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

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

Applications filings and registrations in 2011:

2287 trademark applications for 3937 classes of International Classification of Goods and Services were filed with the SPB, among them:

1980 (86,6%) of the Lithuanian applicants for 3330 classes
307 (13,4 %) of the foreign applicants for 607 classes.

In year 2011 562 transfers of rights and 124 license agreements were entered into the Register of the Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania, 1,536 changes in the Register, 911 renewals, 279 securities of mark rights (withdrawals of securities) and 46 seizures (withdrawals of seizures), 1,412 registrations were cancelled, 1,344 registrations among them were cancelled in the absence of the renewal.

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

LT, RU, US, EE, CH, LV, GB, DE were the leading countries of filing as reflected in 2011

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

Statistics of the year 2011 (national trademark applications and national trademark registrations, national trademarks in force) has been provided on SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/index.php?l=en&n=321>).

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

Publishing, printing, copying techniques

The SPB publishes applications for national trademarks and registered national trademarks, and international trademarks designating the territory of the Republic of Lithuania in the Official Bulletin which is a monthly edition. Since July 2009 the paper version has been discontinued and the bulletin is published exclusively in electronic form.

Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of trademark information

The Official Bulletin Inventions, Designs, Trademarks contained announcements published in 2011:

FG9Y Registrations published in accordance with Article 16 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
MF9Y Registrations invalidated in accordance with Article 18 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
PD9Y, TC9Y, TH9Y Changes in the Register on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania in accordance with Article 23 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
PA9T Replacement of national registration by international registration in accordance with Article 33 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
ND9Y Renewal of registration of the mark in accordance with Article 36 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
MM9Y Registrations lapsed in accordance with Article 24 and Article 36 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
PC9Y Transfer of registration of the mark in accordance with Article 43 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
QB9Y Licensing (sublicensing) in accordance with Article 44 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
QC9Y Licensing (sublicensing) contracts removed from the Register in accordance with Article 44 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
MG9Y Registrations invalidated in accordance with Article 46 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
MA9Y Registrations removed from the Register in accordance with Article 24 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
RC9Y Pledging of the mark in accordance with Article 45 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
RD9Y Attachment of the Registrations in accordance with Article 45 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
TK9Y Rectifications;
MF9T Invalidation of international registration extension to the Republic of Lithuania in accordance with Article 34 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
QB9T Licensing (sublicensing) by holder of international registration of the mark in accordance with Article 34 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
MG9T Invalidation of international registration extension to the Republic of Lithuania in accordance with Article 46 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania;
CZ9Y Decisions adopted by the Division of Appeals of the State Patent Bureau in accordance with Article 18 of the Law on Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania.

Sections of the Official Bulletin have been coded in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.17.

Mass storage media and microforms used

The bibliographic data and images are stored in our administrative management system Common Software (CS). The Office maintains a complete history of its trademark files in paper form (dossier).

Word processing and office automation

Common Software (CS) v. 3.31

Techniques used for the generation of trademark information (printing, recording, photocomposing, etc.)

A publishing system with Epson scanner, a laser printer HP Laser Jet, PC Intel Pentium Based with Windows XP. All data including figurative elements are extracted from our administrative management system CS.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide access to online trademark gazettes and to other sources of trademark information, including download of bulk trademark data

SPB Official Bulletin has been published in an electronic format and has been accessible on SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/index.php?l=en&n=245>).

Database of the Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania has been accessible on SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/index.php?l=en&n=300>).

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)

The ninth edition of the International Classification of Goods and Services (Nice Classification);
the sixth edition of the International Classification of the Figurative Elements of the Marks (Vienna Classification).

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

N/A

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

Yes

Bibliographic data and processing

Internationally agreed Numbers for the Identification of Data (INID Codes) relating to trademarks have been used in the Register of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania and in SPB Official Bulletin Inventions, Designs, Trademarks

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep

File Building

The State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania (SPB) published on its website (<http://www.vpb.lt/index.php?l=en&n=245>) the Official Bulletin Inventions, Designs, Trademarks and database of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania.

Storage, including mass storage media

The SPB maintains all data concerning applications and registered trademarks on paper (dossier) and in electronic form in the administrative management system CS.

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

Industrial Property search and other services have been also provided by Patent Information Centre of Lithuanian Technical Library (<http://www.tb.lt/PIC/PIC.htm>).

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems

In-house systems (online/offline)

Public users had a possibility to use the following CD/DVD-ROMs received in 2011:

Promyšlennaja sobstvennost. Oficialnyj biuleten (AM);
Schweizerisches Patent-, Muster- und Markenblatt (CH);
Buletin Oficial de Proprietate Industrială (MD);
Glasnik intelektualne svojine (RS);
IPPO Glasnik (MK);
Industrial Property Bulletin (GR);
Boletín Oficial de la Propiedad Industrial. (ES);
Published registered trademark and reclassification on registered trademark (JP);
Published unexamined/international trademark applications (JP);
Buletin Oficial de Proprietate Industrială (RO);
Tovarnyje znaki, znaki obsluživanja i naymenovaniya mest proischoždeniya tovarov (RU);
Resmi Marka Gazetesi (Tescil Edilmis Markalar) (TR);
Promislova vlastnist (UA);
Trademarks BIB (US);
Patents and Trademarks ASSIGN (US);
Trademarks ASSIST (US);
Rasmij achborotnoma (UZ);
Benelux Merkenblad. Recueil des Marques Benelux (BX);

External databases

CTM ONLINE database on OHIM's web-site;
ROMARIN database on WIPO's web-site

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

Database of the Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania has been accessible on SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/index.php?l=en&n=300>).

The SPB website Trademark Database has been an exact copy of the data stored in the Register of Trademark of the Republic of Lithuania and contained data on trademarks registered and applications filed directly with the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania.

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

Server: Unix, Informix for trademark databases

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)

Collection management, preservation

The trademarks search file (bibliographic data) is managed in electronic form. Data is extracted and updated simultaneously from our administrative management system CS.

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)

LTL also offered for visitors the opportunity to get acquainted with a wide range of Lithuanian publications (SPB Official Bulletin, etc.), Official Gazettes of foreign states and intergovernmental organisations on CD/DVD-ROMs, sets of communications and regulations in 2011.

The visitors of LTL had been consulted on the spot as well as by phone or e-mail and had an opportunity to order trademark search.

Search for the international and Community trademarks and other services also have been provided by Patent Information Centre of LTL (<http://www.tb.lt/PIC/PIC.htm>).

SPB published on its website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/en>) the Official Bulletin Inventions, Designs, Trademarks and database of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website for electronic filing of trademark applications

It is not possible to file trademarks applications but any other documents with the SPB could be filed electronically.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide information on business procedures such as: filing, publication, examination and registration procedures related to trademarks; opposition and appeal procedures related to trademarks; etc.

SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/index.php?n=296&l=en>) provided information on legislation related to trademarks; website (<http://www.vpb.lt/index.php?n=184&l=lt>) provided information (e.g. forms) on filing, registration, renewal and other procedures.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide a description of information products and services offered by the Office (e.g., trademark search service(s) and trademark databases), as well as information on how to access and utilize them

<http://www.vpb.lt/index.php?n=184&l=lt> (in Lithuanian only)

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

SPB Official Bulletin has been published in an electronic format and has been accessible on SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/index.php?l=en&n=245>).

Exchange of machine-readable information

N/A

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.)

In 2011 SPB organized seminars "How to protect a trademark in European Union" and "How to protect a design in European Union", open-door days in State Patent Bureau and Patent Information Centres of Lithuanian technical library in Klaipėda, Kaunas, Panevėžys, and Šiauliai in year 2011, under a project of technical cooperation agreement between SPB and OHIM. The events were dedicated to introduce Lithuanian public with possibilities of protecting trademarks and designs in European Union.

On January 20, 2011 in Telšiai, by request of UAB "Žemaitijos pienas", SPB specialists made presentations in a seminar "How to protect inventions, trademarks and design" to the employees of the company.

On May 18, 2011 SPB participated in exhibition "Balttechnika 2011", where a seminar "How to protect design in European Union" took place, organized in cooperation with OHIM. The SPB stand was displayed in the exhibition, representatives of SPB informed visitors of the exhibition about the protection of industrial property objects (inventions, designs, trademarks), as well as about its history, its present and future in Lithuania and abroad.

On December 8, 2011 a seminar "How to protect trademarks in European Union" took place in Vilnius. It was organized by SPB and OHIM. Topics of the seminar covered novelties of the trademark system in European Union and Lithuania, novelties of judicial practice; the importance of trademark protection in competitive environment was emphasized. The participants were acquainted with electronic services, provided by the SPB to the applicants.

Training courses for national and foreign participants

Employees of the State Patent Bureau attended 13 sessions of WIPO committees, meetings and sessions of working groups and other events organized by WIPO.

In year 2011 the SPB cooperated with WIPO intensively in implementing the bilateral plan for year 2011 conducted between Lithuania and WIPO; an international conference on the issues of intellectual property was organized, WIPO award was presented to most innovative Lithuanian entity and gold medal to the young inventor of Lithuania; seminar was organized for Lithuanian science and education institutions on the issues of commercialising intellectual property.

Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.)

N/A

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

provide information on legislation related to trademarks

SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/index.php?n=296&l=en>) provided information on legislation related to trademarks

contain the Annual Report of the Office

The Annual Review of the Office has been included on the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/index.php?l=en&n=318>).

if necessary, provide further information related to the topics referred to in the current ATR

N/A

provide open source codes related to trademark information systems

N/A

contain trademark-related news regarding the Office

N/A

X. Other relevant matters

In 2011, Lithuanian industrial property statistical data had been submitted to WIPO to be published in its publication Industrial Property Statistics