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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 comparison with 2002, the total number of trademark applications filings in 2003 has increased by 1,7%; we had 6125 applications in 2002, and 6230 in 2003. At the same time, the number of trademark applications filed under the Madrid Agreement increased by 0,54%; we had 4456 applications in 2002, and 4480 in 2003.

On the other hand, the Trademark Department granted 5675 registrations in 2003 against 4678 in 2002.

Filed Trademark Applications:

Year.....	Madrid Agreement.....	National....	Total
2001.....	5319.....	1862.....	7181
2002.....	4456.....	1661.....	6125
2003.....	4480.....	1750.....	6230

Registered Trademark Applications:

Year.....	Madrid Agreement.....	National....	Total
2001.....	4785.....	647.....	5432
2002.....	3605.....	1073.....	4678
2003.....	4330.....	1345.....	5675

On December 31st, 2003, in Yugoslavia, there were 145253 registered and valid trademarks, including 15488 trademarks entered in the national register and 129765 trademarks registered through the Madrid Agreement.

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

The Federal Intellectual Property Office (henceforward "Office"), on the basis of Trademark Law, publishes its official gazette the Intellectual Property Journal. The Intellectual Property Journal is published bimonthly, 6 times a year in 300 copies.

The Intellectual Property Journal, in the part referring to trademarks, is prepared by means of computer. Information from trademark data base are transferred to text processor automatically, then minimal technical preparation follows and the text is sent to printing. The following information and bibliographical data concerning registered domestic and international trademarks are published in the Intellectual Property Journal – registration number, application number, filing date, registration date, date of granted priority right, validity date, information on the holder of title, information about the sign that has been registered. Trademarks are published in grayscale and color technique. In 2003, 919 registered trademarks were published.

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

Nothing new to report.

IV. Trademark manual search file establishment and upkeep

In the Office, it is not possible to search manually the signs, because all searches are done by computer.

V. Activities in the field of computerized trademark search systems

A data base has been formed consisting of applications and registered rights and it is kept on one server. Database consists of the following information: application number, filing date, registration number, registration date, date of the granted priority right, date of the expiration of validity, name of the holder of right and address, name of the previous holder of right and address (if any), information concerning the representative, title of the sign (textual and a short description, if possible), numbers of the designated classes of goods and services, information on the holder of license, franchise, or pledge, notification where other necessary or useful information can be found (after the termination of procedure), the list of goods and services, graphical appearance of the sign (if any).

Data base on trademarks is kept on a IBM server having this configuration – Board with PENTIUM 3/1.13GHz, 1280 MB RAM, 3x36.4GB hard discs, 3½ floppy drive, COMBO drive, 17 inches color monitor, S3 Savage 4 video adapter, raid disc 9,1 GB for backup. Operating system is Microsoft Windows 2000 Server. Database is processed in Microsoft Access 2002. Among other software packages, we use Microsoft Word 97 for text processing and desk-top publishing for the publication in the Intellectual Property Journal and we keep connection with data base for all documents and certificate publication (mail merge) and we use Micrographical Picture Publisher 6 for scanning and processing of figurative trademarks.

LAN consists of 14 PCs (the above mentioned computer works as a server with another 14xPentium 4, 512 MB RAM, 40 GB HD, 17" color monitor).

For the time being, there is no possibility of on-line access to data base for experts outside the Office in order to perform search.

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)

Nothing new to report.

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of trademark documentation and information

During 2003, the Official Gazette of the Federal Intellectual Property Office of Yugoslavia, "Intellectual Property Journal" has been delivered to the following countries:

AM, AT, AU, BE, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CO, CU, CZ, DK, DZ, EG, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IN, IT, JA, LI, LT, LY, MK, NL, NO, PL, RO, RU, SE, SI, TR, UA, US.

The Office has received gazettes from the following countries: AM, AT, BG, BR, BY, CH, CZ, DE, FR, GB, HR, HU, JP, LT, MK, NO, PL, RO, RU, SI, TJ, TR.

VIII. Matters concerning education and training including technical assistance to developing countries

Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro organised many lectures concerning trademark legal protection in chambers of commerce, fair exhibitions and some of the big companies.

IX. Other relevant matters