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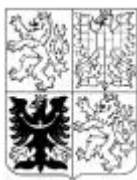
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ON TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

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Re: *Task No. 24 of the SCIT Work Program:*
Annual Technical Reports on Trademark Information Activities in 1999

Dear Mr. Wittig,

In reply to your letter C.SCIT 2488 from March 16, 2000 we are sending you in the enclosure the Annual Technical Report on Trademark Information Activities of the Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic in 1999.

Sincerely yours,

Svetlana Kopecká
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**ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON TRADEMARK
INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1999**

Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic

I. Evolution of registration activities:

In comparison with the statistics of the year 1998, there were following results in 1999 in the trademark area.

	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>
Trademark applications	17 183	18 161
National	8 399	9 720
Domestic	6 073	7 379
Foreign	2 326	2 341
International	8 784	8 441
Renewals	1 953	2 154
National	753	958
International	1 200	1 196
Registered trademarks	15 961	14 328

Trademark applications procedure without changes.

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

Information concerning the Czech trademarks is published in the Official Gazette, Vestník ÚPV part B, issued monthly. This Gazette contains the following types of announcements:

- Publications of trademark applications
- Trademark registrations
- Trademark renewals
- Trademark assignments

- Partial assignments
- Change of data concerning trademark owners
- Change in the list of goods and services
- Change of the wording or representation of trademarks
- Lapse of trademark rights

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- Registration of license agreements in respect of trademarks
- International registration of trademarks
- Cancellations of national trademarks
- Official decisions.

CD-ROM containing national trademarks is available as the mass storage medium.

Word processing used: Microsoft Word

Office automation: application OZ (TRADIS)

Technology used for the generation of trademark information: record in the database.

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

For the purposes of trademark filing and registration the Nice Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks and Vienna Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks are used in the Czech Republic.

According to the Trademark Law No. 137/1995, the trademark application shall contain a list of goods or services for which the mark is to be registered. Goods and services are listed in sequence of classes of the Nice Classification and the appropriate number of this classification is mentioned.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

The manual search system ceased to be built and used in 1996.

The trademark gazettes from foreign offices and ROMARIN CD-ROMs from WIPO are received.

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

In - house system: on-line application „OZ“ (trademarks).

Administrative management systems: register, legal status and statistics.

Equipment used: PC servers, PC working stations, Token Ring network, protocol Netbios, database system ORACLE, operation system OS2, Microsoft Office.

Database of the Czech national trademarks is available on the Internet page of the Office. In 2000, the international trademarks valid in the Czech Republic from the ROMARIN database were included.

VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public:

The information center for trademarks was established in the Office where the officials provide the public with information concerning trademark applications filing as well as all the printed forms. The officials answer there telephone queries and carry out the simple searches in the trademark database. The extensive searches before trademark application filing are carried out by the staff in the reading room on order or by applicants themselves. The services supplied in the Office reading room are subject to a charge. There is possible to receive printed outputs on these searches.

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

The trademark official gazettes in paper form are received on exchange basis. The CZ Office takes part in the CD-ROM TRACES project.

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

- Trademark examiners participated in training courses organized by the EPO and BBM.
- Industrial Property Training Institute organized short-time training courses for the public on on-line trademark searches.
- Training for participants from Brunei and St. Lucia organized with WIPO.