

■ Results of CWS Survey on Electronic Visual Representation of Industrial Designs

CWS/7 item 15(b)

General

- Approved by CWS/6 in Oct 2018
- Issued in Dec 2018; responses through Mar 2019
- 25 IP Offices responded

AU: Australia

CA: Canada

CH: Switzerland

CN: China

CO: Colombia

CR: Costa Rica

CZ: Czech Republic

DE: Germany

DO: Dominican Republic

EE: Estonia

EM: European Union
Intellectual Property Office
(EUIPO)

ES: Spain

FR: France

GB: United Kingdom

HR: Croatia

IE: Ireland

IT: Italy

JP: Japan

KR: Republic of Korea

MD: Republic of Moldova

PT: Portugal

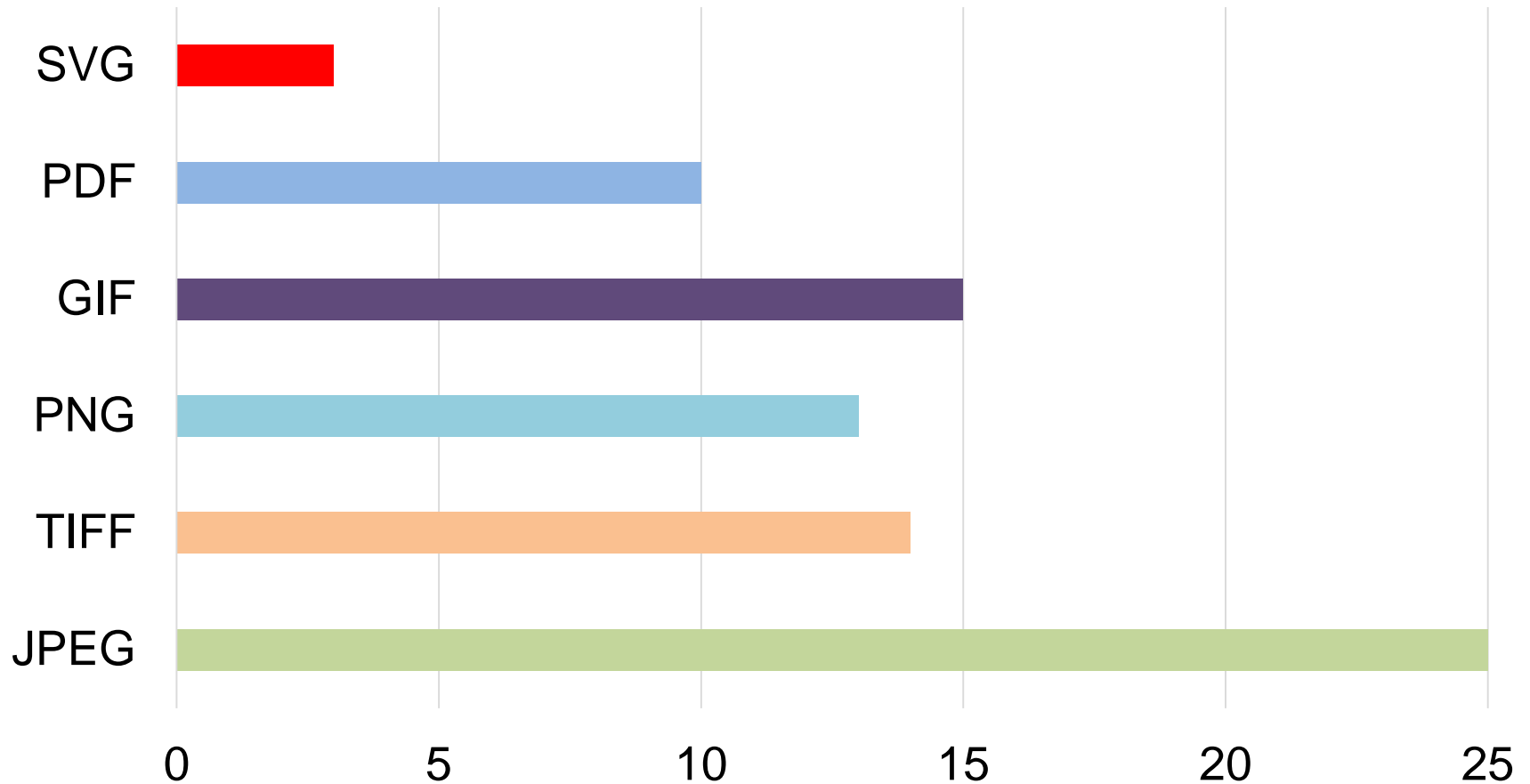
RU: Russian Federation

SE: Sweden

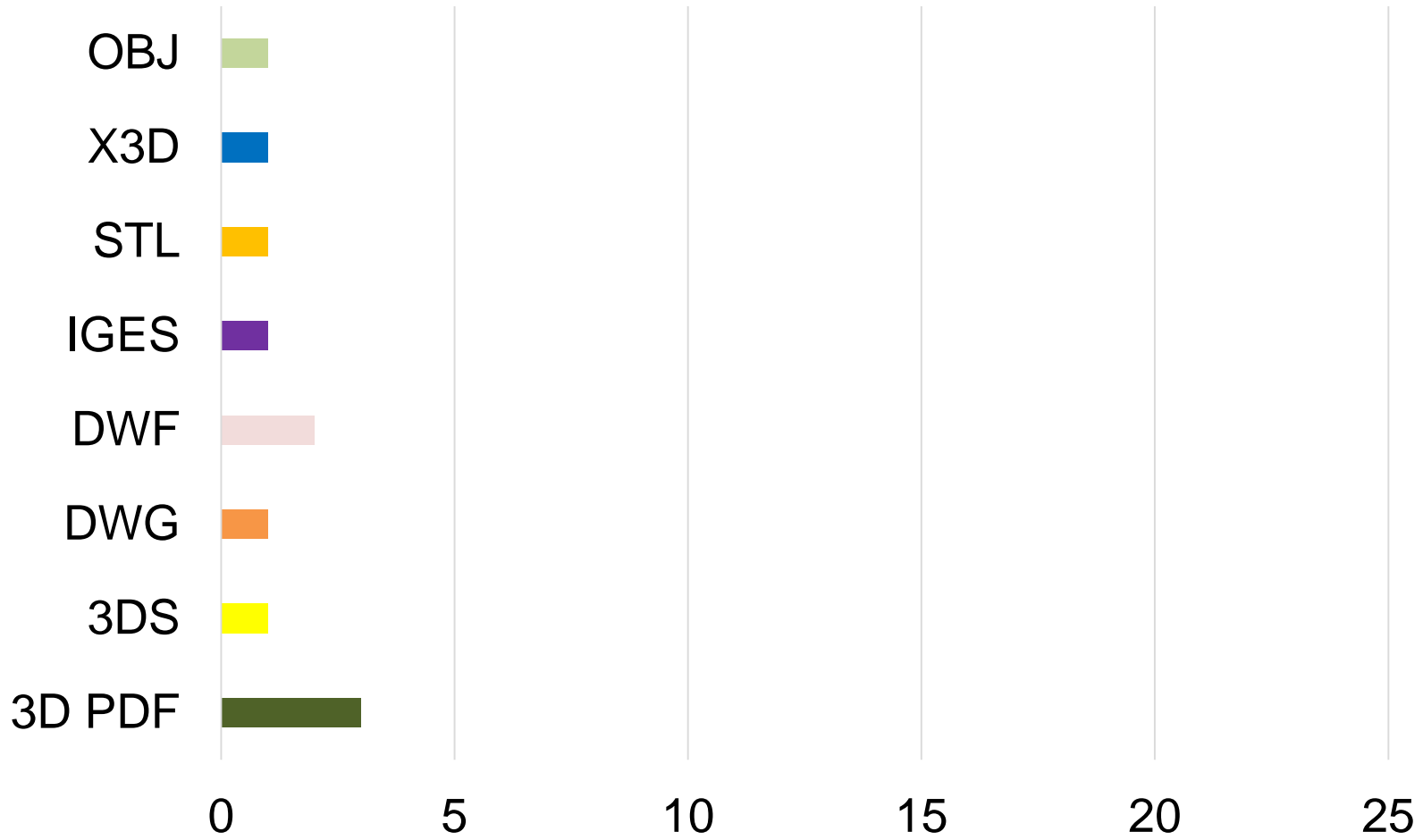
SK: Slovakia

UA: Ukraine

2D image accepted file formats



3D model accepted file formats



Accepted image types

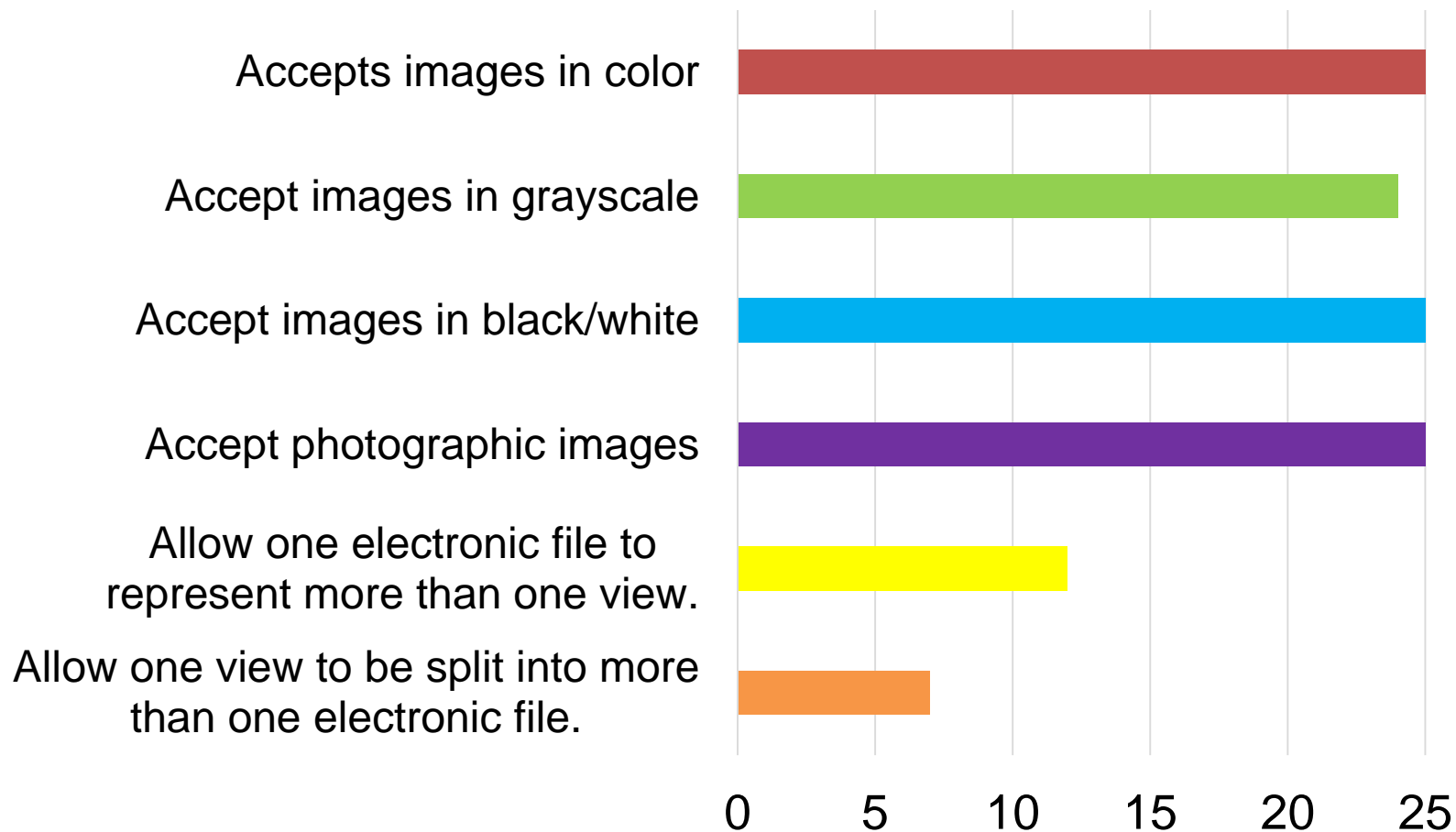
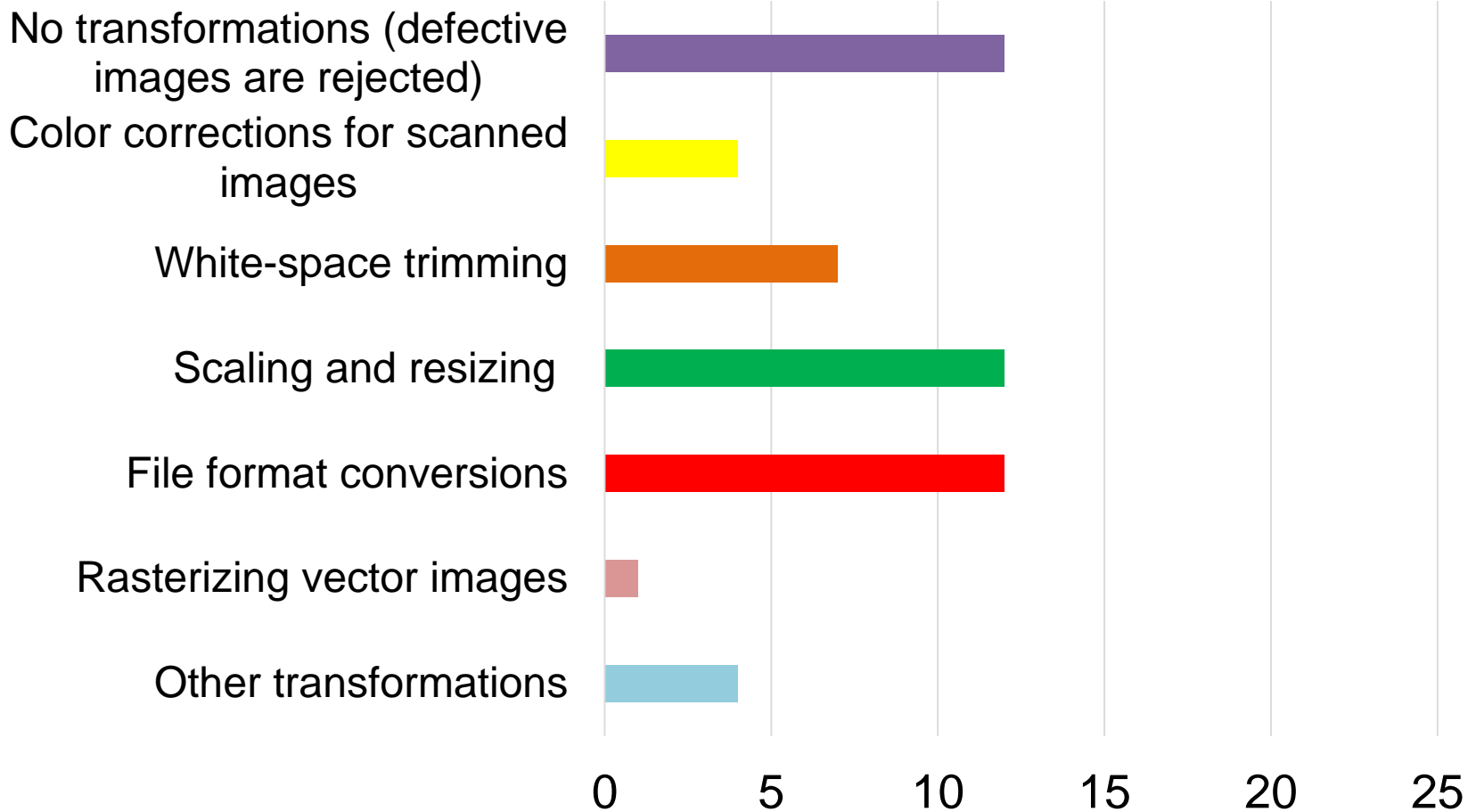
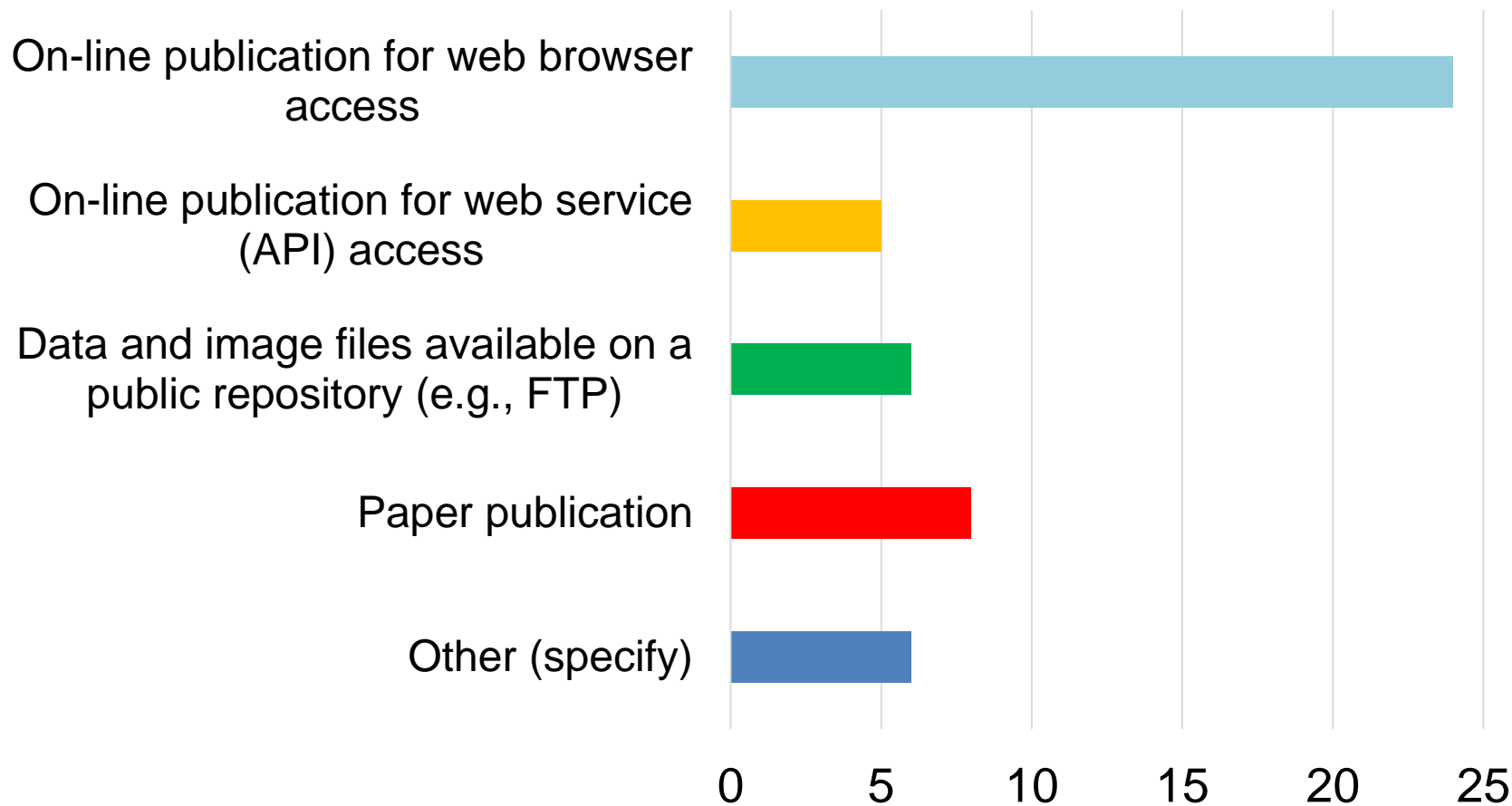


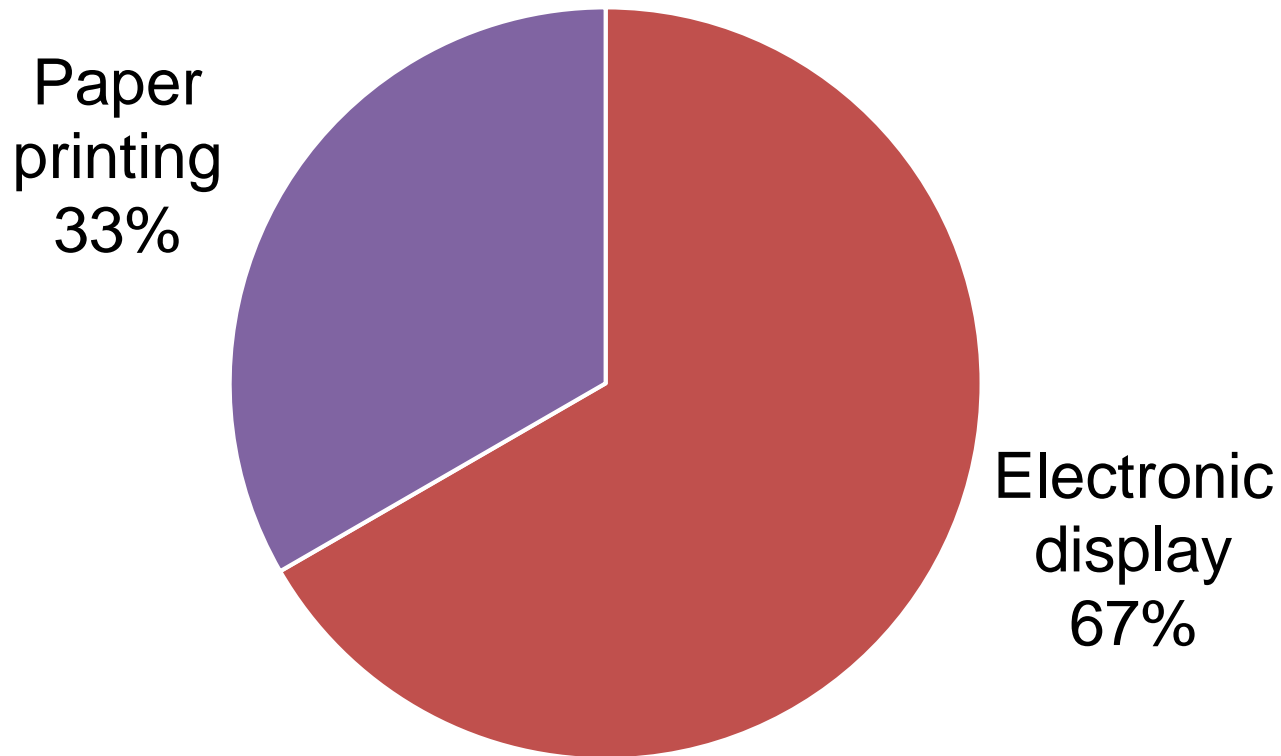
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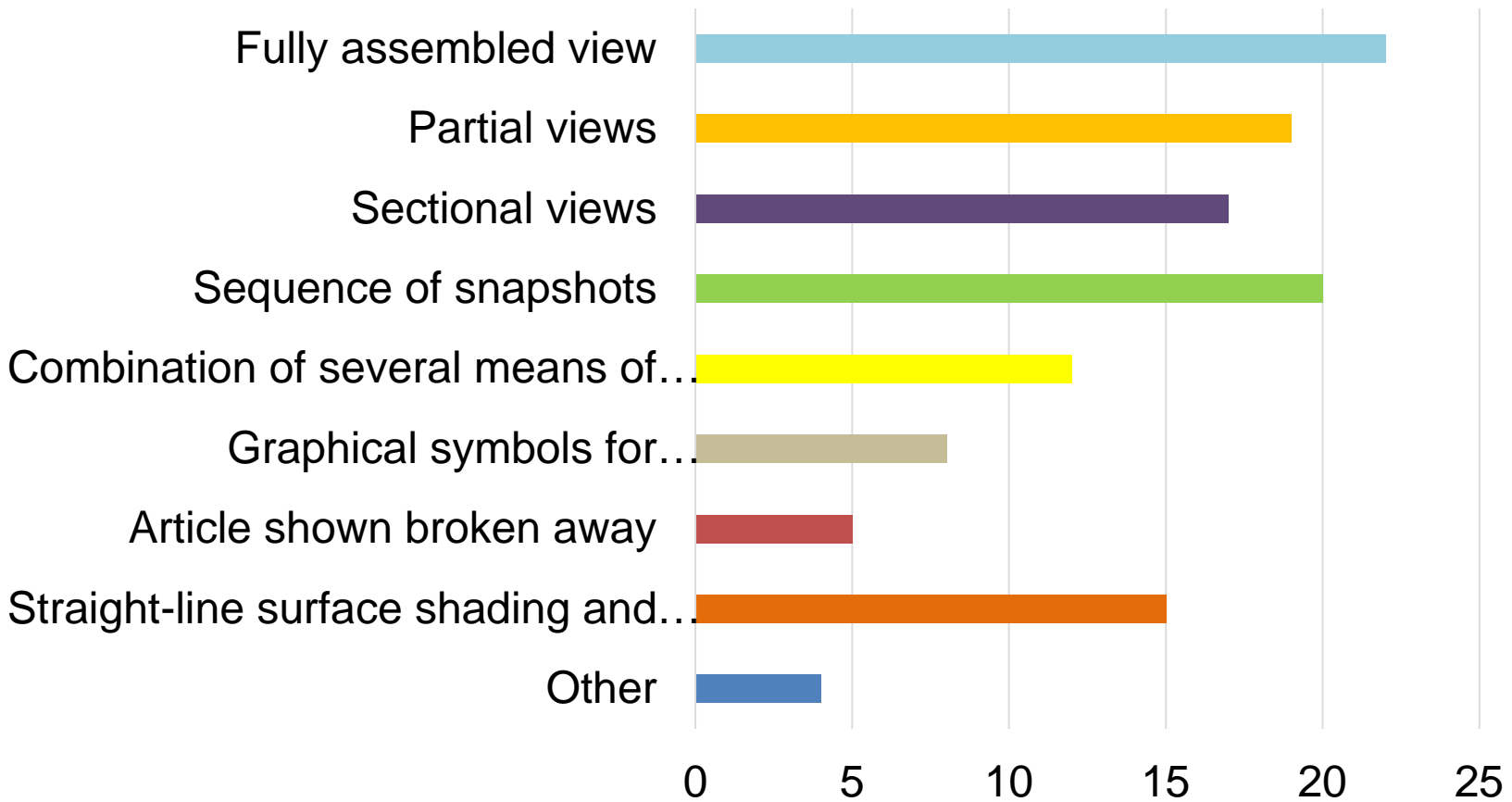
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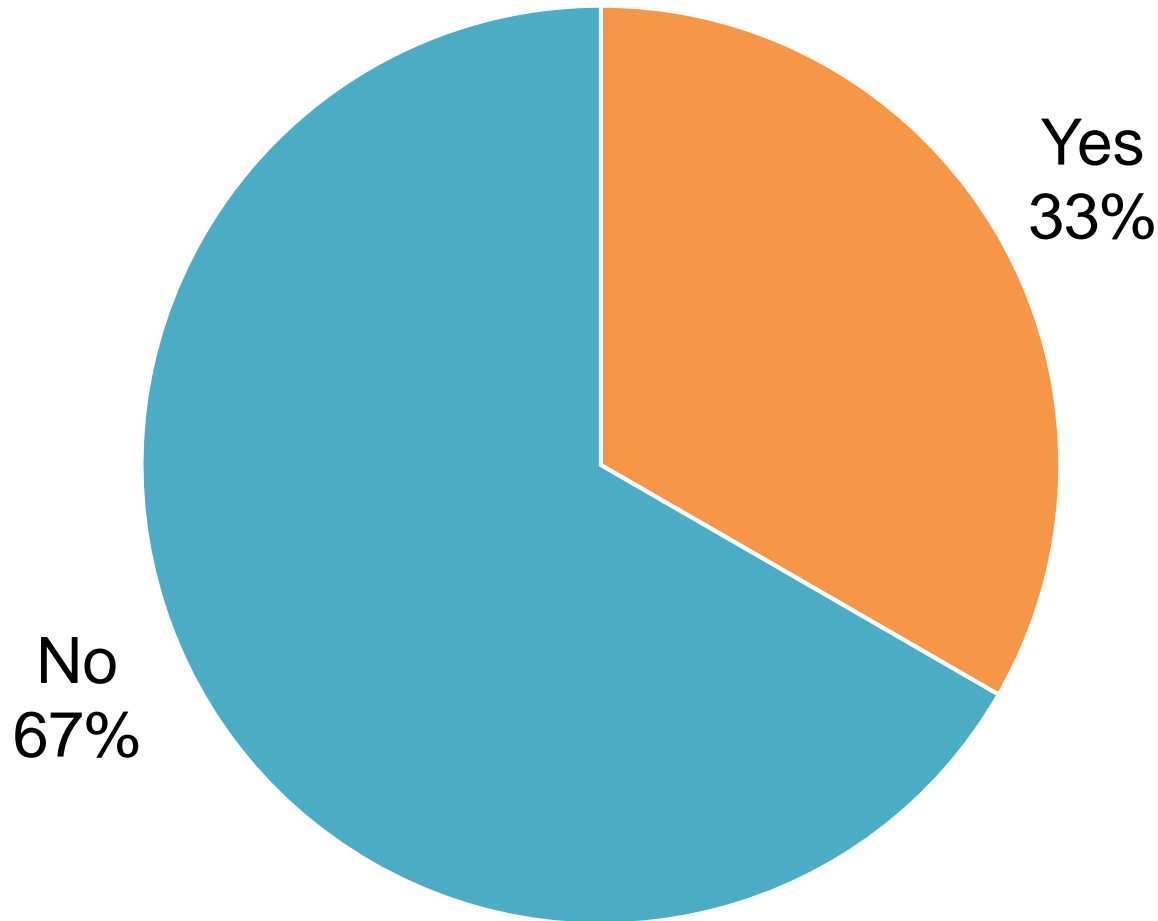
Display method for examination or administration



Types of views allowed



Legislative requirements that prevent any view representations?



Observations 1

- Most respondents (over 90%) accept electronic filings
- JPEG is only universally accepted 2D format. Other formats accepted by about half of IPOs.
- 3D file support is very low, with only 5 offices accepting 3D files and the most common format (3D PDF) only accepted by 3 IPOs
- Support for video files (3 IPOs) and holograms (5 IPOs) is also low

Observations 2

- Many IPOs (over 50%) set limits on minimum / maximum file size, image size, or paper size
- Most IPOs (96%) convert paper submissions to electronic form. However most IPOs (66%) store paper specimens.
- Rules for third party submissions vary widely. Many IPOs (44%) do not accept 3rd party submissions, and many (44%) have different rules for 3rd parties than for applicants.
- Most Offices (96%) publish designs online

Outcomes

- Task Force will consider results of survey as they work on proposal for standard
- IB to publish results with CWS approval

■ Thank you for your attention!