GUIs

Are additional or special requirements applicable to a GUI which is animated?

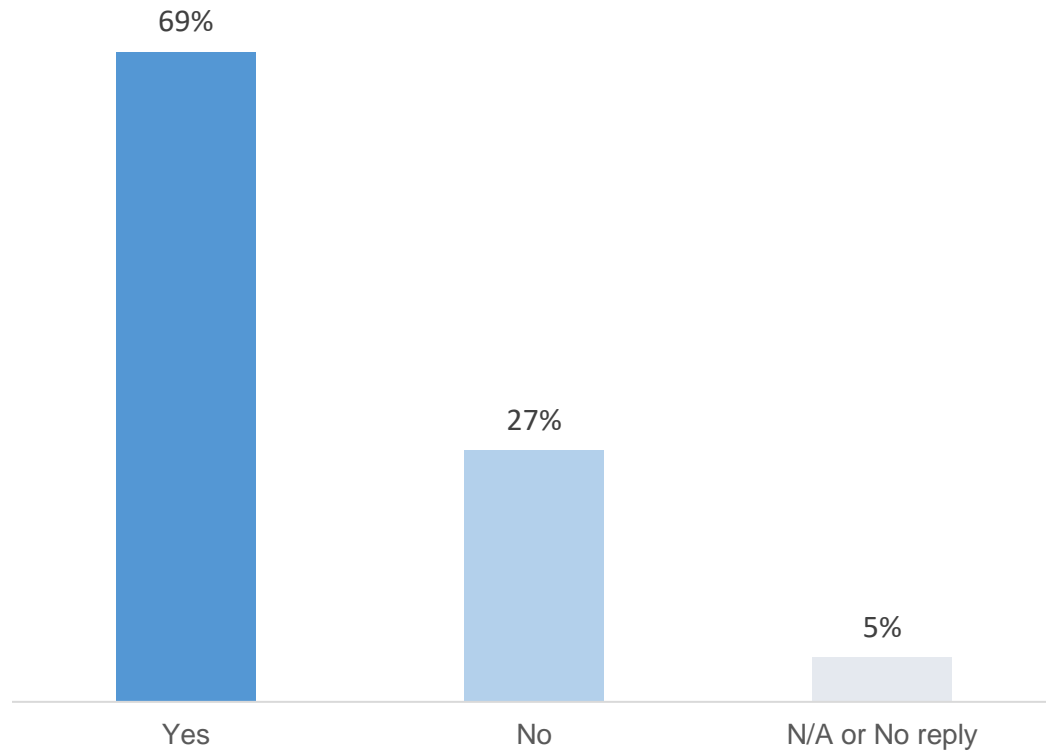


What are the additional or special requirements applicable to a GUI which is animated?

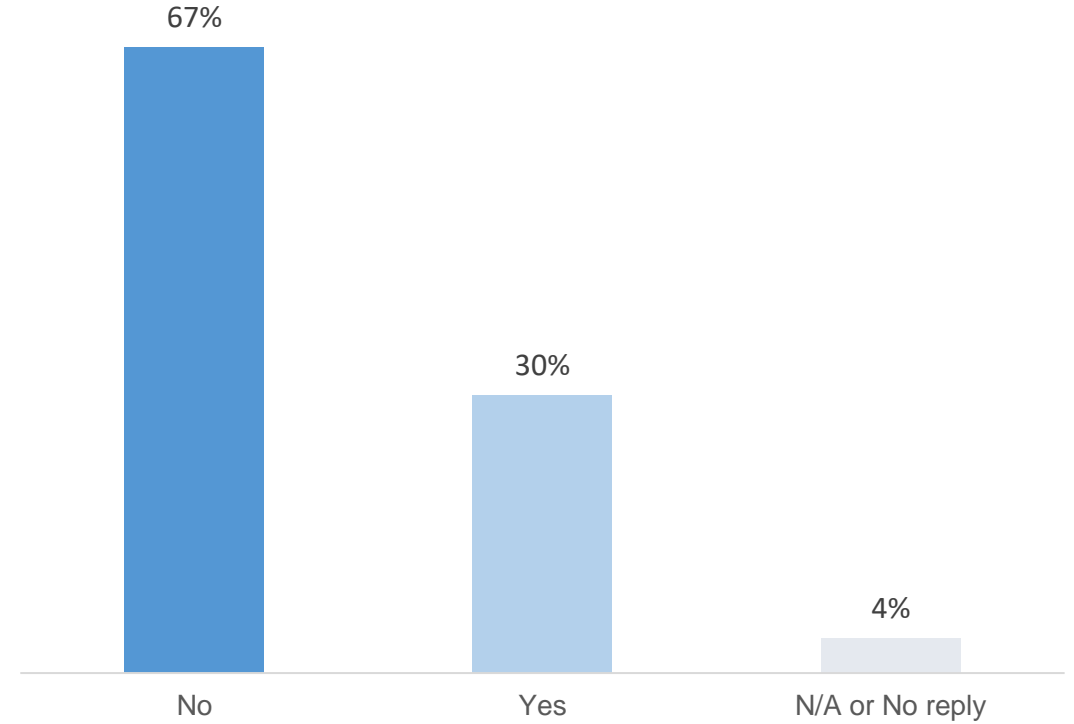


Link between a GUI and a product

Can a GUI be patented/registered as such?

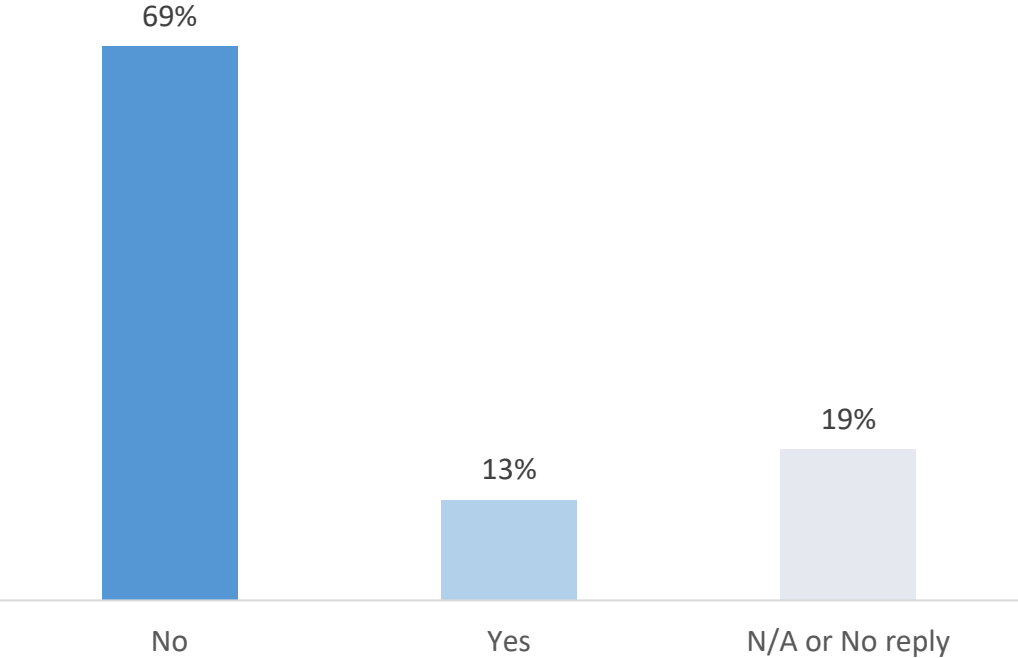


In your jurisdiction, is a link between a GUI and an article required as a prerequisite for registration?

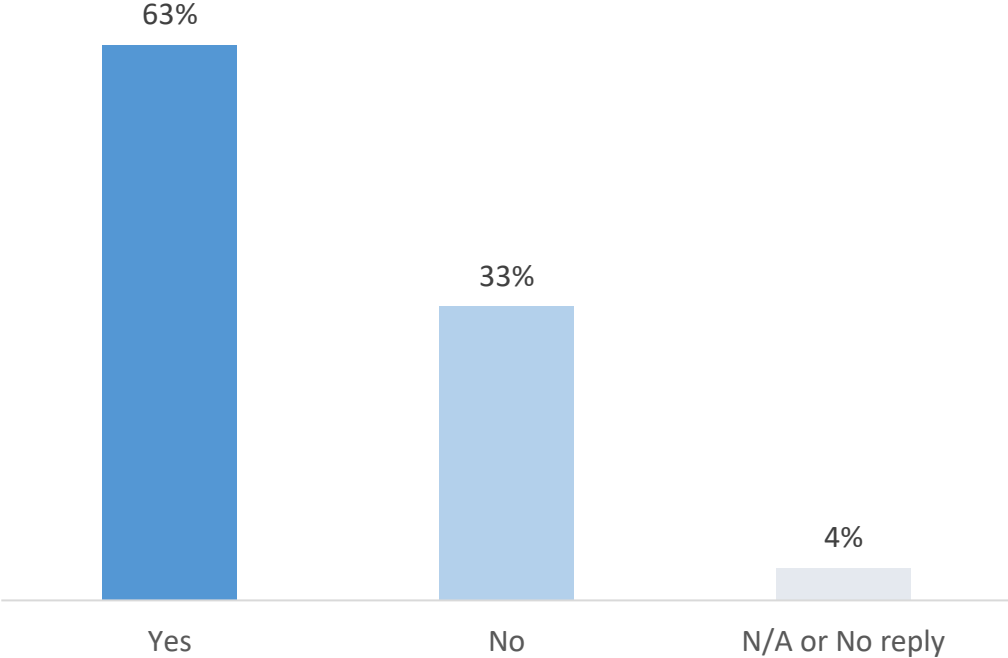


Non-permanent GUIs

Is a GUI excluded from protection if it appears only temporarily when a program is loaded?

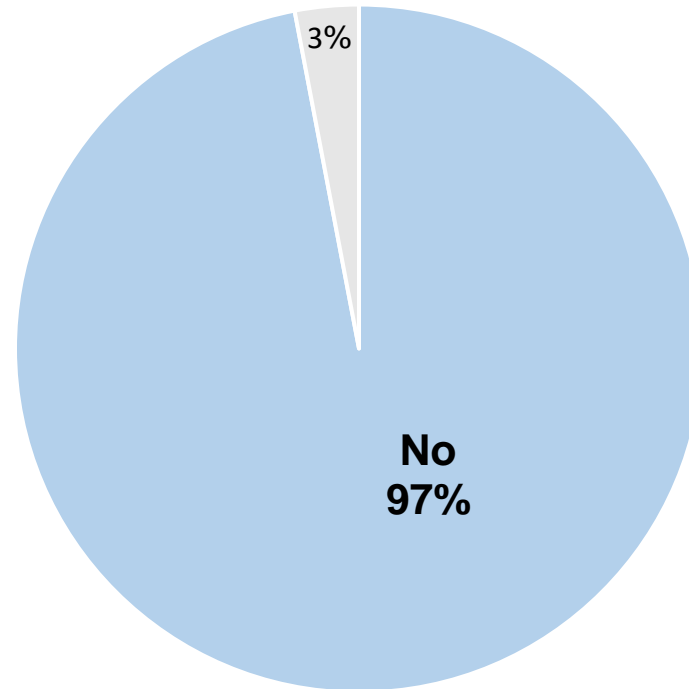


In your jurisdiction, is protection provided to non-permanent designs?



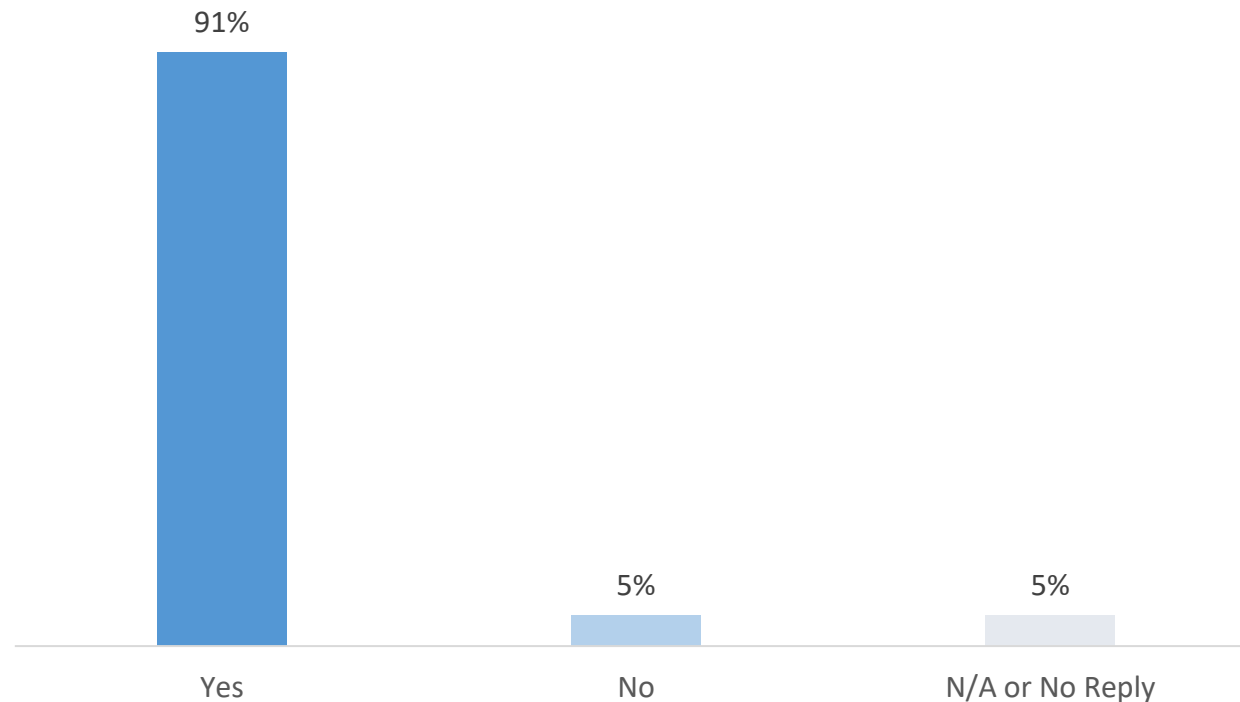
Eligibility criteria

Are the eligibility criteria for GUIs different from those applied to other industrial designs?



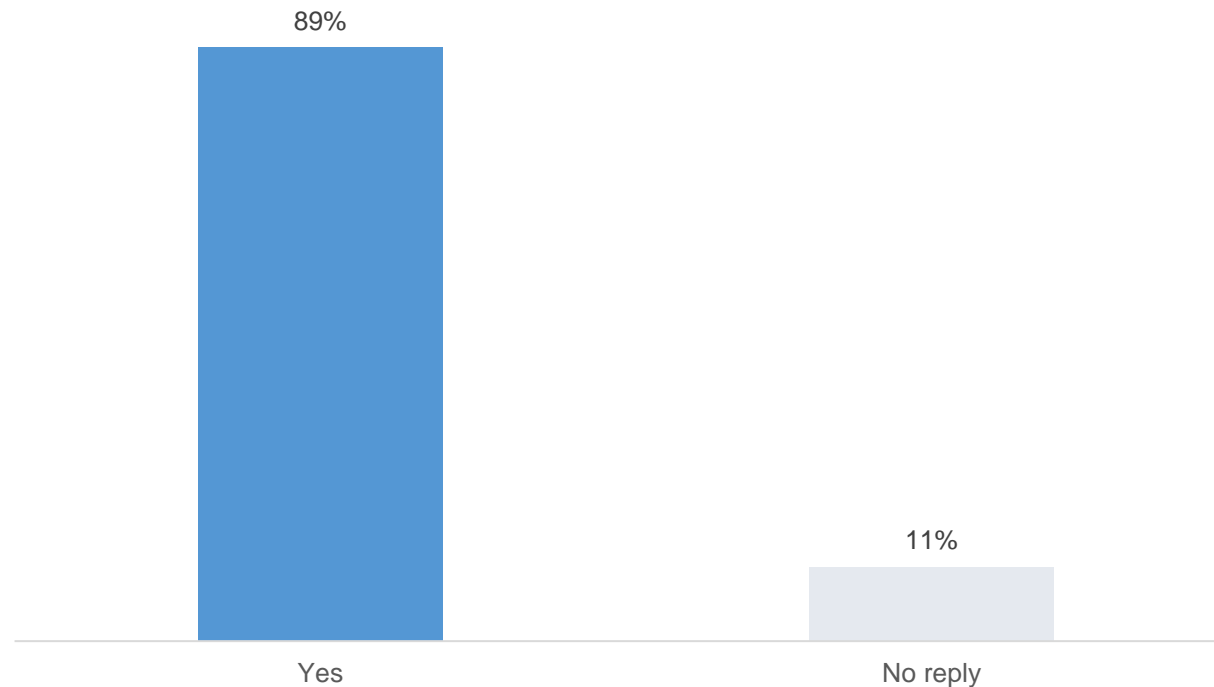
Duration of protection

Is the duration of protection of GUIs the same as the duration of protection of other industrial designs?



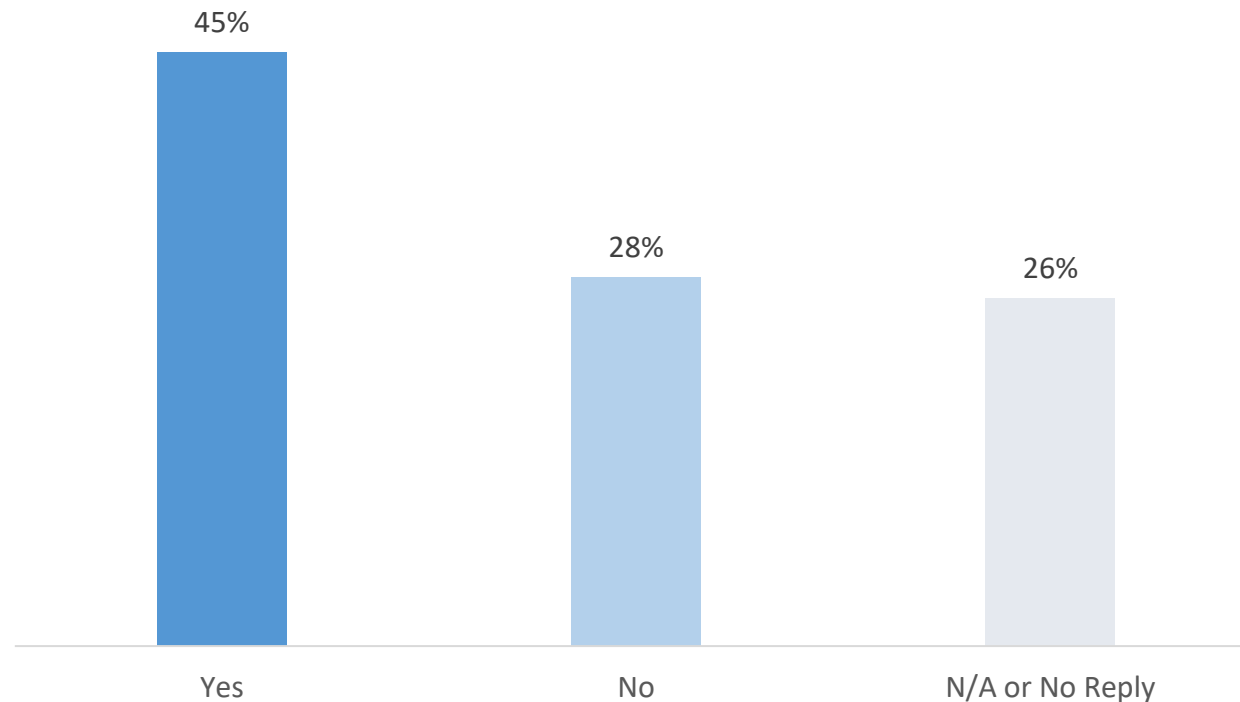
Infringement criteria

In your jurisdiction, are the infringement criteria the same for GUIs as for other types of designs?



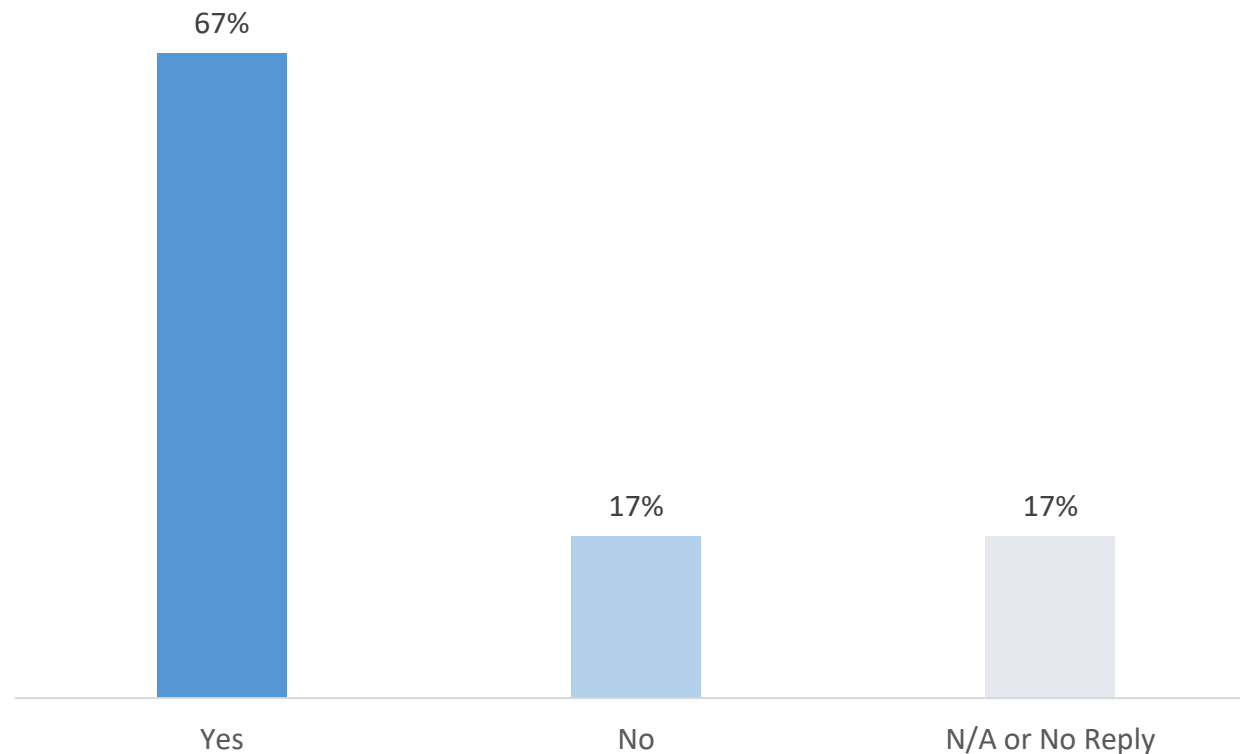
Scope of protection

Is a GUI protected in relation to one product (e.g. a smartphone) also protected against its use in relation to another product (e.g. the display of a car)?



Scope of protection

Can a *single design registration* cover use of the design in a physical environment and in a virtual or computer environment?



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- March 24 to 27, 2025
- The SCT agreed to continue the discussion:
 - on document SCT/44/6 Rev.4 and,
 - on a revised version of document SCT/46/5

