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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 2003 the evolution of registration activities increased 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.

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 Bulletin of Industrial Property, section "Trademarks"

Techniques used for the generation of trademark information (printing, recording, 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 2003

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 state 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 for search purposes

There is QBE for bibliographic data in CS version 2.1.8.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep

File Building

Updating

NO

Storage, including mass storage media

NO

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

NC

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems

In-house systems (online/offline)

YES (Data base, Common Software)

External databases

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

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

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

The CS Program systems v 2.1.8 is provided by EPO. It consists of:

- 1. Hardware:
- Server GS 80, 1G Ram, 500 GB HDD in RAID.
- Workstation 40 computers, minimum Pentium 600 MHz, min. 256 Ram, min. 10 G HDD;
- Network type 100 Mbps;
- 2 Cannon Network printers BW
- 1 Cannon Network printers color
- 2. . Software:
- Server:
- Unix TRU64
- Informix Dynamic Server 9.4
- Workstation
- Windows 2000 as Operating System
- TCP/IP for network connectivity
- "Common Software"

VI. Administration of trademark 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 worn out documents.

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)

We have not yet the trademark information posted on the World Wide Web.

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

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

OSIM organized:

- seminars and training in various regions of Romania, in order to make industrial property issues more clear for the persons concerned. At present, there exist fourteen regional centers in the most important towns (Brasov, Constanta, Bacau, Oradea, Baia-Mare, Craiova, Bistrita-Nasaud, Braila, Timisoara, Suceava, Iasi, Covasna, Galati, Targu Mures).
- seminars and conferences in the country;
- participation in fairs across the countries for the entrepreneurial sectors, small and medium size 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 size enterprises and supported by advertisments and specific pamphlet and prospectus.

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IX. Other relevant matters