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Annual Technical Report on Trademark Information Activities in 2020 submitted by The Estonian Patent Office

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More: <https://aastaraamat.epa.ee/en/yearbook-2020/trade-marks>

Outline of main policies and plans aimed at development of trademark information activities and expected time frames for their realization

New projects launched or resumed this year in the context of the policies and plans mentioned above, short description: aims, partners, tasks

Main areas of trademark information activities and related information and communication technology (ICT) practices which were in the focus of attention last year

Statistics: changes in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to previous year; trends or areas experiencing rapid changes

Other matters and useful links (URLs): annual report of the Office, news page, statistics, etc.

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<https://www.epa.ee/en/additional-info/statistics>

II. SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRADEMARK INFORMATION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Information and support provided by the Office to applicants regarding filing on paper and/or e-filing (instructions, seminars, etc.) - URLs

<https://www.epa.ee/en/publications/methodical-publications>

<https://www.epa.ee/en/additional-info/free-consultations>

<https://www.epa.ee/et/seminarid>

Availability of the application dossier in electronic form

<https://www.epa.ee/en/trade-marks/what-trade-mark>

Matters concerning classifying

(i) 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

(ii) Use of electronic classification systems and pre-defined terms of the classification applied

<https://www.epa.ee/et/kaubamargid/kaupade-ja-teenuste-klassifitseerimine>

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Matters concerning processing of different types of non-traditional marks (e.g., three-dimensional, motion, hologram, color mark, etc.)

Other activities

III. SOURCES OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE

Main types of publications in the field of trademark information, outline of the content and medium (on paper, on CDs, online - URLs)

Official Gazettes: main types of announcements, frequency of publication, medium (on paper, on CDs, online, URL), etc.

<https://www.epa.ee/en/official-gazettes/estonian-trade-mark-gazette>

Information products (coverage, medium, etc.) available to examiners, including external documentation and databases

<https://www.epa.ee/et/metoodilised-valjaanded/valjaanded-kaubamargist>

Information products (coverage, medium, etc.) and services available to external users; conditions of access (e.g., free of charge, subscription, etc.)

Legal status information (kind of information, coverage, medium, etc.)

Other sources

IV. ICT SUPPORT TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRADEMARK INFORMATION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Specific software tools supporting business procedures within the Office: general description, characteristics, advantages, possible improvements

Hardware used to supporting business processes of the Office

Internal databases: coverage, updates, interlinks with external sources

Establishment and maintenance of electronic search file: file building, updating, storage, documents from other offices included in the search file

Administrative management electronic systems (register, legal status, statistics, and administrative support)

<https://andmebaas.epa.ee/avalik/#/trademarks>

Other matters

V. PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AIMED TO SUPPORT USERS IN ACCESS AND EFFICIENT USE OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION

<https://aastaraamat.epa.ee/en/annual-report-2020/public-awareness-policies>

Office's library (if deals with trademark information): equipment, collection management, network of libraries in the country, cooperation with foreign libraries

Publications related to different business procedures and trademark information sources available to users, for example, books, brochures, Internet publications, etc.

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Cooperation with universities, technology and innovation support centers, etc.

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Education and training: training courses, e-learning modules (URLs), seminars, exhibitions, etc.

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VI. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION

International exchange of trademark information in machine-readable form (e.g., Official Gazettes)

<https://www.epa.ee/en/official-gazettes/estonian-trade-mark-gazette>

Participation in international or regional activities and projects related to trademark information

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Assistance to developing countries

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