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Annual Technical Report on Trademark Information Activities in 2019 submitted by AZ/Intellectual Property Agency

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I. GENERAL OVERVIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TRADEMARK INFORMATION ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Creation of the new system concerning the transparency of the controlling process of examination and registrations of trademarks.

Outline of main policies and plans aimed at development of trademark information activities and expected time frames for their realization

"Patent Trademark Open Target (PANAHA)" system was carried out and began operation. Until the end of this year it is planned to review the PANAHA system.

New projects launched or resumed this year in the context of the policies and plans mentioned above, short description: aims, partners, tasks

Learning the possibilities of integration into the IPAS system.

Main areas of trademark information activities and related information and communication technology (ICT) practices which were in the focus of attention last year

In comparison with the last years, with the help of the new ICT technologies. The process of acceptance and registration of trademarks has become more faster.

Statistics: changes in terms of application filings and registrations with respect to previous year; trends or areas experiencing rapid changes

As an example, earlier the process lasted about 1-2 days, but is now completed in a few minutes.

Other matters and useful links (URLs): annual report of the Office, news page, statistics, etc.

II. SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRADEMARK INFORMATION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Through the system "PANAHA", applicants will be able to receive e-notifications about the process of the registration of trademarks and about the status of the application.

Information and support provided by the Office to applicants regarding filing on paper and/or e-filing (instructions, seminars, etc.) - URLs

At the official website of IP Office and Patent and Trademarks Examination Center, was uploaded full information about the "PANAHA" system "<http://panah.copat.az/login>" and information about the E-Patent service "http://patent.azstand.gov.az/mainCommon/index.az?request_locale=az" under the IP Office.

Availability of the application dossier in electronic form

At the stage of operation within the PANAHA system.

Matters concerning classifying

(i) 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

(ii) Use of electronic classification systems and pre-defined terms of the classification applied

WIPO provides applicants with the possibility of using Madrid Goods and Services Manager.

Matters concerning processing of different types of non-traditional marks (e.g., three-dimensional, motion, hologram, color mark, etc.)

At the stage of operation.

Other activities

III. SOURCES OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE

The periodical Bulletin about the registered marks.

Main types of publications in the field of trademark information, outline of the content and medium (on paper, on CDs, online - URLs)

Main types of publications contain the bibliographic information about the registered marks and information about e-bulletin which was uploaded into the website.

Official Gazettes: main types of announcements, frequency of publication, medium (on paper, on CDs, online, URL), etc.

Monthly official Gazette and its electronic version uploaded into the website.

Information products (coverage, medium, etc.) available to examiners, including external documentation and databases

Experts are using the IPOA System (The management of Intellectual Property Automation System).

Information products (coverage, medium, etc.) and services available to external users; conditions of access (e.g., free of charge, subscription, etc.)

Only E-Patent service " http://patent.azstand.gov.az/mainCommon/index.az?request_locale=az"

Legal status information (kind of information, coverage, medium, etc.)

At the stage of operation.

Other sources

IV. ICT SUPPORT TO SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRADEMARK INFORMATION CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE

Specific software tools supporting business procedures within the Office: general description, characteristics, advantages, possible improvements

IPOA, PANA.H. E-DOCUMENT SYSTEM

Hardware used to supporting business processes of the Office

Special services on each system.

Internal databases: coverage, updates, interlinks with external sources

The IP Office has an Intellectual Property Search Module System, which covers all ongoing registrations.

Establishment and maintenance of electronic search file: file building, updating, storage, documents from other offices included in the search file

Administrative management electronic systems (register, legal status, statistics, and administrative support)

All procedures are carried out within the frame of IPOA (The management of Intellectual Property Automation System).

Other matters

V. PROMOTION ACTIVITIES AIMED TO SUPPORT USERS IN ACCESS AND EFFICIENT USE OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION

Through the publications in the periodic Gazette.

Office's library (if deals with trademark information): equipment, collection management, network of libraries in the country, cooperation with foreign libraries

At the stage of operation.

Publications related to different business procedures and trademark information sources available to users, for example, books, brochures, Internet publications, etc.

Only official Gazette.

Cooperation with universities, technology and innovation support centers, etc.

Education and training: training courses, e-learning modules (URLs), seminars, exhibitions, etc.

The seminars and trainings for the representatives of business are carried out.

Other activities

VI. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF TRADEMARK INFORMATION

Bulletin exchange within the international cooperation.

International exchange of trademark information in machine-readable form (e.g., Official Gazettes)

Not available.

Participation in international or regional activities and projects related to trademark information

At the stage of operation.

Assistance to developing countries

Other activities

VII. OTHER RELATED MATTERS

All the information concerning the above-mentioned matters, is presented in the attachment.