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**AUSTRIA****I. Evolution of registration activities:**

- Changes experienced in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to the previous year;
- Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year.

The following numbers of trademark applications and registrations in 2001 in Austria are presented in comparison with the numbers in 2000 (=100%):

National applications:	8 771	in 2001	(- 6%)
	9 338	in 2000	

National registrations:	8 307	in 2001	(+ 16%)
	7 167	in 2000	

MMA/MMP applications based on Austrian trademarks:	1 132	in 2001	(- 3,3%)
	1 171	in 2000	

International registration with effect in Austria:	11 341	in 2001	(-16,6%)
	13 597	in 2000	

86 % of the national trademark applications in 2001 originated from Austrian enterprises. The trend towards an increasing share of domestic applications observed during the last years continued also in 2001 (1997: 73,3%; 1998: 77,5%, 1999: 79,5%; 2000: 83,9%).

The number of trademark rights in force in Austria has further increased: 101.075 in 2001, 97.007 in 2000.

The majority of applications were filed in class 9 (1 197 applications), followed by class 35 (1 108 applications), class 16 (581 application) and class 41 (379 applications).

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

- Publishing, printing, copying techniques;
- Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of trademark information;
- Mass storage media and microforms used;
- Word processing and office automation;
- Techniques used for the generation of trademark information (printing, recording, photocomposing, etc.).

Nothing new to report since the 1996 report.

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

- Classification and reclassification activities; Classification systems used, e.g., International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification), International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Classification), other classification (please state whether goods and services for the registration of marks and whether the figurative elements of marks are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification(s) is (are) used);
- 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;
- Obligation for applicants to use pre-defined terms of the classification applied;
- Bibliographic data and processing for search purposes.

Nothing new to report since the 1999 report.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

- File Building;
- Updating;
- Storage, including mass storage media;
- Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file.

Nothing new to report since the 1997 report.

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

- In-house systems (online/offline);
- External databases;
- Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics, administrative support, etc.);
- Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), carriers used.

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Since new classes 43, 44 and 45 were introduced with date set January 1, 2002, the software programs for examination of similarity as to word and figurative elements of trademarks had to be amended. Depending on the filing date of trademarks for the classes 43, 44 and 45, the examination of similarity is automatically carried out also in class 42.

Additionally, an adjustment of the workflow based order trace software became necessary due to the increase in the number of classes.

A pilot system for handling the national trademark applications exclusively by an electronic administration system was elaborated. This project was initiated in 2000.

The project of converting the paper version of the national register of trademarks to an electronic register which was started in 2000, was finalized in 2001. The complete register of national trademarks is now available in an electronic version.

Due to the introduction of the EURO currency the EDP supported charging system had to be adjusted.

A higher-performance hardware was installed.

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):

- Planning, administration, automation, security;
- Collection management, preservation;
- Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and trademark information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web).

A more user-friendly Homepage was created in March 2001 offering now as an additional service free-of-charge information about bibliographic data and open and annual renewal fees for trademarks. The information can be interrogated by the application or registration number.

The address of the Austrian Homepage has changed to:

<http://www.patent.bmvit.gv.at>

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;
- Exchange of machine-readable information.

Nothing new to report since the 1998 report.

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

- Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.);
- Training courses for national and foreign participants;
- Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.).

Promotional activities:

On occasion of the registration of the 200.000<sup>th</sup> national trademark an exhibition, called “Trademarks Reflecting their Time”, was arranged by the office. The changing appearance of trademarks representing the aesthetic sense and preferences of an epoch was illustrated by means of representative examples originating from 8 different time periods thereby showing the close linkage between society and label.

A three-day workshop on the national practice of examination and registration of trademarks was held for members of OHIM at the office.

On the initiative of OHIM a one-day seminar on community trademarks took place in the office.

The Austrian Patent Office participated in 6 fairs.

Training courses:

Of all the seminars offered to Austrian enterprises, to members from universities and schools, at least 34 seminars also included trademark issues.

In cooperation with WIPO a seminar on trademark protection was organized by the office for the Intellectual Property Center of Georgia.

IX. Other relevant matters.

None.

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