

**ARIPO Annual Technical Report on**  
**Trademark Activities in 1998**

**I. Evolution of Registration Activities**

- The number of filings and registrations with respect to 1997 reduced by 30%.

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

- Registered Marks are published in paper form.
- The quarterly journal contains bibliographic information of trademark applications, trademarks registered and the status of most trademarks and trademarks applications.
- Word processing and WINISIS database were the main software used on PCs interconnected peer to peer using Windows 95.

**III. Matters concerning classifying, re-classifying and indexing of trademark information:**

- Classification and reclassification activities: Nice classification is used.
- No electronic classification system is used
- Obligation for applicants to use pre-defined terms of the classification applied: applicants must use the Nice classification
- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes: - bibliographic data is manually captured into the AFMARK database for search and administrative purposes.

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

- File Building: Manual search files have been established
- Updating: The files are updated with the new applications and registrations
- Storage: The search files are stored in hardcopy format in metal cabinets
- Documentation from other offices: No documentation from other offices are available as search files as yet.

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

- External databases: No activity
- Administrative management systems: The AFMARK database is also used for administrative purposes.
- Equipment used: PCs interconnected by a local area network using Windows 95 and WINISIS.

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

- Trademark services are available to the public. only on request

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

- ARIPO has exchange agreements with regard to trademarks with the following offices:- USPTO, BR, OA, JPO, KIPO, ZW, ZM, MW, CH, DE and OHIM.

**VIII Other relevant matters concerning education and training in and promotion of the use of trademark information including technical assistance to developing countries.**

- ARIPO staff were trained at the EPO, GB and WIPO and staff from member states were trained at ARIPO.
- WIPO, GB and the EPO facilitated ARIPO to undertake many seminars, exhibitions and visits.