

annual technical report on trademark information activities in 1998

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I. Evolution of registration activities :

- Changes experienced in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to the previous year : None
- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year : None

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

- Publishing , printing , copying techniques :
In 1998 , 3111 trademarks were registered and published in the Industrial Property Gazette.
- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of trademark information :
 - * The Industrial Property Gazette containing the following data :
 - + Bibliographic data of trademark registrations to be published ,
 - + All goods and services of trademark registrations to be published ,
 - + Renewal ; cancellation , termination of granted titles .
 - Mass storage media used : paper and electronic form
 - Word processing and office automation : Electronic trademark registrations database has been established.
 - Techniques used for the generation of trademark information :
 - * Offset printer ,
 - * Personal computers ,
 - * scanners ,
 - * Laser printers .

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

- Classification and reclassification activities; Classification systems used :
 - * 3642 trademark applications have been classified,
 - * Classification system used : International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks(Nice Classification) and International Classification of Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Classification).
- Use of electronic classification systems to check the classification symbols furnished by an applicant and which are contained in the lists of goods and/or services : Not yet .
- Obligation for applicants to use pre-defined terms of the classification applied : Not yet .
- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes :
 - * Bibliographic data of trademark applications and registrations are inputted in personal computer.
 - * Bibliographic cards of trademarks are arranged by classification systems applied.

IV. trademark manual Search file establishment and upkeep :

- File building :
 - * Bibliographic cards comprising all informations about trademark registrations , exception of list of goods and/or services ,
- Updating : monthly
- Storage : paper.
- Documentation from other Offices are maintained and considered as the separated search file.

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

- In-house systems(online/offline) : Novel LAN has been built.
- External databases :
 - * CD-ROMs consist of trademark data published by WIPO ,OHIM , USPTO
 - * Trademark databases are available on the Website of JPO,USPTO, AIPO

- Administrative management systems : All trademark data are computerized for legal status ,statistics and administrative support purposes .
- Equipments used :
 - * Personal computers ,
 - * Laserjet printers.

VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public:

- * A public reading room and industrial property library are maintained within the same building as the National Office of Industrial Property of Vietnam where any user may obtain domestic and foreign trademark informations .
 - * The following services are available to the public :
 - + Similar searches ,
 - + Identical searches ,
 - + copying trademark documents.
- All services are available by direct visit or telephone/fax/e-mail.

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

- International or regional cooperation in the exchange of trademark information , e.g., in the form of official gazettes : 27 international and national patent offices.
- Exchange of machine-readable information : Not yet .

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

- Training courses for national and foreign participants: During 1998 the National Office of Industrial Property by itself or in co-operation with WIPO,EPO and JPO , and local organizations /institutions organized 20 seminars and training courses on patent documentation and information.
- Promotional activities : In 1998 the National Office of Industrial Property conducted 6 awareness campaigns on industrial property for the public to get familiar with IPR.