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– The term “patent” covers utility models and SPCs.
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Annual Technical Reports on Patent Information Activities in 1999

I. Evolution of patent activities

The average duration of examination of application in 1999 as well as in 1998 was 17 months. The breakdown of filed applications in 1997, 1998 and 1999 according to the International Patent Classification sections is presented in table 1.

Sections of IPC	1997	1998	1999
A. Human necessities	45	25	40
B. Performing operations, transporting	8	7	8
C. Chemistry, metallurgy	31	16	13
D. Textiles, paper	-	-	4
E. Fixed constructions, mining	5	9	6
F. Mechanical engineering, lighting, heating, weapons, blasting	10	3	7
G. Physics	12	9	19
H. Electricity	7	14	31
Total	118	83	128

The analysis shows that the great part of application received in 1999 relates to sections A and H, and in 1997 and 1998 relates to section A and C.

II. Matters concerning generation, reproduction, distribution and use of primary and secondary sources of patent information

In 1999 as on previous year 4 numbers of the Official Bulletin "Industrial Property" were published: No. 1(9), No.2 (10), No.3 (11) and No.4 (12). The bulletins were published in two languages: Armenian and Russian.

There were published data on 205 patents granted on inventions, 5 patents on utility models, and 11 patents on industrial designs. In the bulletins were published also data on 2428 registered trademarks and service marks. Were published also in these bulletins the following legislative and normative documents: "Regulation on drafting, filing and examination of applications for registration trademarks and service marks", "Regulation on drafting, filing and examination of application for registration and (or) concession of the right to use appellation of origin", "Procedure on carrying out search by order in the fund of trademarks registered in RA", "Procedure on introduction changes in State Register of trademarks and service marks and in certificates, extension of time limit on registration of trademarks and service marks".

Technical Reports and Patent Information, Inventions, Industrial design, trademarks and service marks were sent to World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Official bulletins free of charge were sent to Armenian Research Institute of Scientific and technical Information, the Fundamental Library of the National Academy of Sciences of RA, the libraries of the Yerevan State University, State Engineering University, Armenian Academy of Agriculture, National Library and National Book Chamber of Armenia.

Annual Report on activities of Armpatent for 1998 was published in three languages (Armenian, Russian, and English).

III. Matters concerning abstracting, classifying, reclassifying and indexing of technical information contained in patent documents

- Under Article 19 of the Law of RA “On Patents” abstract is compulsory document of filed application. The Armpatent edits the abstracts filed by the applicant and from 1997 implements the translation of abstracts of granted patents in Russian.
- Classifying and reclassifying of the received applications in 1999 were performed by the 6th edition of IPC.
- Unifying indexing of patent information is carried out by INID codes (digital codes for identification of data co-ordinate with international level) under the standards of WIPO.
- In the process of the examination of applications the Armenian Patent Office uses the bibliographical data and full descriptions of foreign and national patents. The Armenian Patent Office publishes the bibliographical data, claims and full description of each national patent.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

The file is created by the Republic Scientific Technical Library of the Ministry of Economy, where the Armenian Patent Office passes all the received informative materials

V. Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized search system

In 1999, the works on automation of the Office and its technical support were continued, preciously elaborated subsystems were improved and new design works carried out. In the year under review were elaborated databases “Search” and “Inter TM” which essentially permits to simplify the clerical work on international registration of corresponding statistical data including financial.

In the year under review the technical requirements were elaborated which are submitted to the database on inventions under development.

In 1999 the collaborators of Armenian Patent Office took part in the works for the elaboration of a test CD-ROM for CIS countries. In the request format data on 42 inventions were submitted (bibliographical data and abstract in English and Russian, the “first page”- in Armenian). Within June and December 1999, according to the previously elaborated plan, the Office organized works on decision “2000. Problem”.

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VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information

Within the limits of exchange of Patent information, the Armenian Patent Office distributed 17 copies of official bulletins, and 18 copies of annual reports to Patent Offices of foreign countries as well as to WIPO, European Patent Office (EPO) and Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO).

VIII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, promotion of, the use of patent information, including technical assistance to developing countries.

Armenian Patent Office took part in arrangements organized by WIPO, EPO and EAPO by sending the collaborators to participate in seminars and training courses and in seminars with cooperation of CIS Patent Offices.

In 1999, 24 collaborators of the Office took part in seminars, symposiums organized in Vienna, Munich, Almaty, Sankt-Petersburg, Moscow, Kishinev, Tbilisi and Tashkent. In September at the 34th meeting of Governing Bodies of WIPO which took place in Geneva, Mr. S. L. Khantardjian, the President of the Armenian Patent Office was elected as Vice-President of Governing Bodies of Patent Cooperation Treaty.

In September 1999, Mr. Yeno Bobrovsky, Head of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia Section of WIPO, came to Armenian Patent Office for consultation on introducing requirements of TRIPS Agreement in the Laws of RA. In December, 1999 Ms. Nina Formby the Administrator of the International Technical Cooperation Department of EPO came to Armenia for the purpose of negotiations on the subjects of the seminar which is being planned to be organized in October 2000, Yerevan. Together with other issues it was agreed to continue the financing the courses on teaching foreign languages to the collaborators of the Office in 2000.

In December 1999 the Constitutional Court of RA approved materials for accession to the Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement concerning the international registration of marks.

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