

## **Annual Technical Report on Trademark Information Activities of the Patent Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan in 1998**

### **1. Evolution of registration activities:**

4960 national and 3047 international trademark applications with the designation of Kazakhstan were filed in 1998. There were no changes in terms of application filings with respect to the previous year.

The new Trademark Law was developed in 1998 (It is expected to be adopted in 1999).

### **2. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction and distribution of secondary sources of trademark information:**

The trademark data (bibliographic data and images) are extracted automatically from the database "Znak" and a camera ready copy of the trademark gazette is prepared in the Office to be printed by external typographic company (4 issues per year). The bilingual (Kazakh and Russian) official gazette "Onerkecip Menshigi" is distributed on subscription, by sales and mutual exchange with the patent offices.

### **3. Matters concerning classifying, reclassifying and indexing of trademark information:**

The Office uses the Nice classification (the 7-th edition) and the Vienna Classification system (the 4-th edition with an additional national category, some divisions and sections ).

### **4. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:**

The paper search consists of dictionaries, encyclopedia and other books.

### **5. Activities in the field of computerized search systems:**

The Patent Office has developed a computerized in-house search system which contains all the information on applied, registered, withdrawn, canceled, rejected trademarks as well as all the amendments with regard to the trademarks (changes of address, assignments, license contracts). Searches on mark names and images, names of applicants, dates of filing, classes of goods and services are available.

The system of administrative management processing data relating to registration (producing notifications on registration and other documents) and to statistics was developed.

External databases used: WIPO ROMARIN and Article 6TER on CD-ROM.

Equipment used: a local network including 10 PCs, 7 printers ( including 1 color printer), two scanners, XEROX 5026.

**6. Administration of trademark services available to the public:**

The following trademark information is available to the public:

- Trademark Gazette,
- extracts from the State Trademark Register - on request,
- identity/similarity searches - on request.

The Patent Office is represented in Internet.

**7. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information:**

The Patent Office exchanges the trademark gazettes with 16 countries (mainly with countries of CIS).

**8. Matters concerning education and training:**

Public reports, courses and training programs in the field of trademark law and trademark information are frequently organized by the Patent Office.