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Annual Technical Report 2011 on Trademark Information Activities submitted by Armenia (CWS/ATR/TM/2011/AM)

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I. Evolution of registration activities

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

The average duration of the examination of applications on trademarks from filing date to the date of taking decisions on refusal or granting of protection of the trademarks in 2011 was 4-5 months (the duration of the examination of applications on trademarks in 2011 was the same as in 2010).

Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year

As compared to 1266 applications in 2010 the number of applications filed by national applicants in 2011 has been decreased to 1105 decreased by national procedure. As concerns the activity of foreign legal persons it is decreased by national procedure (693 applications in 2010 and 612 applications in 2011).

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide statistics related to trademarks

The statistical data on trademarks are given at 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 2011 12 issues of the Official Bulletin "Industrial Property" were published in the form of CD-ROM: 1 - 12. Bulletins included official information on certificates on 1551 registered trademarks and service marks and trademark registration renewals, trademarks that have been recognized as well-known, as well as information on registration of licenses and assignment agreements of patents and trademarks.

The bulletin "Applications on Trademarks and Service Marks" was published. In 2011 24 issues of the bulletin were published. Technical and Statistic reports for the year of 2010 have been presented to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

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)

Upon registration of trademarks, goods and services are classified according to the 9-th edition of the International Classification of Goods and Services (Nice Agreement), and figurative elements of trademarks are classified according to the 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.

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

<http://www.wipo.int/classifications/nivilo> is used to check the classification symbols.

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

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Bibliographic data and processing

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 continued works on reinforcement of funds of Armenian Scientific Technical Information Centre. Information received from foreign patent offices has been transferred 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.

Changes were made in the subsystems of trademarks and service marks. Relevant changes were made also on the website of the IP Agency.

In the reporting period automation and technical re-equipment of the Agency has been continued. The Agency has been re-equipped with 40 computers of type Intel(R) Core i7, servers, computer supplementary devices and equipments.

Windows XP, Windows Vista systems and Microsoft Office have been installed, service of operation system, installation of software, diagnostics of infected computers and programs have been carried out, and operation failures have been removed.

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)

The bulletin "Applications on Trademarks and Service Marks" of 2010 of the Agency were put on the web for public inspection.

The information on trademarks and service marks is available on the following site <http://www.aipa.am>.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information

The Official Bulletins were sent to the Armenian Research Institute of Scientific and Technical Information, libraries of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, the Armenian State University, the Engineering University, the Armenian Academy of Agriculture, the State Public Library and to the Book Palace of Armenia free of charge. The Official Bulletins were as well sent to the Armenian Marz centers free of charge.

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

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)

In the reporting period within the framework of international cooperation the trademark experts of the Agency participated in seminars, training programs organized by WIPO, the Embassy of USA.

One specialist of the Agency participated in the educational program organized by the Russian IP Institute for three weeks.

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:

- Statistical 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