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Annual Technical Report on Trademark Information Activities 1999

I. Evolution of registration activities:

Nothing new to report

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, and distribution of secondary sources of trademark information, i.e., trademarks gazettes:

The Industrial Property Protection Office of the Republic of Macedonia issues the official gazette "Glasnik". The gazette is issued four times yearly, every three months. This official gazette contains data concerning new registrations, modifications, renewals, cancellations and corrections, as well as information regarding other activities of the Office, in the country and abroad. There are very often commentaries of actual activities in protection of the industrial property rights. The Office issues Annual Report for its activities in the former year. In this Report there is basic data for trademarks;

III. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of trademark information:

Trademarks are classified according to the International Classification of Goods and Services for the purpose of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification). Bibliographic data of trademark applications and registered trademarks are stored as a data base on magnetic disc and they are machine searchable.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

Trademark files are kept in paper form in the library, and they are updated continuously.

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems:

In the field of computerization several activities were taken during the 1999:

- In – house systems:

At the moment there is no global in – house system, but In cooperation with the EPO, Common Software light is planned to be implemented at the end of 2000.

However, the WIPO and EPO CD – ROM publications are widely used on dedicated workstations or servers with multiple access.

- External databases:

esp@cenet

- Administrative management systems:

Electronic register of published trademarks

- Hardware:

- 100 Mbit/per seat switched Ethernet network
- Xylan switches (48 ports)
- Motorola vanguard router
- 26 Celeron 430 MHz, 64 MB RAM, 4,3 GB HDD PCs and 17" monitors
- 4 Pentium 60 – 133 MHz, 16 MB PCs
- 1 application sever with dual PII 400 MHz, 320 MB RAM, and 9GB SCSCI HDD
- Pairgain modern 64 Kbit – 2Mbit
- Windiws NT 4 as platform deployed on more than 80% of the computers

- Windows 95/98 where hardware requirements for Windows NT are not met
- Windows NT server

VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, registering trademarks, assisting clients with search procedures, obtaining official publications and registry extracts):

The Office disposes with information relating to trademarks entered into the Office register.

The Library has a collection of relevant publications and periodicals which are available to all interested persons at the Office library.

One workstation in the Office is available for external users to conduct searches in the ROMARIN database on CD-ROM, received from the WIPO.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information:

The Office send and receive trademark gazettes in paper form. The official gazettes, as well as The Annual Report are distributed to the next countries: YU, HR, SI, BG, CZ, PL, SE, TR, AT, AL, BY, BE, KR, FR, HU, CH, DA, ER, GB, US, JP, PT, KP, RU, SK, ES, MD and FI. The Office is receiving gazettes and annual reports from the next countries: AT, BG, ER, BY, MD, PL, HU, UA, FI, CZ, RU, SK, JP, YU, HR and SI.

VIII. Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries:

During the year 1999, the employees from the trademark department participated at several seminars organized by the EPO under the RIPP training activities program, namely:

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- the seminar " International Seminar on Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights " in Arlington, Virginia, US;

- the seminar " Trademark Examination " in Hague, NL

IX. Other relevant matters.

Nothing to report.

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