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**Annual Technical Report
on Trademark Information Activities
of the Patent Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan
in 1999**

1. Evolution of registration activities:

In 1999 the number of trademark applications reduced to 4015 compared to 4960 trademark applications in 1998.

New Trademark Law was adopted in 1999.

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

The trademark bibliographic data and images are extracted automatically from the database "Znak" and a camera ready copy of the gazette is prepared in the trademark division of the Office to be printed by external typographic company (12 issues per year). The bilingual official gazette "OHepekciII MeHIIIiri" is distributed on subscription, by sales and mutual exchange.

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 a national additional category, additional divisions and sections).

4. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

The manual search is made with the help 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Office has developed a computerized in-house search system which contains all the information on applied, registered, withdrawn, cancelled, rejected trademarks.

Searches on marknames and images, names of the applicants, dates of filing, classes of goods and services are available.

System of administrative management processes data relating to registration (produces notifications on registration and other documents) and statistics.

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

Equipment used: local network including 11 PCs of Pentium type, 5 printers, 2 scanners, XEROX 5026. A modernization of the local network is planned in 2000.

6. Administration of trademark services available to the public:

The following trademark information is available to the public:

- the Trademark Official 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). Exchange of machine-readable information will be available in near future.

8. Matters concerning education and training

Promotional activity of the Office comprises seminars, visits to various cities of the Republic, participation in regional exhibitions, public reports and training courses (for the representatives of the regional technical libraries, for instance).