

ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON TRADEMARK
INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1998

Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic

I. Evolution of registration activities:

In comparison with the statistics of the year 1997, there were following results in 1998 in the trademark area.

	1997	1998
Trademark applications	17 720	17 183
National	9 219	8 399
Domestic	6 627	6 073
Foreign	2 592	2 326
International	8 501	8 784
Renewals	1 896	1 953
National	958	753
International	938	1 200
Registered trademarks	20 075	15 961

Trademark applications procedure without changes.

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

Information concerning the Czech trademarks is published in the Official Gazette, Vestník UPV“ part B, issued monthly. This Gazette contains the following types of announcements:

- 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 the wording or representation of trademarks
- Lapse of trademark rights

- Registration of licence agreements in respect of trademarks
- International registration of trademarks
- Cancellations of national trademarks
- Official decisions.

CD-ROM containing national trademarks is available as the mass storage medium.

Word processing used: Microsoft Word

Office automation: application OZ (TRADIS)

Technology used for the generation of trademark information: record in the database.

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

For the purposes of trademark filing and registration the Nice Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks and Vienna Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks are used in the Czech Republic.

According to the Trademark Law No. 137/1995, the trademark application shall contain a list of goods or services for which the mark is to be registered. Goods and services are listed in sequence of classes of the Nice Classification and the appropriate number of this classification is mentioned.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

The manual search system ceased to be built and used in 1996.

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

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

In - house system: on-line application „OZ“ (trademarks)

Administrative management systems: register, legal status, statistics

Equipment used: PC servers, PC working stations, Token Ring network, protocol Netbios, database system ORACLE, operation system OS2, Microsoft Office.

VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public:

The information center for trademarks was established in the Office where the staff provides the public with information concerning trademark applications filing as well as all the printed forms. The service officials answer telephone queries and carry out the simple searches in the trademark database. The extensive searches before trademark application filing are carried out by the Office staff on order or by applicants themselves. The services are supplied in the Office reading room being subject to a charge. There is possible to receive printed outputs on these searches.

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

The trademark official gazettes in paper form are received on exchange basis. The CZ Office participates in the CD-ROM TRACES project.

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

- Trademark examiners participated in training courses organized by the EPO
- Short-time training for the public on practical performance on-line trademark searches was organized by the Industrial Property Training Institute.