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OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA (SPB)  
ON TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1999

*I. Evolution of registration activities.*

Application filings and registrations in 1999:

- 2847 applications filed direct with the SPB, from which 59,1% applications originating in Lithuania (including 9 international applications)
- 5533 trademarks registered
- 3354 notifications to extend protection of international registrations to Lithuania received.

Compared with 1998 the number of:

- filings direct with the SPB decreased by 32,1%
- filings originating in Lithuania decreased by 33,5%
- Lithuanian trademark registrations is higher by 20,4%
- international registrations extensions increased by 41,7%.

Lithuania, United States of America, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Italy and Germany are the leading countries of origin as reflected in filings in 1999.

*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 in 1999 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
- Transfer of marks
- Licensing
- Invalidated registrations
- Rectifications.

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

In 1998 the Lithuanian Technical Library (LTL) has been included into the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania government sphere.

**In order to enhance the information system of industrial property protection in Lithuania, on February 1, 1999 the LTL had a new structural unit established, i.e. Patent Information Centre (PIC).**

The Official Gazette is prepared using DTP tools, printed and may be obtained at the **PIC**.

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

Registrations have been classified in accordance with:

- 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 organisations is effected by the **PIC**, and this way the **PIC** is updated with national and foreign documentation.

Patent file of the **PIC** 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 **PIC**.

### *V. Activities in the field of computerised trademark search systems.*

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

Common Software developed by the French Company SWORD and implemented by the French Company JOUVE (under the PHARE/-/RIPP Programme) is maintained by the local contractor “Sidabrinis Tinklas”.

The internal file of the SPB contains the ROMARIN CD-ROM database.

Last year, **PIC** also acquired a set of CD-ROMs with international trademarks, ROMARIN, which attracted attention of patent attorneys.

Public users have a possibility to use the following **PIC** CD-ROM databases:

- Schweizerisches Patent-, Muster- und Markenblatt
- CD-BOPI (ES)
- Unexamined/International Trademarks Gazettes CD-ROM (JP)
- Trademarks Gazettes CD-ROM (JP)
- TRACES
- EUROM
- Community Trademarks Bulletin
- ROMARIN

- WIPO Gazette of International Marks
- NIVILO:CLASS
- Article 6ter.

In 1999 LTL web site (<http://www.tb.lt>) addressing the issues of the **PIC** was expanded. The site offers information about the available documents, services, electronic databases on CD-ROM, subscribed publications, forms of orders thereof, sources in the Internet, newly received books, etc.

*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.

In 1999, the provision of the most recent issue of the Official Gazette of the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania monthly on the SPB Web site continued (<http://www.is.lt/vpb/eng/>).

The **PIC** offers to its visitors the opportunity to get acquainted with a wide range of Lithuanian publications: Official Gazettes of the SPB, documents on trade and services marks applications, annual reports by the SPB, sets of communications and regulations.

In 1999 the **PIC** had 857 subscribers (including enterprises, firms, individuals) registered. Among patent attorneys, rather high interest was shown towards trade and services marks applications filed in Lithuania.

The personnel of the **PIC** rendered a wide range of information services: search of trademarks in CD-ROM databases and Internet, search of Lithuanian trademarks.

The **PIC** also was handling bibliographic data card index "Protection of Industrial Property in Lithuania", organising topical and novelty exhibitions.

The official publications of the SPB may be obtained at the **PIC**.

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

In 1999 the official gazette of the SPB was distributed in 43 foreign states and intergovernmental organisations (AM, AT, BA, BG, BY, BX, CA, CH, CZ, DE, DK, EE, EM, EP, ES, FI, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, JP, KG, KZ, LV, MC, MD, MK, NO, PL, RO, RU, SE, SI, SK, TJ, TM, TR, UA, US, UZ, WO, YU) on the basis of mutual exchange.

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

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

Lithuanian specialists took part in the following training courses and meetings:

- Trademarks: international agreements and classifications (BX)
- PATLIB99 Conference in Lucern (CH).
- 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> RIPP Coordination Meetings in Vilnius (LT) and in Sinaia (RO).

The SPB and “Sidabrinis Tinklas” specialists participated in the following Common Software meeting:

- Evaluation meeting in Munich (EP).

In 1999 the Lithuanian version of Video on Industrial Property Protection was produced in accordance with PHARE-RIPP by the ADVANCE MULTI-MEDIA Ltd.

#### *IX. Other relevant matters.*

In 1999 the Strategy 2000 of the Industrial Property Information System of the Republic of Lithuania was defined (approved by the Order of the SPB Director No.118 of 4 October 1999).

The Strategy 2000 envisages the main goals of the SPB for the coming years:

- The replenishment of the SPB Web site with Lithuanian industrial property information data in accordance with requirements of the WIPO
- The use of [esp@cenet](mailto:esp@cenet) and WIPONET for the dissemination of Lithuanian industrial property information data.

The SPB participated in the following SCIT activities in 1999:

- Electronic communication of PCIP/SCIT files via the INTERNET
- Second and Fourth Plenary Sessions of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT2 and SCIT4)
- Second Joint Meeting of the Working Groups of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT/WG/2).