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### **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.

In 2001, there were 1946 national applications filed with the Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO), 3.3% less than the previous year. The number relating to domestic applicants continues to increase each year.

SIPO also received 6577 trademarks through The Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol designating Slovenia.

The number of trademark applications filed both under the national and international procedures remains stable.

The new Industrial Property Act entered into force on December 7, 2001.

The average examination period of national trademark application and international registrations is maintained at the level of the previous year.

### **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.).

No changes in 2001.

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.

SIPO continues to apply the Nice Classification of Goods and Services and the Vienna Classification of Figurative Elements.

In conformity with its previous practice, SIPO will not reclassify, in accordance with the new edition of the Nice Classification, the list of goods and services.

There is no obligation for applicants to use pre-defined terms of Nice Classification.

Electronic classification systems to check the classification symbols are not used. Classification symbols are verified and corrected by SIPO at the stage of registration procedure.

The translation of the changes of Nice Classification carried out in the last revision period is in preparation.

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.

Manual search files are not used.

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.

SIPO continues to carry out searches on the basis of on-line information service (bibliographic and legal status data on national applications and registrations and on international trademarks valid in Slovenia) as well on ROMARIN database.

SIPO uses automation system based on Alpha server operating under VMS and uses Word Perfect text processing package.

SIPO has also developed a computerized in-house similarity search system which contains information on trademark applications and registered trademark  
Internet access is available on every trademark examiner's workstation.

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).

SIPO on-line information service as well as searchable database on Internet is available to the public. One workstation in the SIPO library is available for external users to conduct their own searches in the Romarin database and OHIM database.

Trademark documents, official bulletins, Romarin CD-Rom, OHIM Bulletin on CD-Rom and general information concerning trademark filing and protection are also available to the public.

Information on services performed by SIPO is published on SIPO website.

SIPO library disposes of a collection of relevant publications and periodicals on trademark protection available to the public.

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.

Trademark official gazettes are received on exchange basis.

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.).

SIPO examiners participated in various training courses organized by OHIM and WIPO.

Within activities of enlargement, OHIM organized seminars for examiners and judges.

SIPO paid particular attention to the programmes of education and promotion of intellectual property designed for students. Thus, specialized lectures and visits were held.

A wide variety of language training and courses on general administrative procedures have also been organized for staff members.

IX. Other relevant matters.

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