

ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON ROSPATENT  
TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1998

Evolution of Registration Activities

As compared to the previous year, there were no changes in the Russian Federation procedures and requirements for filing applications for the registration of marks.

From the data in the table below which shows the number of applications in the Russian Federation for trademark registrations, including international applications under the Madrid Agreement, we can conclude that there was a strong upward trend in the number of trademark applications, mostly owing to those from foreign applicants (up by 6.9%), while the number of applications from Russian applicants was in 1998 at the 1997 level. The same trends can be observed in the fields of trademark and service mark registrations.

	1997	1998	1998/1997 %
Trademark and service mark applications filed – Total	28157	28581	101,5
including – by Russian applicants	15998	15583	97,4
including – by foreign applicants	12159	12998	106,9
of which – under international registration procedures	8176	8133	99,5
Trademarks and service marks registered – Total	17401	17708	101,8
including – in the name of Russian applicants	8249	7798	94,5
including – in the name of foreign applicants	9152	9910	108,3
of which – under international registration procedure	6249	6691	107,1

MATTERS CONCERNING THE GENERATION, REPRODUCTION AND  
DISTRIBUTION OF SECONDARY SOURCES OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION, I.E.  
TRADEMARK GAZETTES

With regard to trademarks, 1998 saw the publication of 24 issues of the *Trademarks, Service Marks and Appellations of Origin Gazette*.

The Gazette publishes trademark and service mark certificates (bibliographic data and reproduction), appellation of origin certificates (bibliographic data, description), announcements of changes in the legal status of certificates, as well as systematic and numerical indexes of trademark certificates, numerical index of appellation of origin certificates. Official communications of the Office are published in the corresponding sections of the ROSPATENT Official Gazette.

The Gazette is published with the help of automated systems using information gathered in a database. A reliable technical base was established in 1998 to permit the working of these automated systems. The complete automated preparation of texts and graphics is realized on the basis of automated subsystems (ASS) of the “Russian Federation Trademarks” Automated System (AS):

- ASS “bibliography input” —. keyboarding of data when applications are filed and correction of data with due regard to the examination’s results;
- ASS “Graphic” — scanning of images (including color images) of trademark designations;
- ASS “certificates”— preparation of data in a corporate network (including color graphic) to issue certificates of trademarks;
- ASS “publication”— arrangement of data in a corporate network to prepare official gazettes on trademarks.

#### MATTERS CONCERNING CLASSIFYING, RECLASSIFYING AND INDEXING OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION

The ROSPATENT has been using:

- the Nice International Classification of Goods and Services (seventh edition) to classify goods and services (no reclassification was made when changing over to new editions);
- the Vienna International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks to classify figurative elements;
- the WIPO Standard (ST60) to index bibliographic data.

Electronic classification systems are used to check the classification symbols provided by applicant in a goods and/or services list.

The ASS “ICGS” is being introduced to control entering the goods and services list on the basis of applications filed in order to reduce errors and to adjust the goods and services list.

As for bibliographic data and processing for search purposes:

- ASS “formal input” – arrangement of the search formatted bibliographic data in order to create search files within ASS “search”;
- ASS “intellectual input” – arrangement of the search images for verbal parts of the trademark designations and typical combinations of words used in applicants’ appellations in order to create special search files within the ASS “search.”

## TRADEMARK MANUAL SEARCH FILE ESTABLISHMENT AND UPKEEP

In 1998, the following was used for manual trademark information search:

- card-file of trademark figurative elements grouped by categories of the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks (under national and international procedures);
- numerical card-file of the Russian Federation certificates and international registrations of trademarks;
- registration logs of applications received;
- card-file of figurative mark microfiches;
- collection of *Gazette OMPI des marques internationales*.

The information in card-files and depository was updated as certificate numbers were assigned by the Office and applications were filed by applicants.

A Madrid catalogue of verbal signs used as international trademarks is also maintained.

## ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF COMPUTERIZED TRADEMARK SEARCH SYSTEMS

The Federal Institute of Industrial Property has now in operation an automated system called “Russian Federation Trademarks” containing more than 283,000 documents. Great attention was attached to the optimization of the trademark indexing procedures and procedures of search aimed at finding similarity in verbal trademarks in order to reduce mark lists while maintaining the completeness of searches.

Different automated subsystems operating within the RF trademark automated system accomplish the following administration and management functions: applications and registration certificates, partial monitoring of the legal status, automatic gathering of statistical data and its automated generation, some clerical work, automatic allocation of applications to examiners, automatic generation of the outgoing examination correspondence.

The ASS “search” supports package offline information search for verbal parts of trademark designations to realize examination and to serve the public.

The trademark automated system applies paperless technology to process application documentation.

On a daily basis, the ASS “WIPO” receives by e-mail readable data concerning international applications covering the Russian Federation to enter information without using a keyboard and eventually to use it for different purposes within the Russian Federation Trademarks Automated System.

Hardware used:

- Server Compaq Proliant 1000;  
(OM-128 MB, processors-1, external memory – 35GB);
- Server Compaq Proliant 5000;  
(OM-256 MB, processors – 2, external memory – 38GB);
- Server Compaq Proliant 2500;  
(OM-32 MB, processors-1, external memory – 8GB);  
(OM-64MB, processors-1, external memory – 3GB);
- Workstation Compaq 486, 586, PMMX, PII – 50 units.

Commutation equipment:

ISDN MAX 200 Plus c (8/4) WAN PCMC1A switching equipment Typell/Typel;  
SmartSWITCH 6000.

Software:

Operational systems: Novell, Windows 95

Media used:

Magnetic tape DLT tape III.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

In order to provide services to the users in addition to a general reading room, the Library has set up a special room servicing CD-ROM databases stored in racks. An information search system functions both in traditional and computerized modes.

Users are offered the following services:

- preliminary evaluation of protectability on absolute grounds;
- pre-filing search for verbal signs in computerized Russian Federation trademark database, with a printout, broken down by ICGS classes, made available;
- search for identical and similar signs in Russian Federation trademark database, with a report on identified identical or similar signs made available;
- providing a comparative analysis report as to sign identity and confusing similarity for goods and services of the same type, with a list of identical and similar signs made available;
- search for producers of goods and services of the same type, with a list of trademarks registered in their name made available;
- search for trademark owner, with his/her personal details, including full name and address of service, made available;
- preparation of a list of goods and services under ICGS in French;
- package offline information search for verbal parts of the trademark designations to serve the public.

## MATTERS CONCERNING MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF TRADEMARK DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION

Within the framework of international exchange, in 1998 the ROSPATENT sent its *Trademarks, Service Marks and Appellations of Origin Gazette* to:

- 41 countries on paper (44 annual collections);
- 16 countries on microfiches (18 annual collections).

The total number of trademark gazettes and trademark sections in industrial property gazettes received from 47 countries and three international organizations amounted to 59 copies on paper and 8 copies on optical disks. The trademark gazettes published in country has been arranged by country names and in chronological order.

## MATTERS CONCERNING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

In 1998 the following was organized:

- One four-day internship with typical program attended by 22 trademark specialists from Russia;
- One seminar with typical program on the subject “Does your company need a trademark?” attended by 19 specialists from Russia;
- Three seminars with typical program on the subject “Particular Features of Court Proceedings in Invention and Trademark Rights Enforcement Cases (judicial practice). In total seminars were attended by 65 specialists from Russia;
- Individually programmed internship for a specialist from the National Patent Information Center of the Republic of Tajikistan.
- Individually programmed internship for two specialists from the Russian Federation.