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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

In 2008 1443 applications for registration of trademarks under national procedure were filed with the Intellectual Property Agency (1447 applications for 2007), 1164 applications were registered (1164 for 2007) and 95 applications on trademarks were refused.
3289 notifications were received under Madrid Agreement for international registration of trademarks with indication of Armenia (3219 notifications for 2007).

Decision was made for preliminary refusal of 383 international registrations (392 for 2007).

The statistic data on trademarks are given on the following site http://www.aipa.am of the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia.

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

In 2008, 12 numbers of the Official Bulletins "Industrial Property" were published:

No 1 (41) – 12 (56), in CD-ROM format. The Bulletins were published in Armenian, Russian and comprising the official information on 1218 registered trademarks and service marks, information on trademark extension of 349 registered trademarks as well as information on trademarks recognized as well-known, on registered trade names, on registration of trademark licensing agreements and agreements on assignment contracts of patents and trademarks.

Technical and Statistic reports on trademarks and service marks for 2008 have been prepared and presented to the World Intellectual Property Organization.

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

Upon registration of trademarks, goods and services are classified according to the 8-th edition of the International Classification of Goods and Services (Nice Agreement), and figurative elements of trademarks are classified according to International Classification of Figurative Elements of Marks (Vienna Agreement).

The list of goods and services in the application for registration of trademarks are indicated by the applicant according to ICTS. Electronic database is available for received applications and registered trademarks.

With the help of electronic base the search on trademarks is practically carried out by all bibliographic data.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep

The Agency kept on works towards update of the foundation of the Armenian Centre for Scientific and Technical Information. The information received from patent offices of foreign countries is forwarded to the Centre.

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems

The Agency uses the third subversion of "trademark" database designed for examination and record keeping and provides:

- Accumulation of bibliographic data in three languages (Armenian, Russian, English)
- Accumulation and control of fees
- Automation of record keeping
- Outlet of statistic data
- Publication of bibliographic data
- Search of information.

In the reporting period automation and technical re-equipment of the Agency has been continued. The Agency has re-equipped with six computers of Intel (R) Core(TM) 2 DUO type, computer supplementary devices and equipments as well as with sources of uninterrupted power supply units. A series of changes and supplements have been made with the aim of coping with the tasks having been raised as a result of improvement of works carried out in the Agency.

Microsoft XP, Windows Vista Office and Microsoft Office have been installed and adjusted, service of operation system, installation and adjustment of computer programs, diagnostics of infected and damaged computers and programs and elimination of errors.

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)

Trademarks database of the Agency is available via Internet (http//www.aipa.am). The page contains the following information:

- Trademark registration under the national procedure
- Trademark registration under the international procedure
- Well-known trademarks.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information

The Official Bulletins on "Industrial Property", containing notifications on trademarks are sent free of charge to the Armenian Research Institute of Scientific and Technical Information, Main Library of the National Academy of Sciences, the libraries of the Armenian State University, the State Engineering University of the Republic of Armenia, the Armenian Academy of Agriculture, the State Public Library and to the Book Chamber of Armenia. Official Bulletins have also been sent to the Marzes of the Republic of Armenia free of charge.

According to the preliminary arrangements on patent information exchange, 21 copies of Official Bulletin of the Agency were sent to the Patent offices of foreign countries, as well as to WIPO, EPO and EAPO.

Since 2005 the Agency was given access to the ROMARIN search on trademarks from the WIPO Internet site.

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)

Studies at Russian State Institute of Intellectual Property (2 participants).

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

Patent information of the Agency is available to the wide public as well as via Internet (http://www.aipa.am). The page contains the following information sections:

Statistic data

Annual reports

Patent attorneys

Contact information

Links

Laws

Official Publications

Well-known Trademarks

Appellation of Origin

Information-search system

Trade Names

Inventions and Utility Models

- Registered under the national procedure
- Patents registered at EAPO and protected on the territory of the Republic of Armenia

Database of Trademarks

- Registered under the national procedure
- Granted legal protection under international procedure

The information is available in three languages (Armenian, Russian, English).

X. Other relevant matters