Annual Technical Report on Trademark Information Activities in 1998

I. Evolution of registration activities

In 1998, 1088 applications for registration under national procedure and 8 applications for the right to use appellations of origin were filed with Armpatent. 2226 notifications were received under the Arrangement of Madrid for international registration of trademarks with indication of Armenia.

Decisions for concession of the right to use appellation of origin were adopted with respect to 6 applications.

64 certificates and 137 positive decisions were granted.

1040 applications have been subjected to preliminary examination as a result of which all applications were accepted for examination. 9 applications were withdrawn by the applicants.

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

In. 1998, four numbers of the Official Bulletin "Industrial Property" were published in the course of one year. There were published data on 69 granted patents: among them 61 on inventions, 3 on utility models, 5 on industrial designs. In the bulletins were published also data on 2000 trademarks and service marks, one registration of appellation of origin and 5 certificates on the right to use appellations of origin. Were published also in these bulletins the law of the Republic of Armenia on Trademarks and Service Marks, Appellations of Origin adopted in 1997.

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

When registering trademarks, goods and services axe classified in accordance with International classification of goods and services (Nice Classification) and figurative elements of marks in accordance with International classification of figurative elements of marks (Vienna Classification).

The applicants must indicate the list of goods and services in the application on the registration of trademark in accordance with ICGS.

There exists an automated database on trademarks, received applications and registered trademarks.

With the help of the automated database search practically is carried out by all bibliographic data

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V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems

In 1998, the works on automation of the Office and its technical support were continued. Previously elaborated subsystems were improved and new design works carried out. the subsystems examination in the departments of Trademarks and Trade Names (subsystems 1 and 3) are fully automated. The applications received are introduced into the current database from where, after registration, they are re-addressed to the database of State Registers. In this course of operation, the users have the possibility to perform searches by a number of parameters in different combinations and to review data in the current and main databases, as well as to use the built-in guide on Vienna and Nice classifications, the law of the RA on fees and the information on patent attorneys registered in Armenia. The system permits to automatically compose and print letters, decisions and notifications, to perform automatic computations and control the payment of official fees, to receive and print various statistic data, to perform search and transfer of data to the editing system.

The database on administrative and territorial entities has been designed and implemented in 1998. This base contains data on the administrative and territorial entities of the Republic of Armenia, which are used during the examination of trade names, appellations of origin and trademarks.

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