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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

Application filings and registrations in 2006:

2543 applications filed direct with the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania (SPB), from which 82.8 applications originating in Lithuania (including 86 international applications);
2922 trademarks registered;
4110 positive decisions to grant international trademark protection in Lithuania made.

Compared with 2005 the number of:

filings direct with the SPB increased by 8.1;
filings originating in Lithuania increased by 7.0;
Lithuanian trademark registrations increased by 63.5;
positive decisions to grant international protection in Lithuania decreased by 9.8.

Lithuania, United States of America, Russian Federation, Switzerland and Estonia are the leading countries of origin as reflected in filings in 2006.

Statistics of the year 2006 (national trademark applications and national trademark registrations, national trademarks in force) is provided on the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/en/index.php?c=statistics.php>).

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

The Official Gazette on Inventions, Designs, Trademarks announcements published in 2006 on the trademark registrations:

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;
RL9Y Registrations left valid by court in accordance with Article 18 and Article 49 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;
RL9T International registration extension to the Republic of Lithuania left valid by court in accordance with Article 34 and Article 49 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 Gazette are coded in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.17.

The Official Gazette was prepared using DTP tools, printed and might be obtained at Lithuanian Technical Library (LTL).

The SPB Official Gazette publications (Adobe PDF format) is included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/en/index.php?c=gazette.php>).

Database of the Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania is also included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/db/index.php?l=en>).

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

Registrations have been classified in accordance with:

eighth edition of the International (Nice) Classification;
fifth edition of the International (Vienna) Classification.

Internationally agreed Numbers for the Identification of Data (INID Codes) relating to trademarks were used in the Register of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania and in SPB Official Gazette Inventions. Designs. Trade Marks.

The database of International Classification of Goods and Services is included in the SPB website (http://www.vpb.lt/db_tppk/index1.php?l=en&t=prekiu_klasifikacija).

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep

The SPB Official Gazette Inventions. Designs. Trade Marks. is prepared using DTP tools, printed and might be obtained at LTL.

The exchange of SPB Official Gazette with foreign states and intergovernmental organisations was effected by LTL and this way LTL file is updated with foreign documentation.

The SPB Official Gazette publications (Adobe PDF format) and Database of the Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania are included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/>).

The database of International Classification of Goods and Services is also included in the SPB website (http://www.vpb.lt/db_tppk/index1.php?l=en&t=prekiu_klasifikacija).

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems

The Register of Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania is a database (Informix) which contains all bibliographic and legal status data (including changes in names, addresses, licences, transfers).

Statistics of national trademarks is provided on the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/en/index.php?c=statistics.php>).

The SPB Official Gazette publications (Adobe PDF format) and Database of the Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania are included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/>).

The database of International Classification of Goods and Services is also included in the SPB website (http://www.vpb.lt/db_tppk/index1.php?l=en&t=prekiu_klasifikacija).

Public users have also a possibility to use the following LTL CD-ROM and DVD-ROM databases:

Promylennaja sobstvennost. Oficialnyj biuleten (AM);
Schweizerisches Patent-, Muster- und Markenblatt (CH);
Buletin Oficial de Proprietate Industriala (MD);
Glasnik intelektualne svojine (ME, RS);
IPPO Glasnik (MK);
Industrial Property Bulletin (EE);
CD-BOPI (ES);
Published registered trademark and reclassification on registered trademark (IL);
Published unexamined international trademark applications (JP);
Buletin Oficial de Proprietate Industriala (RO);
Buletin Oficial de Proprietate Industriala (RO);
Tovarnyje znaki, znaki obsluyvaniya i naymenovaniya mest proischodenija tovarov (RU);
Resmi Marka Gazetesi (Tescil Edilmis Markalar) (TR);
Promislova vlastnist (UA);
Trademarks BIB (US);
Patents and Trademarks ASSIGN (US);
Trademarks ASSIST (US);
Rasmily ahborotnoma (UZ);
Benelux Merkenblad. Recueil. des Marques Benelux (BX);
Community Trade Marks Bulletin (EM);
WIPO Gazette of International Marks (WO);
ROMARIN (WO);
Article 6ter.

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)

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

The visitors of LTL can be consulted on the spot as well as by telephone or e-mail. LTL is an access provider to the LTL website (<http://www.tb.lt/PIC/PIC.htm>) and provides an opportunity to order trademark search.

The distribution of SPB Official Gazette in foreign states and intergovernmental organisations on the basis of mutual exchange is effected also by LTL.

The SPB Official Gazette publications (Adobe PDF format) and Database of the Trademarks of the Republic of Lithuania are included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/>).

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information

The official gazette of SPB was distributed in 39 foreign states and intergovernmental organisations (AM, AT, BA, BG, BY, BX, CH, CZ, DE, EE, EM, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, JP, KG, KZ, LV, MD, MK, PL, RO, RS, RU, SI, SK, TJ, TM, TR, UA, US, UZ, WO) on the basis of mutual exchange.

The bibliographic and legal status data on trademarks was supplied to THOMSON/COMPU-MARK to be included in COMPU-MARK databases.

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)

Lithuanian specialists took part in WIPO Standards and Documentation Working Group (Seventh Session) of Standing Committee on Information Technologies.

The following seminars were organized together with WIPO in 2006:

national seminar Regarding the Use of Trademarks in Business and Trade;

regional seminar Coordination of the World Intellectual Property Organization Universities.

Seminars on the protection of the industrial property in Lithuania and patent information service were held in Kaunas and Siauliai in 2006.

World Intellectual Property Day has been celebrated, an exposition dedicated for the World Intellectual Property Day and for the 15th Anniversary of the SPB has been organized at LTL.

Upon active cooperation with the WIPO, a University Initiative program is being implemented in Lithuania, according to which industrial property information coordinators operate in Vilnius Gediminas Technical University as well as in Kaunas University of Technology.

In cooperation with WIPO Lithuanian language publication Inventing the Future - An Introduction to Patents for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises has been published.

Lithuanian press published articles on the improvement of the Lithuanian industrial property information system.

Bibliographical index The Protection of the Industrial Property (where books and articles of the Lithuanian authors in field of industrial property for years 1991-2006 indicated) is maintained and information publication Protection of the Industrial Property is published every quarter by LTL as well.

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

SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/index.php?c=teisesakiai/index.php&rightfrm=no&srch=no>) provides information on legislation related to trademarks.

The Annual Report of the Office is included in the SPB website (<http://www.vpb.gov.lt/en/>).

The database of International Classification of Goods and Services is included in the SPB website (http://www.vpb.lt/db_tppk/index1.php?l=en&t=prekiu_klasifikacija).

SPB website (<http://www.vpb.lt/en/index.php?c=/news/index.php&l=en>) contains trademark -related news regarding the Office.

X. Other relevant matters

During the year 2006 the replies of the Lithuanian party to SCIT Circulars were directed to WIPO and the formats of the publication and exchange of the Lithuanian industrial property data based on WIPO standards were determined.

In 2006, Lithuanian industrial property statistical data were submitted to WIPO to be published in its publication Industrial Property Statistics.