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I. Evolution of registration activities:

In comparison with the statistics of the year 2000 there were following results in 2001 in the trademark area.

Trademark Applications	2000	2001
Total	19455	19031
National total	10366	10073
Domestic applicants	7642	8100
Foreign applicants	2724	1973
International	9089	8958
Renewals total	2559	3799
National	1170	2492
International	1389	1307
Registrations total	9071	10126
Domestic applicants	6641	7132
Foreign applicants	2430	2994

A favorable development was seen in the indicator of the number of applications under procedure. While at the end of 2000 there were 9834 pending national applications, at the end of 2001 the number of pending applications decreased for 7158 i.e. by more than 37%.

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

Information concerning the Czech trademarks is published in the Official Bulletin "Věstník ÚPV" part B, issued monthly in 300 pieces. There are no changes as regards its form and contents.

The Official Bulletin is published also on Office's web site starting from No. 1/2000.

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

The eight edition of the Nice Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks is used since 01.01.2002 for the purposes of trademark filing and registration. The Czech translation of this edition was prepared in 4th quarter 2001.

According to the valid trademark legislation, 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.

The fourth edition of the Vienna Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks is used.

In order to assist to applicants in the orientation in the above mentioned trademark classifications, classification systems were displayed on the web site of the Office.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

The manual search file is not built nor used since 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:

Search systems for Office staff:

- "TRADIS"- information system for trademark application procedure (national trademarks in the national procedure, national trademarks in the international procedure, international trademarks) – operated online;

Database Oracle 8.2;

Development software Oracle Developer.

- "WINIFRET" search system of national trademarks in the national procedure –updated weekly;

- "TORNADO" the new version of the search system for 2002 was prepared.

Search systems for the public:

Internet search system (national trademarks and international trademarks valid in the Czech Republic) – updating each 10 minutes;

Database Oracle 8i

Development software Oracle WebDB.

Hardware and software operated:

Servers: COMPAQ 4300, IBM RS/6000,

Operation systems Windows NT4, AIX;

Workstations: various PC types,

Operations systems Windows 95/98/2000,

Standard office applications MS Word, MS Excel, MS Access;

Company network: LAN – Token Ring, protocol TCP/IP.

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):

Trademark information services for the public are provided in the Trademark information center (information concerning trademark applications filing, telephone

queries, procedure information etc.), in the reading room (various kinds of trademark searches) or on the base of orders (trademark searches).

In 2001, 2932 trademark searches for the public were carried out.

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

Trademark official bulletins in paper form are received on exchange basis.

Participation in the CD-ROM TRACES project (electronic data sending).

Participation in the Project for Eastern Europe of the Compu-Mark company (electronic data sending).

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

Industrial Property Training Institute organized short-time training courses for the public on on-line trademark searches.

In the framework of courses organized by the WIPO Worldwide Academy, the Office welcomed trainees from Jamaica, Ukraine, Estonia and Moldova.

IX. Other relevant matters.

There are no further relevant matters to report.

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