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TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITY IN 1999  
Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic**

*I. Evolution of registration activities*

In comparison with the statistics of the year 1998, there are following results in 1999 in trademark area.

	1998	1999
Trademark applications	10 191	10 069
- national	3 428	3 452
- domestic	1 719	1 679
- foreign	1 709	1 773
- international	6 763	6 617
Registered trademarks	4 335	5 109

Trademark application procedure without changes.

*II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction and distribution of secondary sources of trademark information*

MS Office 97, QuarkXpress 3.32 for Windows and Corel Draw 7.0, Photoshop 5.0 is used for the graphic data processing; the photocomposing and printing is carried out by the Office.

The Official Gazette - Vestník ÚPV SR - issued monthly in paper and electronic form in the Internet, contains information on inventions, granted patents, registered utility models, topographies of semiconductor products, trademarks, industrial designs and appellation of origin.

The Gazette contains trademark announcements arranged in following main chapters:

- publications of trademark applications
- trademark registrations
- trademark renewals
- trademark assignments
- partial assignments
- change of data concerning trademark owners
- change in the list of goods and services
- change of wording or reproduction of trademarks
- lapse of trademark rights
- registration of licence agreements in respect of trademarks
- international registration of trademarks
- official decisions (cancellation, etc.)

Trademarks are available in electronic form in the Office's web site as well as on ESPACE TRACES CD ROM (Trademarks from the Region of Eastern and Central European States).

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

Goods and services are classified in accordance with the Nice Classification of Goods and Services.

The Vienna Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks is used as the code system of figurative elements. The national trademarks registered before 1992 are classified according to the national classification of figurative elements of trademarks. They are being reclassified according to the Vienna Classification.

The WIPO Standard ST. 60 is used in the Gazette for bibliographic data coding.

According to the Trademark Law No. 55/1997, the applicant is obliged to indicate in the application the goods and services for which the trademark is filed in the order of the International Classification (Nice Classification) together with the appropriate number of this Classification. It is possible to carry out searches according to bibliographic data in all the databases used for the trademarks.

#### *IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep*

The manual search systems (figurative register) were kept in paper form. It is updated regularly.

The trademark gazettes from foreign offices and ROMARIN CD-ROM from WIPO are received.

#### *V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems*

The online trademark database kept by the Industrial Property Office serves for national trademarks searches and also for trademark procedure.

International trademarks searches are performed in the ROMARIN database on CD-ROM received from the WIPO (accessible on local network through the UltraNet 2000 system).

Office automation management system contains trademark registry.

Administrative databases based on Lotus Notes.

Hardware and software used:

- network ETHERNET, computers PC Pentium, operating system WINDOWS, HP LAN Server, Novell Netware 3.12 and WINDOWS NT 4.0, FoxPro for Win, CD server.

#### *VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public*

Sales of the Gazette in paper form.

On-line searches in Office's search system, self service during a personal visit.

Manual searches in card catalogues (history), self service during a personal visit.

Searches in International Trademarks Database ROMARIN.

General information - provided by Office experts.

Searches upon request - orders in written form.

Trademark information on the World Wide Web:

- general information
- information about Office activities (seminars, training courses, etc.)
- application guide and forms
- relevant laws
- Annual Reports
- select registry data
- Official Gazette

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

The Office sends the Official Gazette to 33 countries, including the EPO and the WIPO within the frame of mutual exchange.

Regional co-operation: participation in the joint ESPACE TRACES CD ROM project (Trademarks of BG, CZ, HU, PL, RO and SK).

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

Lectures, training courses, seminars and presentations were organised for the public; excursion from enterprises and schools were accepted

The Office experts participated in training courses and seminars organised by the WIPO and foreign Industrial Property Offices.

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