

SLOVENIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (SIPO)

ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON  
TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN 1998

I. EVALUATION OF REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES

In 1998, there were 1833 national applications filed with SIPO, 6.5 % less than the previous year.

SIPO also received 5815 trademarks through the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks which were designated for Slovenia.

The Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement entered into force, with respect to Slovenia, on March 12, 1998.

There has been no changes concerning application filing procedure, as well as registration procedure. However, the average examination period is shorter than in previous years, and the backlog of not yet processed applications is decreasing.

The working draft of the new Law on Industrial Property is available on Internet.

II. MATTERS CONCERNING THE GENERATION, REPRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SECONDARY SOURCES OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION

Nothing new to report since 1997.

III. MATTERS CONCERNING CLASSIFYING, RECLASSIFYING AND INDEXING OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION

SIPO continues to apply the Nice Classification of Goods and Services, the 7th edition, and the Vienna Classification of figurative elements, the 4th edition.

The Slovenian language version of Nice Classification is available.

To assist the examiners a list of acceptable terms used within Nice classification is available through the examiners computerized system.

IV. TRADEMARK MANUAL SEARCH FILE ESTABLISHMENT AND UPKEEP

Manual search files are not used.

## V. ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF COMPUTERIZED TRADEMARK SEARCH SYSTEM

SIPO continues to carry out searches on the basis of on-line information service (bibliographic and legal status data on national trademarks as well as on international trademarks valid in Slovenia) as it was reported in 1997.

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 image search system which contains information on published applications and registered trademarks. This system is expected to be put on Internet in 1999/2000 via SIPO home page.

Internet access is available on every trademark examiner's workstation.

## VI. ADMINISTRATION OF TRADEMARK SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

SIPO on-line information service is available also to the public, as well as the image search system. One workstation in the Library is available for external users to conduct their own searches in the ROMARIN database.

Trademark documents, Official Bulletins, Romarin CD-Roms, OHIM Bulletins on CD-Roms and general information concerning trademark filing and protection are also available to the public.

Information on services performed by the Office is contained on the Internet home page.

The Library has a collection of relevant publications and periodicals in the field of trademark protection which are available to the public.

## VII. MATTERS CONCERNING MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF TRADEMARK DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION

SIPO exchanges Official Bulletins with 17 countries.

## VIII. MATTERS CONCERNING EDUCATION AND TRAINING INCLUDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

SIPO organized short-time training for trademark examiners from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

SIPO examiners participated in training courses organized in the framework of the RIPP program and seminar on Madrid Agreement and Protocol organized by WIPO.

SIPO supported organization in Ljubljana of a seminar for attorneys from Slovenia and other Central and Eastern European countries concerning the trademark protection. The training was carried out by Benelux Trademark Office, within the RIPP program.

SIPO examiners visited also the French Patent Office (INPI).