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Where URLs are requested below, it is preferred that either URLs which are likely to remain stable over time (three years or more) are provided, or home (main) page URLs are provided with a short explanation of how to access the corresponding information.

I. Evolution of registration activities

Changes experienced in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to the previous year

In 2008 the evolution of registration activities decreased with respect to the previous years

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

Publishing, printing, copying techniques

OFFICIAL INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY BULLETIN (BOPI) - section "Trademarks". It contains: All data concerning registered trademarks, various information on the changes of the legal status of trademarks, lists containing the Romanian industrial property attorneys and other useful information.
RO - TRADEMARKS BULLETIN – monthly publication (PDF format); electronic version of BOPI - Section "Trademarks"
- TRACES - a disk which comprises all the data on the registered trademarks of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia. One can develop complex searches based on various criteria: applicant, designation, class, key word of the classes of products or services, etc.

Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of trademark information: Trademarks applications & registrations, changes, renewals, legal contest; decisions of the Law Courts, the registration and renewal certificates are generated automatically.
Mass storage media and microforms used: Tape storage and CD-ROM
Word processing and office automation: Word perfect: WP 11 for current activities, and for issuing the Official Gazette of Industrial Property, Mark section.
Techniques used for the generation of trademark information (printing, recording, microfilming, photocomposing etc.): printing of Official Bulletin Section "Trademarks" is done in-house using WPS as word processor and information is recorded also in PDF format. The documents in the Common Software are generated automatically in 2008.

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

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 (please indicate whether goods and services for the registration of marks and whether the figurative elements of marks are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification(s) is (are) used)

We use only Nice and Vienna International Classifications.

Use of electronic classification systems to check the classification symbols furnished by an applicant and which are contained in the lists of goods and/or services

We have a system of programs: Common Software (CS), version 2.1.8 containing a list of Classes according to Nice Classification and NIVILO CD-ROM.

Obligation for applicants to use pre-defined terms of the classification applied

We do not ask for it.

Bibliographic data and processing

There is QBE for bibliographic data in CS version 2.1.8. and RoTmSearch.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep

File Building

NO

Updating

NO

Storage, including mass storage media

NO

Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file

NO

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems

In-house systems (online/offline)

YES (Common Software, ACSEPTO system used both for OSIM's own searches and Art. 39 in the OHIM regulation, National TM register available on INTERNET also)

External databases

YES (ROMARIN; WIPO Database through
INTERNET; CTM online, U.S. OFFICE Database, OFDVII Database, TRACES CD-ROM,6ter CD-ROM).

Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics and administrative support)

There is a Statistics Chapter in CS v. 2.1.8, as well as WUC statistics

Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), carriers used

SAN system with various server.
HARDWARE
- S AN system with 9 servers in a group
- 291 PCs Pentium IV. For trademarks related activities there are used about 50 PCs;
- 40 network printers;
- 8 scanners;

- INTERNET Subsystem uses 10 Mb/s metropolitan, 5 Mb/s external radio leased line. The INTERNET Subsystem comprises "www" and e-mail server, database server, proxy server, routers, firewalls.;
- Internal Network: 100 MB optical fiber backbone, NORTEL technology.

SOFTWARE
- HP Unix (former True 64 DIGITAL Unix) operating system for GS80 server;
- Linux operating system for the Server of the INTERNET/INTRANET database, for the www and e- mail server, for the proxy server;
- Windows 2003 and Windows 2008 server for domain controller servers and application servers
- RDBMS Informix Dynamic Server V.9.4
- Windows 2000 Professional and XP Professional for client PCs;
- Corel Word Perfect Office for DTP;
- JSP for web based applications
- Common Software application by Hyperscript Tools on client PCs;
- Acrobat Exchanger for conversions into PDF format;
- Microsoft Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox for INTERNET/INTRANET

VI. Administration of trademark information products and services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, registering trademarks, assisting clients with search procedures, obtaining official publications and registry extracts)

Planning, administration, automation, security

NO

Collection management, preservation

We have a preservation workshop for restoring old documents, worn out.

Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and trademark information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web)

OSIM offer with his specialized compartment – Documentary Analysis and Synthesis Division – different kinds of information services in the trademark field, meaning identical and truncation searches, figurative trademark searches, legal status, portfolio and competition survey in the trademark field for a trademark or for an owner. In 2007 the total number of trademark services was 4.514. The examiners have also participated in many promotion activities organized by Marketing Division and OSIM Legal and Technical Library in the field of trademark.
In 2008 on our website www.osim.ro there was made available free of charge weekly list of filed TM applications, beside the National Register.
Also there are provided lists for seniority TM in relation eith comunitary TM, lists of TM about to expire or to lapse. All these are applications developed in-house

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information

International or regional cooperation in the exchange of trademark information, e.g., in the form of official gazettes

on CD-ROM using TRACES and on paper, our official gazette (BOPI - Section "TRADEMARKS").We also receive information on US PTO and OHIM containing pending applications and registered trademarks.

Exchange of machine-readable information

TRACES project for creating the Common CD-ROM for the following countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia

VIII. Matters concerning education and training, including technical assistance to developing countries (please indicate URLs of web pages of the Office's website wherever appropriate)

Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.)

OSIM organized:
- seminars and training in various regions of Romania, in order to take industrial property issues more clear for interested persons. At present, there exist fourteen regional centers in the most important towns
- seminars and conferences in the country;
- participation to fairs across the countries for the entrepreneurial sectors, small and medium enterprises and business to business groups;
- training of company specialists;
- contributing to the perception of the offices as a public service for
the general public, focusing on small and medium enterprises and
supported by advertisments and specific pamphlet and prospectus.
- information dissemination is also carried out thought the system of public libraries from Romania.

IX. Other general information related to the Office that is available on the Internet -- URLs of web pages of the Office's website that:

X. Other relevant matters