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I Evolution of registration activities

The Benelux Trademarks Office introduced during 1999 a system for electronic filing of applications. The electronic documents are based on Informs and may be transferred to the BTO through in extranet (Groupwise) or by using normal E-mail. Applicants will receive an acknowledgment with an attributed filing number within 24 hours. Also requests for a search can be lodged through this system. It is foreseen to build a similar system for Benelux applications in the field of Models and Designs.

The BTO will give priority during the year 2000 to the development of a similar system covering International Trademark Applications.

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

There have been no significant changes in these areas during the year 2000.

III Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of trademark information

There have been no new developments within the BTO in this area.

IV Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep

The BTO does not maintain a manual search file.

V Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems

The BTO has converted its image search system from a UNIX to an AS 400 environment. This will facilitate the dissemination of trademarks through Internet, a project foreseen for the near future.

VI Administration of trademark services available to the public

Besides the developments mentioned under I., there has been no major changes in these areas.

VII Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information

There are have been no significant further developments in this area.

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

In 1999, the BTO organized two Specialized Training Courses on the Legal and Administrative Aspects of Trademarks, in cooperation with WIPO.

The Seminar on Administrative Issues in Patent and Trademark Procedures was organized in cooperation with WIPO, EPO and the Netherlands Industrial Property Office.

IX. Other relevant matters

No particular issues to highlight.