

# **ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITIES**

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

In comparison with 1997, the total number of application filings decreased in 3.597%, once we had 78,803 applications in 1997, and 75,968 in 1998.

In 1998 the Trademark Directorate granted 26,474 registrations, against 29,428 in 1997, implying in a decreasing of 11.16%.

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

The Brazilian Industrial Property Gazette (called RPI) is published weekly, on Tuesdays, and it is generated by INPI's Division of Informatics.

Our RPI publishes all trademark decisions, as well as general information for the users.

The RPI is available for the public consultation at INPI's headquarters, in Rio de Janeiro, and in all the 26 INPI's Representations existent in the Brazilian States, and it can be obtained by the users either in paper or in floppy disk formats.

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

The Trademark Directorate still uses national classifications of goods and services, and of figurative elements of marks, adapted from Nice and Vienna Classifications, although a Project is being carried on envisaging the adoption of both International Classifications.

Once filed an application, the data is captured into the trademark database. Data captured include: application number, filing date, owner name, address, classification of goods or services, attorney code, type of mark and kind of mark, among others.

### **IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:**

The manual search is used only for the figurative elements of a trademark.

The searches of nominative marks are made by computer.

INPI-BR has already acquired a software of phonetical search, and it is expected that the phonetical search and the search of figurative elements of a mark will be implemented along 1999.

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

At present the trademark examiners use 91 Pentium 200 MHZ based PC's to access the database, so as to obtain information about statistics, status of applications and registrations, making searches of marks, searches of trademark owners, anticipations, entries of petitions, localization of processes, and for elaboration of word processing documents such as reports.

**VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public:**

External users can access INPI's trademark database through Internet (<http://www.inpi.gov.br>), where users can obtain information about the services offered by the Directorate (such as searches and processes status), legislation, electronic forms, statistics, manual for users, among others.

The Trademark Directorate also supplies users with information through E-mail ([marca@inpi.gov.br](mailto:marca@inpi.gov.br)).

Trademark users can also access a toll free system (0800784002) to gain information about the status of processes and have this information printed, if wanted, by fax.

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

Either in national or international levels, once demanded, institutions and isolated users receive information about marks.

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

Upon request, associations and enterprises are visited by members of our Directorate who give speeches and courses about trademark legislation and procedures.

Annually, our Directorate participates in the INPI/WIPO Seminar on Industrial Property for Developing Countries.

The Trademark Directorate also provides technical assistance to developing countries, either receiving trainees and missions or sending consultants.

**IX. Other relevant matters:**

Besides the automation of the Trademark Directorate, INPI is providing for the revitalization of its headquarters (necessary for a better use of its space, with positive results in the work done).

INPI is also developing a paperless program in which is previewed the scann documentation of all INPI's collection.