

ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT OF THE STATE PATENT BUREAU
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA (SPB)
ON TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1998

I. Evolution of registration activities.

Application filings and registrations in 1998:

- 4194 Applications filed direct with the SPB, from which 44,0% Applications originating in Lithuania (including 15 International Applications);
- 4597 Trademarks registered;
- 2367 International Registrations extended to Lithuania under Madrid Protocol.

Compared with 1997 the number of:

- filings direct with the SPB increased by 2,3%;
- filings originating in Lithuania increased by 38,2%;
- Trademark Registrations is higher by 101,6%.

Lithuania, United States of America, Germany remain the leading countries of origin as reflected in filings 1995-1998.

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

The Official Gazette on Inventions, Industrial Designs, Trademarks and Service Marks, Firm Names contains announcements published on the Trademark Registrations:

- Published Registrations;
- Cancelled Registrations;
- Changes: in the name/address of the holder/attorney or in the representation of the mark/in the list of goods and/or services;
- Renewal of Registrations;
- Lapsed Registrations;
- Transfer of Marks;
- Licensing;
- Invalidated Registrations;
- Revoked Registrations;
- Rectifications.

Sections of the Official Gazette are coded in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.17.

On July 28, 1998 the Lithuanian Technical Library (LTB) has been included into the the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania government sphere with the aim of developing the library into a resource for more comprehensive industrial property information.

The Official Gazette is prepared using DTP tools, produced in multiple copies and may be obtained at the **LTB**.

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

Registrations have been classified in accordance with the:

- seventh edition of the International (Nice) Classification;
- third edition of the International (Vienna) Classification.

Internationally agreed Numbers for the Identification of Data (INID Codes) relating to Marks were used in the Register and in the Official Gazette.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep.

The internal file of the SPB contains Lithuanian Official Gazette.

The exchange of the Official Gazette of the SPB with foreign states and intergovernmental organizations is effected by the **LTB**, and this way the **LTB** is updated with national and foreign documentation.

Patent file of the **LTB** contains national and foreign Official Gazettes.

The card index "Protection of Industrial Property in Lithuania" is maintained and file of Lithuanian Trademark Applications (on paper) is also open to the public access at the **LTB**.

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

The Register of Trademarks and Service Marks is a database (Informix) which contains all bibliographic and legal status data (including changes in names, addresses, licences, transfers).

Data from the FoxPro 2.0 (developed by the Lithuanian Information Institute) into the Common Software (Informix) developed by the French Company SWORD and implemented by the French Company JOUVE (under the PHARE/-/RIPP Programme) were transited in 1998. The Common Software (Informix) is maintained by the local contractor "Sidabrinis Tinklas".

The internal file of the SPB contains the following CD-ROM databases:

- ROMARIN;
- TRACES.

VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, registering trademarks, assisting clients with search procedures, obtaining official publications and registry extracts).

The Register of Trademarks and Service Marks is open to public access only in the following form:

- Extract from the Register (on request)
- Official Gazette.

The most recent issue of the Official Gazette is monthly provided on the INTERNET (<http://www.is.lt/vpb/engl>).

The Patent Department of the **LTB** is the Information Centre of Industrial Property in Lithuania.

LTB provides bibliographic and enquiry searches.

Computers of the reading-room of the **LTB** are connected to the Internet, so the public users have a possibility to get information also through the world computer network.

The official industrial property publications of the SPB may be obtained at the **LTB**.

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

Official Gazette of the SPB is distributed in 41 foreign states and intergovernmental organizations (AM, AT, BG, BY, CA, CH, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, JP, KG, KZ, LV, MC, MD, NO, NZ, PL, RO, RU, SE, SI, SK, TJ, TM, TR, UA, US, UZ, YU, BX, EP, WO) on the basis of mutual exchange.

Monthly supply of the COMPU-MARK with bibliographic data continued.

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

Lithuanian specialists took part in the following training courses:

- Training for regional information centres (Alicante);
- Trademarks: International agreements and classification systems (Prague).

The SPB specialists participated in the following Common Software meetings:

- Joined mission with JOUVE to Patentdirektoratet (Copenhagen);
- Working Party on the quality control of the documentation and study of the source codes (Sofia).

The SPB and “Sidabrinis Tinklas” specialists participated at the following training for the Common Software technology transfer:

- Introduction (Vilnius);
- HyperScript training (Paris);
- Development course D8 (Mayenne).

IX. Other relevant matters.

The SPB participated in the following PCIPI/SCIT activities in 1998:

- Electronic communication of PCIPI/SCIT files via the INTERNET;
- PCIPI/GI/XX (session);
- SCIT/WG/1 (session).