

**ANNUAL TECHNICAL REPORT ON
TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITY IN 1998**

Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic

I. Evolution of registration activities:

In comparison with the statistics of the year 1997, there are following results in 1998 in trademark area.

	1997	1998
Trademark applications	10 891	10 191
- national	3 865	3 428
- domestic	1 857	1 719
- foreign	2 008	1 709
- international	7 026	6 763
Registered trademarks	1 908	4 335

Trademark application procedure without changes.

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

The Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic publishes trademark information in the Gazette ("Vestník"), part Trademarks. The Gazette is issued monthly and contains following types of announcements:

- publication of trademark applications
- trademark registrations
- trademark renewals
- trademark assignments
- partial assignments
- change of data concerning trademark owners
- change in the list of goods and services
- change of wording or representation of trademarks
- lapse of trademark rights
- registration of licence agreements in respect of trademarks
- international registration of trademarks
- cancellations of national trademarks
- official decisions.

ROMARIN CD-ROMs database on-line.

MS Office 97, QuarkXpress 3.32 for Windows and Corel Draw 7.0, Photoshop 5.0 is used for the graphic data processing; the photocomposing and printing is carried out by the Office.

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

Goods and services are classified in accordance with the Nice Classification of Goods and Services.

The Vienna Classification of the Figurative Elements of Marks is used as the code system of figurative elements. The national trademarks registered before 1992 are classified according to the national classification of figurative elements of trademarks. They are being reclassified according to the Vienna Classification.

The WIPO Standard ST. 60 is used in the Gazette for bibliographic data coding. INID-codes for trademarks (three - digit code) are used in the Office.

According to the Trademark Law No. 55/1997, the applicant is obliged to indicate in the application the goods and services for which the trademark is filed in the order of the International Classification (Nice Classification) together with the appropriate number of this Classification. It is possible to carry out searches according to bibliographic data in all the databases used for the trademarks.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep:

The manual search systems (figurative register) were kept in paper form. It is updated regularly.

The trademark gazettes from foreign offices and ROMARIN CD- ROMs from WIPO are received.

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

The online trademark database kept by the Industrial Property Office serves for national trademarks searches and also for trademark procedure.

International trademarks searches are performed in the ROMARIN database on CD-ROM received from the WIPO (accessible on Ultra Net).

Administrative management systems: register, legal status, and statistics.
Administrative databases based on Lotus Notes.

Hardware and software used:

network ETHERNET, computers PC Pentium, operating system WINDOWS, HP LAN Server, Novell Netware 3.12 and WINDOWS NT 4.0, FoxPro for Win, CD server.

VI. Administration of trademark services available to the public:

- sales of the Gazette in paper form.
- automatized searches in the national trademark database during a personal visit
- manual searches in card catalogues (history), self service during a personal visit.
- searches in International Trademarks Database ROMARIN - during a personal visit.
- general information - provided by Office experts
- searches upon request - orders in written form.

Trademark information on the World Wide Web:

- general information, information for applicants about Office activities (seminars, training courses, etc.)
- application forms
- laws
- Annual reports
- in the near future: the Official Gazette "Vestník" and registers

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

The Office exchange Trademark Gazettes with Industrial Property Offices in other countries.

The SK Office participates in the CD- ROM TRACES project.

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

Several Office experts participated in training courses and seminars organised by WIPO and foreign Patent Offices.

Demonstrations of the automatized search system were carried out.