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IN THE INTERNAL MARKET
(TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS)





*The Office has chosen to pay tribute
to the principal founders of
the European Community in
its 1998 Annual Report.*

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Jean-Claude Combaldieu
President of the OHIM



One hundred thousand Community trade mark applications were filed between 1996 and 1998. The reality of the single European market and the intense need for businesses to have sound, effective protection for their goods and services throughout the Union could not be clearer.

The Office at Alicante has striven to work in the best interests of the new instrument represented by the Community trade mark and to offer its users the best possible service without drawing on public funds from the European Community.

However, and this is the theme of the illustrations in this year's Annual Report, tribute must also be paid to all those, famous or not so famous, who, for decades, have been building a Europe which is at the service of its citizens and its economy.

1998

at the OHIM



Once again, even the most optimistic forecasts have been exceeded, with more than 31 000 applications for Community trade marks being filed in 1998.

Thanks should be extended to all those who were perceptive enough to conceive of this new legal instrument and whose stubborn persistence caused it to succeed. The success of the Community trade mark demonstrates in itself its usefulness to the single market and businesses which must include a global approach to the market in their commercial strategies.

Since it was opened in April 1996, the OHIM has received more than 100 000 trade mark

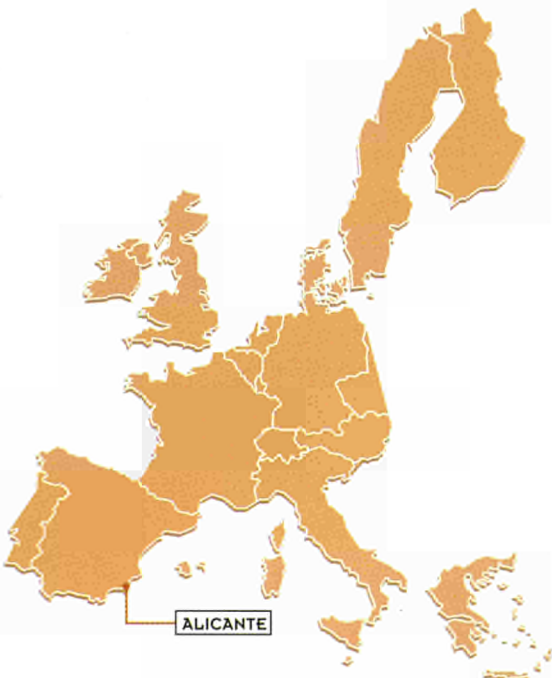
applications. All the initial plans regarding human and technical resources have been upset, as have the budget estimates.

The Office has found itself confronted with a rapidly expanding organisation, which entails specific management problems that are, at times, very difficult to deal with.

The fact that the Council foresaw the creation of a self-managing body, equipped to react swiftly and appropriately to new situations on a day-to-day basis, is to be applauded. Examples such as this highlight the benefits of subsidiarity and decentralised management when applied to organisations of a specific and technical nature, such as industrial property offices. This is especially beneficial to the OHIM as it serves a genuine "clientèle", whose needs it must meet if the trade mark is to be a success. The centralised management of this mission would not have allowed such success to come about.

One of the most outstanding features of the development of the Office in the course of 1998 concerns the choices made in terms of human resources, organisation and technical fields, which have, on the whole, been borne out. These choices have led to a workforce of over 400 persons (both officials and other staff, of all categories) and above all to confirmation of the self-financing status achieved in 1997.

The technical choices taken can firstly be seen in the original decision to have a pa-



perless office. All trade mark files are electronic, and incoming letters are immediately digitised. This has been made possible by the designing of the computer management system "Euromarc" complemented by the optical storage system which permits live management from the memory. Archives on optical media, of which the CD-ROM distributed is a by-product, are an essential tool. Had this original choice not been made, the Office would today have to battle against 7 300 000 pages of documents, or put another way, if the files were all lined up, they would measure approximately one kilometre in length. This would have been a major drawback.

The buildings policy is also part of the technical choices. The lack of space in the main seat originally intended for 200 people, based on estimates drawn up at the time in conjunction with the Spanish authorities, which incidentally must be congratulated on the quality and the efficiency of the reception they have given to the Office in Alicante, quickly made it inadequate. The Office had to rent three other office buildings. This situation caused communication problems and generated additional costs which had to be resolved as quickly as possible.

For this reason, the Office, with the approval of the Budget Committee, decided to speed up the construction of its permanent seat, which will be located on the coast, between the town of Alicante and the airport. The foundation stone was laid on 4 February 1998 by the Prime Minister of the Spanish government, Mr José María Aznar.

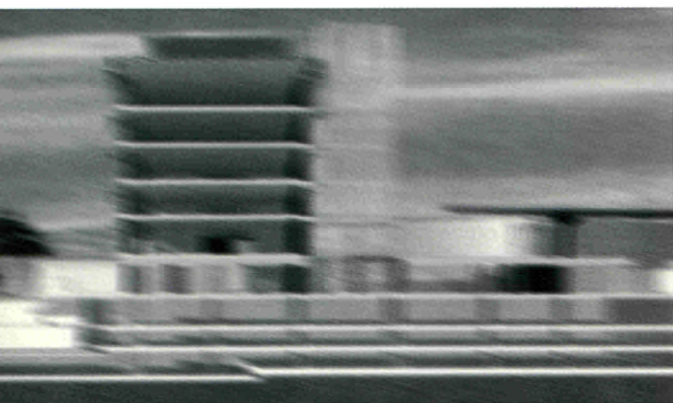
This building, which is due to be opened in June 1999, will accommodate 400 people,

that is to say almost all the services, with the exception of the Boards of Appeal, which will be accommodated in the present temporary seat in Avenida de Aguilera.

The future seat is of a modular design, enabling it to be extended, in due course, to accommodate all members of staff, as well as those required once the Office begins to process Community designs.

Organisational decisions had to be taken rapidly as a result of the success of the Community trade mark. As early as 1997, the Examination Division had to be reorganised, giving it a more vertical rather than sequential structure, by dividing it up into examination groups. Examiners were thus given greater responsibility, and clients were able to identify clearly the person dealing with their trade mark within the Office. The benefits of such reorganisation were soon to be felt, as almost 48 000 applications for trade marks were sent for publication in 1998. Since the Office began its work, 63 000 applications have been sent for publication which, taking into account that approximately 10% of trade marks will never be published, represents 70% of the applications received. In other words, the Office has already made up for the initial backlog, at least at the examination stage.

Now the Office has a better idea of the patterns emerging, considerable care is being taken to ensure that the delays experienced do not have repercussions on the subsequent stages of the procedure, that is to say, for the Opposition Division, the Register Service and the Boards of Appeal.



The absolute need to catch up on the backlog called for a strict recruitment policy to ensure that the staff employed had the appropriate trade mark experience and language skills.

After a difficult start, both in terms of human resources and for technical reasons, registration work speeded up in the second half of the year. Almost 25 000 trade marks have now been registered and publication follows within six to eight weeks. 1999 will see the end of delays at this stage of the procedure.

The major challenge at present concerns the Opposition Division. With a little over 18% of applications being the subject of one or more oppositions (the number of oppositions in relation to applications is close to 25%), the existing and future workload for this division is striking, particularly given that this procedure alone, because of its adversarial nature, requires an average of twelve letters per file and must end with a reasoned decision in the majority of cases. The 11 850 oppositions received in 1997 and 1998 already account for a significant workload. Recruitment of staff for this division has been our

priority throughout the year and will remain so in the near future.

The Boards of Appeal have had less work than initially forecast since only approximately 250 appeals have been lodged. Since appeal is one of the final stages of the procedure, this situation is normal in the light of the initial delays experienced. Now that the Office has made up for the backlog, more than a thousand appeals should be expected in 1999.

The Office's rapid start-up has clearly had an impact on the budget situation. The time elapsing between the collection of fees and the implementation of procedures has led the Office to build up provisions [EUR 6 million (*) in 1998] to cover the costs to be met in subsequent financial years. These cannot therefore be classed as structural surpluses. The Office has not yet completed its establishment phase. As has been explained, the Opposition Divisions and the Boards of Appeal are only just beginning to face the onslaught caused by the flood of applications received in the first three years. There is still not enough staff to deal with the work involved, meaning that fixed costs are going to rise further as the number of trade mark applications is clearly on the increase.

The Office should nevertheless be able to remain self-financing over the next few years by drawing on the provisions which have been built up. In 2006, the level of fees should be reconsidered and possibly lowered. By then, the Office will be receiving the first renewal fees, but it will certainly also have to handle the extra costs arising from the enlargement of the Union.

(*) The amounts given in this Annual Report are all expressed in euro even though the single currency has only been in operation since 1st January 1999.

However, in considering the Office's resources and its operating structures, one fundamental principle should never be forgotten: the duty to ensure that users are able to register their trade marks as easily as possible and at the best price. Customer satisfaction is the key to success. The number of trade mark applications received by the Office is a measure of their satisfaction. The situation is encouraging because an increase of 4 000 applications was experienced between 1997 and 1998.

In addition to this, the Office maintained contact with the Commission and all the international organisations concerned with trade marks throughout 1998. Bilateral meetings were held in Alicante. The "OAMI Trade Mark Group" was also set up, bringing together representatives of all the associations, and it met in Alicante at the beginning of the year. These meetings are necessary and constructive as they enable procedures to be refined and improved, and therefore ensure user satisfaction.

In addition to the meetings of the Administrative Board and the Budget Committee at which the Member States and the Commission make their contribution to the smooth running of the Office, meetings with the central industrial property offices are also proving fruitful, particularly in the field of search reports and the dissemination of information.

The RESMA communications network also began to function in 1998 and the Office's Internet site was set up. It has been a year of consolidation for the Office, of catching up on backlogs and improving procedures. It is already acknowledged that the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market is an important tool for the unification of the internal market. Its success has demonstrated its usefulness to the industrial and commercial world. Its aim remains that of serving the European Union and businesses.





The signing of the Treaty of Rome

Rome, 25 March 1957 - Ministers of the six that established the EEC and Euratom together in the Horatii and Curiatii Room.



FROM THE FILING TO THE REGISTRATION OF A TRADE MARK



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1.1 Examination

In addition to some 31 500 new applications received in 1998, the Examination Division had to handle over 54 000 applications carried over from previous years which had not yet been published or definitively refused.

In the course of 1998, the Examination Division managed to achieve most of its objectives and is considered to be up to date in its activities, with the exception of examinations as to absolute grounds for refusal. Approximately 7 500 cases posing problems with regard to absolute grounds for refusal are still being examined. They will be the subject of a final decision in 1999.

By the end of 1999, some 18 000 applications are expected to be pending at various stages of the process, which means that files take approximately seven months on average from filing to publication of the application.

1.1 1 Filing dates

Over 31 500 filing dates have been accorded. Approximately 2 700 filing dates were carried over to the next year. The introduction of a summary procedure, which links the acknowledgement of receipt to the filing date, has proved to be an improvement for users, as they receive a reply from the Office within a few days of filing their application.

1.1 2 Classification

Over 36 000 classifications were effected over the course of the year. The remaining 6 000 were carried over, either because a

recent application was concerned, or because classification is under discussion with the applicant.

1.1 3 Formal examination and examination of absolute grounds for refusal

A great effort was made in 1998 to complete *stricto sensu* examination procedures in order to catch up on the backlog and speed up publications. Approximately 53 000 examinations were effected in 1998, and only 7 500 difficult or recent files are still being dealt with and have been carried over to the next year (as against 40 000 last year).

1.1 4 Publication

Approximately 48 000 applications were published in 1998 (as against 11 500 the previous year). Considerable effort was required to make up for the backlog created by the entirely unexpected flood of applications received during previous years.

1.1 5 Organisation

A huge volume of publications, clearly greater than the number of applications filed, had to be anticipated, as this was the only way the Office could reach normal operating speed. In order to achieve this, the Examination Division benefited from the previous year's restructuring into operational units, as well as from the extra staff (up to 95) on temporary "loan" from other divisions of the Vice-Presidency for Legal Affairs.



18.5% of applications filed have been the subject of an opposition in 1998 (25 % of applications filed if multiple oppositions are taken into account).

The Opposition Division has had to process oppositions filed in 1997 (776) as well as those filed in 1998 (11 078), in other words a total of 11 854. Of this total, 79 oppositions were brought to a close in 1997 and 2371 in 1998, leaving 9 083 oppositions to be processed as of 31 December 1998.

With regard to the work carried out in 1998, 10 700 cases were examined for admissibility, and around 3600 cases require a decision on admissibility by the end of the year.

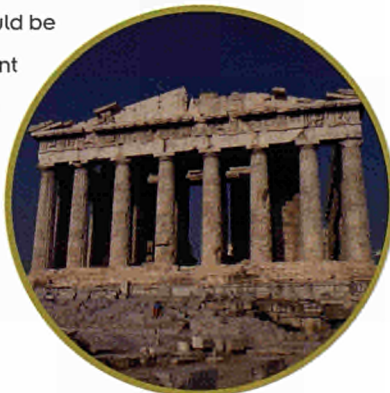
As regards the languages used, approximately 77% of all opposition proceedings take place in English, 12% in German, 6% in French, 4% in Spanish and 1% in Italian.

The missing elements are expected to be operational from February 1999.

At the beginning of 1998, four opposition units were operational. The majority of the members of staff worked part-time for the Examination Division until March. Further units were created on a regular basis, at a rate of one every two months. At the end of 1998, nine units were in operation.

Twenty-nine new recruits took up posts within the Division in 1998, and 62 budget items were allocated to this Division, 48 of which were actually occupied by the end of the year (22 lawyers, 9 assistants and 17 secretaries). Recruitment is continuing at a fast rate in 1999.

The progressive computerisation of the Division continued over the course of the year and all opposition files were managed in both paper and electronic form. The definitive Eur marc module was installed in January, but has been parameterised in a series of stages. Up to October, the module was used to send letters and manage oppositions up to the commencement of proceedings. From October 1998 the entire procedure could be managed, except for the payment of opposition fees, the checking of expiry dates and appeals filed against decisions taken. In December, the management of the fees was computerised.



The Cancellation Division is responsible for processing applications for a declaration of invalidity or revocation of a registered Community trade mark.

While, in previous years, the staff of the Cancellation Division had been allocated to other units involved in preparing for their own work or in other activities of the Office in general, in 1998, however, the first applications for cancellation were received and processed.

Ten applications were based on absolute grounds for invalidity of the trade mark and nine on relative grounds. Only one trade mark was cancelled. Eleven applications are being examined and have been carried over to the next year.

The staff of the Cancellation Division continue to be heavily involved in other activities of the Office, particularly with a view to ensuring a consistent approach to various issues pending before the Office.



The Register Service, which is part of the Legal Department, is responsible for managing the registration of Community trade marks and administering the Register. While the number of trade marks in the process of being registered in 1997 remained relatively low (513), the number achieved in 1998 (24 317) significantly exceeded estimates.

It should be noted that payments of registration fees are often late: out of 30 953 requests for payment, only 24 498 payments were recorded in the course of the year. Taking publication deadlines into account, 15 255 registrations were published and 13 926 certificates were sent to proprietors.

Two new logistical services were set up in 1998 to assist operational services.

- *Technical Service*

The Technical Service of the Vice-Presidency for Legal Affairs is responsible for Community trade mark searches and associated activities, such as the coding of figurative trade marks. It has carried out around 15 000 searches in the Community Register. As of the second half of 1998, this Service also became responsible for maintaining the Office's database of proprietors and representatives, together with all the details relating to this area of the procedure. This centralisation is necessary in order to maintain the database as a whole.

- *Coordination Service*

The Coordination Service of the Vice-Presidency for Legal Affairs is responsible for coordinating the various activities of the latter, particularly as regards recruitment and the distribution of tasks. The Service is also responsible for the internal dispatch of mail, which involves the allocation and distribution of incoming mail after it has been processed in the mail room.

In 1998, the team effected around 250 000 different dispatches.



The European Movement Congress at The Hague

The Hague, 7 May 1948 - 750 delegates and Sir Winston Churchill advocate the unity of Europe.

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BOARDS OF APPEAL

The Boards of Appeal are responsible for deciding on appeals from decisions of the examiners, the Opposition Division, the Cancellation Division and, generally speaking, procedural acts from the filing to the registration of trade marks. Although part of the Office, the Boards act independently.



The Office currently has three Boards of Appeal, each one composed of a Chairman and two members. With the exception of the Registrar, the Boards are assisted by support staff, including legal assistants and a secretarial service.

While activity concerning appeals was limited in 1997 (with a total of 20 appeals filed, 19 of which were still pending at the end of 1997), it increased considerably in 1998 (29 new inter partes appeals and 211 ex parte). A total of 87 appeals were brought to a close, 10 by withdrawal of the appeal, and 7 were considered inadmissible. With regard to decisions as to substance, the initial decision was confirmed in 45 cases and reversed in 25.

Only one decision by the Boards of Appeal was brought before the Court of First Instance in Luxembourg.

The work of the Boards of Appeal is set to increase significantly in 1999 in view of the high number of negative decisions expected from the Examination Division and the growing number of decisions taken by the Opposition Division.

At the end of 1998, the average time for the appeals procedure between lodging the appeal and the end of the procedure was five and a half months, while the average time between allocation of a case to a Rapporteur and the final decision was three and a half months.



Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet
Strasbourg, 1950

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3.1 Structure

The Legal Department is made up of the following five services which correspond to the Department's main tasks:

- *the Legal Affairs and Litigation Service;*
- *the Legislation and International Legal Affairs Service;*
- *the Professional Representation Service;*
- *the Service for the Administration of the Trade Marks Register;*
- *the Service for Coordination and for Financial and Staff Affairs.*

The Legal Department is responsible for any decision required under the Regulation on the Community trade mark which does not fall within the competence of an examiner, an Opposition Division or a Cancellation Division.

cences and surrender, is currently underway.

The Legal Department was also consulted on various internal matters, such as the award and revision of contracts, the Office's tax status, the law relating to the Community civil service, and issues connected with the construction of the Office's permanent seat. It also dealt with numerous legal questions on the Community trade mark system raised by applicants or their representatives.

In 1998, the Legal Department represented the Office before the Court of First Instance of the European Communities in three cases concerning litigations regarding the Community civil service, and also in an appeal (the first) against a decision by one of its Boards of Appeal, in accordance with Article 63 of the Regulation on the Community trade mark.

In the course of 1998, the Legal Department was also involved in collecting and distributing, via an internal database, legislative documents, case law and legal literature relating to the work of the Office, in paper and electronic form.

3.2 The work of the Legal Department

3.2 / Preparatory work on legislation, legal advice and documentation

In 1998, the Legal Department continued to prepare the general decisions and communications of the President of the Office. With regard to the guidelines on procedures before the OHIM ("guidelines on examination"), the guidelines on the inspection of files, interlocutory revision, conversion and transfer were adopted in 1998. Draft guidelines on professional representation were published for the benefit of national offices and other interested parties. The preparation of other chapters, such as those on li-

The following were dealt with:

- *the decisions and communications of the President;*
- *decisions given by the Boards of Appeal and the Opposition and Cancellation Divisions;*
- *Community, national and international legislation on industrial property;*

- *the case law of the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance concerning industrial property;*
- *legal literature published in specialist journals.*

It also carried out a great number of documentary searches at the request of the other services of the Office.

Finally, the Legal Department is responsible for establishing the content of the Office's Official Journal (see section 5.1.1).

3.2 2 Legislative and international affairs

The field of law relating to trade marks and designs has undergone significant legislative development at two levels: that of the European Community on the one hand, and that of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) on the other.

• *European Community*

Three questions presently under discussion in Brussels will affect the OHIM. These are:

- the proposal for accession of the European Community to the Madrid Protocol;
- the Commission's proposal for a regulation on Community designs;
- the prospect of enlargement of the European Union.

The proposal by the Commission for a Council decision authorising the accession of the European Community to the Madrid Protocol and for a regulation making the necessary adjustments to the Community trade mark regulation presented in 1996 encountered political difficulties at Council level towards the end of 1997. No progress was made in the course of 1998, and it is not

clear whether these difficulties can be resolved in the near future.

No discussions took place in 1998 concerning the Commission's proposal for a regulation on Community designs. On 13 October, however, the Directive on the legal protection of designs was adopted by the Council and by the European Parliament (Directive 98/71/EC of 13 October 1998). This Directive harmonises the legislation of the Member States. Adoption of this Directive is an important step towards the creation of a Community design, as the conditions of protection will be identical. The OHIM, which attended the meetings of the Council's working party on this question, will closely monitor further discussions on the proposal for a regulation, and undertake the necessary preparations for potentially setting up this new instrument.

At the end of 1998, the Commission started negotiations on the accession of six countries to the Community (Estonia, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia and Cyprus). The Office was requested to submit data to the Commission, and its Administrative Board and other interested parties were consulted (see "OAMI Trade Mark Group" in section 4 below) about the legal and organisational implications of accession. The legal implications relate to the terms on which existing Community trade marks will be extended to the new Member States and to the terms on which rights existing in these countries will be upheld. The organisational implications primarily concern the system for translating trade mark applications in all the Community languages and the search system. These issues have also been examined by the Administrative Board.

• *World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)*

On 1st December 1997, Mr Kamil Idris succeeded Mr Arpad Bogsch as Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), a post which the latter had held since 1973. The creation of standing committees, replacing the former committee of experts, is one of the changes which has since been brought about.

There is now a Standing Committee for Trade Marks Legislation, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications, which met for the first time in July 1998. At this meeting, which was attended by officials from the Office as part of the European Community's delegation, work on provisions concerning the protection of well-known trade marks was almost completed. These provisions may be put forward as a recommendation at the assembly of the Paris Convention, with a view to providing a framework for interpreting the provisions of the Paris Convention concerning well-known trade marks.

In October 1998, a preparatory meeting for the diplomatic conference was devoted to the adoption of a new Act of the Hague Agreement (international deposit of industrial designs) and to dealing with the organisational and protocol aspects of the conference planned for June and July 1999. The European Community may possibly be party to the new treaty and attend the diplomatic conference. The new draft Act of the Hague Agreement is designed to make significant improvements to the system of the international deposit of industrial designs and to make it more attractive and also to ensure that it will be fully compatible with the future Community protection right.

3.2 3

Professional Representation Service

This Service, which is part of the Legal Department, is responsible for all matters concerning professional representation. Its core activity is the administration of the list of professional representatives authorised to represent clients before the Office, and the management of the database of general authorizations.

The number of professional representatives registered at the end of 1998 was 5196. Distribution per country of origin is shown in the table below.

In 1998, 238 applications for inclusion in the first list were received, 228 of which were approved. The Office issued a negative decision in ten cases. No appeal was filed. Fifty-one representatives were removed from the list following their removal from the national register.

At the end of 1998, a total of 33 500 general authorizations had been registered in the

| Country | Number |
|-------------------|--------|
| Denmark | 76 |
| Germany | 1674 |
| Spain | 333 |
| France | 631 |
| Ireland | 91 |
| Italy | 647 |
| Austria | 55 |
| Portugal | 72 |
| Finland | 41 |
| Sweden | 170 |
| United Kingdom | 1028 |
| Benelux countries | 378 |
| Total | 5196 |

database kept by the Professional Representation Service. 13 872 were added to it in 1998.

The Service also published a Directory of Professional Representatives, which will be available on the Office's Internet site.

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The Register of Community trade marks

Attached to the Legal Department, the Service for the Administration of the Trade Marks Register has many tasks, the most important of which is the registration of trade marks which have reached the end of the procedure. This is the culmination of a complex procedure which involves close co-operation with the other administrative and financial services, particularly when checking payments and publication (see section 1.4).

The Register Service is also responsible for a whole range of other activities.

- *In the course of 1998, 700 requests for copies of applications or registrations were processed for a total of 1500 trade marks. Moreover, 4500 pages were produced in response to requests for copies of documents from the files. This work is still carried out manually, although new computer programs are currently being developed.*
- *In the same year, 1534 transfers were registered for 2090 trade marks, 25 licences were registered for 53 trade marks and 15 seniority claims were also registered. Finally, 35 applications for conversion were also processed. Computerisation of this sector of activity is at an advanced stage of development and should be completed in the course of 1999.*



The Paris Treaty
Paris, 18 April 1951

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RELATIONS

WITH USERS



Close contacts and a frequent exchange of views with “clients”, particularly those who regularly use the Community trade mark system as applicants or opponents or parties to the procedure, are essential if the Office is to adopt a policy which takes full account of users’ needs and ensures transparency in the way in which it operates.

These relations, which are crucial to the Office, are the direct responsibility of the President and Vice-Presidents. Together with the Office’s main managerial staff, they have attended numerous symposia, meetings and conferences bringing together trade mark users not just in Europe, but throughout the world. The purpose of these meetings is also to promote the Community trade mark.

The *OAMI NEWS* newsletter, published every two months, constitutes a medium for disseminating important information on the operation of the Office. The editorial is reserved for key people who are interested in the Community trade mark and the development of industrial property in general.

In 1998, the OAMI Trade Mark Group was set up. It met for the first time on 3 July. The meetings will continue at regular intervals. The

OAMI Trade Mark Group comprises the thirteen international non-governmental bodies with which the Office cooperates and the European Commission. The examination of seniority claims, the quality of search reports, questions on procedure relating to opposition proceedings and the possible effects of the enlargement of the European Union on the Office's activities are amongst some of the issues discussed.

The thirteen international non-governmental bodies are:

- *Association européenne des industries de marques (AIM)*;
- *Association internationale pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (AIPPI)*;
- *Conseil européen des fédérations de l'industrie chimique (CEFIC)*;
- *Committee of National Institutes of Patent Agents (CNIPA)*;
- *European Communities Trade Mark Association (ECTA)*;
- *European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries Association (EFPIA)*;
- *Fédération européenne de mandataires de l'industrie en propriété industrielle (Femipi)*;
- *Fédération internationale des conseils en propriété industrielle (FICPI)*;
- *International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)*;
- *International Trademark Association (INTA)*;
- *Association of European Trade Mark Proprietors (Marques)*;
- *Union des confédérations de l'industrie et des employeurs d'Europe (UNICE)*;
- *Union of European Practitioners in Industrial Property (UNION)*.

Bilateral contacts with these non-governmental bodies have also continued. The non-governmental organisations not included in the list above, namely the essentially national bodies, are also consulted in writing by the Office whenever guidelines or other written communications of general interest are being

prepared, or for any other measures regarding which the Office would like to know the reaction of users.



Discussion of the Schuman plan
Strasbourg, 1950 — Council of Europe Consultative Assembly.

DISSEMINATION

OF INFORMATION

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5.1 / Official Journal

Eleven issues of the OHIM's Official Journal were published in 1998 (with a single issue for July and August), amounting to a total of 1440 pages. Since the first issue in 1995, the number of subscribers has remained

constant at about 1500. The

Official Journal is also sent

to all the national of-

fices in the European

Union and to a num-

ber of offices and

institutions in non-

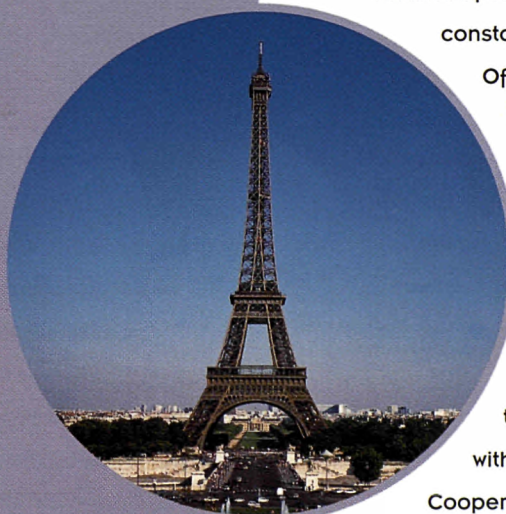
member States, with

which the OHIM main-

tains and develops links

with the aid of the Technical

Cooperation Division.



The Legal Department is responsible for the content of the Official Journal. In 1998, decisions and communications issued by the President of the Office, guidelines on proceedings before the Office, certain international treaties, Community Directives and relevant judgments given by the Court of Justice of the European Communities in the field of trade marks were published. Various acts of the Administrative Board and the Budget Committee and important decisions given by the Opposition Division and Boards of Appeal also featured in the Official Journal. Lists of states party to the international treaties on intellectual property and new entries on the list of professional representatives constitute the rest of the contents of the Official Journal.

number, filing date, trade mark, etc.) have been produced.

5.2

General information

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Publications on Community trade marks

• *The informative CD-ROM on trade marks*

Production of an informative CD-ROM providing information on Community trade marks continued in 1998. Work has continued throughout the year with a view to the on-line dissemination of this information in order to offer daily updates from the beginning of 1999 under the name "CTM Download". Distribution of the informative CD-ROM will continue until mid 1999, after which it will be permanently replaced by "CTM Download".

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Other publications containing general information

• *OAMI-Online*

OAMI On-line, the Office's Internet site, has been open since 15 October 1998 at the following address: <http://oami.eu.int>, offering a great deal of information on the Office and its work.

The main items of information on the OAMI On-line site are:

- reference documents such as the regulations on Community trade marks and the President's decisions and communications;
- the guidelines applied by the Office's divisions and services;
- decisions by the Boards of Appeal and the Opposition Division;
- OHIM progress reports and statistics on trade marks;

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Community Trade Marks Bulletin

• *Paper edition*

In 1998, publication of the Bulletin reached a particularly high rate with two weekly editions running to a total of 61 000 pages and 99 issues, containing over 47 000 Community trade mark applications published in Part A, and over 12 000 registrations in Part B. Further sub-sections were added in the course of the year, and a Vade mecum was published to give more information on the contents of the Bulletin and other items of general interest.

• *CD-ROM edition*

The Bulletin is also available on CD-ROM. Since July 1998, twenty-five CD-ROMs, offering various indexed information fields (file

- the list of professional representatives and international non-governmental bodies with which the OHIM cooperates;
- information on the Administrative Board and Budget Committee, as well as the corresponding organigrams and useful contact numbers.

The site's main features are:

- it can be accessed in the five languages of the Office;
- it includes the forms for proceedings before the Office, in electronic format, which can be downloaded and completed on a PC and then sent by fax to the Office.

• *Other publications*

- 5200 copies of the Office's Annual Report were printed (all five language versions included).

- A multilingual version (five languages) of Selected instruments relating to the Community trade mark was published comprising the texts of the relevant Community regulations, as well as some of the decisions and communications of the President of the Office.

- In 1998, there were six editions of the *OAMI NEWS*. The *OAMI NEWS* is distributed every two months as an annex to the Official Journal of the OHIM and, as in the previous year, was also distributed separately to a specific target group, with the aim of maintaining close links with users and other people interested in the Office's work. In view of the success of this bimonthly newsletter, the circulation increased from 1000 copies (at the end of 1996) to 3500 copies (at the end of 1998).

• *List of subscriptions available:*

| Title/ Medium | Number of issues published in 1998 | Language versions available | Frequency |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Community Trade Marks Bulletin (paper) | 99 | The 11 languages of the EU | Minimum of one issue per week |
| Community Trade Marks Bulletin (CD-ROM) | 23 | The 11 languages of the EU | Minimum of one issue per week |
| Official Journal of the OHIM (paper) | 11 + table of contents '97 | ES/DE/EN/FR/IT | Monthly |
| Directory of Professional Representatives 1997 (paper) | 1 | ES/DE/EN/FR/IT | Biennially: one edition every two years |
| <i>OAMI NEWS</i> (paper) | 6 | Multilingual | Bimonthly |



Declaration of European integration policy

Paris, 9 May 1950 — Grand salon de l'horloge du quai d'Orsay, where Mr Robert Schuman gave a public declaration on behalf of the government.



With a view to heightening awareness and comprehension of the many advantages offered by the Community trade mark system and to promote the constant success it has experienced since it was set up, the Technical Cooperation Division acts as the interface between the Office and the many parties it deals with, regardless of whether they are public or private, national or international bodies.

In 1998, the ongoing dialogue which the Office maintained with its partners in the European Union and third countries has helped to build the confidence of the "outside world" in its work and to increase recognition of the Community trade mark.

The activities of the Technical Cooperation Division expanded rapidly throughout the year due to the implementation of new programmes of intensive cooperation and greater collaboration with national offices, the European Patent Office and the WIPO. The Division has also taken part in many events such as seminars and conferences presenting and promoting the Community trade mark, and it has organised visits for over 300 people from 30 different countries who had an interest in learning about the Community trade mark system.

COOPERATION

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6.1

The European Community and Member States

The Office maintains constant relations with the European Commission, particularly with regard to the assistance programmes for third countries that the European Community has signed with a number of countries in Asia and Latin America.

The OHIM is the implementing agency for technical cooperation programmes concerning trade marks.

In June 1998, experts from national offices and the Office met for the fourth time at a liaison meeting devoted to the harmonisation of the various Community trade mark procedures. The subjects discussed at this meeting included the draft handbook on national legislation on the Community trade mark, search reports, seniority and conversion issues and the progress achieved with electronic processing systems such as RESMA (RESeau des MArques) and the MECA standard.

It was proposed that two working parties should be set up to give a specialised focus to the liaison meetings; one would concentrate on Community trade mark procedures and practice, and the other on the data processing system and management of Community trade mark information. Liaison meetings will be held at least twice a year with one meeting for each specialist working party.

In December 1998, as part of the preparations for setting up a Community system for designs, the Technical Cooperation Division requested information on national legislation and the technical aspects of

systems of industrial designs in use in the Member States and in the countries applying for membership.

6.2

Technical cooperation with third countries

Programmes of technical assistance are either already in place or are being set up with Vietnam, China, Argentina, India, Chile and some of the ASEAN countries (Association of South-East Asian Nations).

Since the European Community-Vietnam project on intellectual property was launched in November 1996, the OHIM has been responsible for implementing activities relating to trade marks and designs. In February 1998, a Vietnamese delegation, headed by the Deputy Director General of the National Industrial Property Office, came on a two-day visit to Alicante. In September 1998, a two-week training and study visit was organised at the OHIM offices for three members of the Vietnamese National Industrial Property Office. A visit was also made to Vietnam in December for the meeting of the cooperation programme's Management Committee.

Progress was made in 1998 on the technical aspects of the cooperation programmes planned by the EC, the European Patent Office and the OHIM with Argentina, China, India, Chile and some of the ASEAN countries, particularly with regard to the terms of reference and draft budgets. Due to reasons beyond the control of the OHIM, however, these programmes have not yet, strictly speaking, materialised. In anticipation of further technical assistance programmes with Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan, external experts, appointed by the European

Commission visited these countries, while the OHIM commenced preparatory work.

The OHIM also began preparing for programmes of cooperation with the countries of central Europe and Cyprus, which will have to adopt the Community trade mark system on their accession to the EU. The OHIM proposed to the European Commission a programme of activities for cooperation both with those countries included in the first wave of accession (Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia) and those in the second wave (Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Romania). These programmes entail a three-fold approach and focus on technical and legal cooperation activities with the national offices and the public and private sectors of the applicant countries.

Bilateral cooperation with the national offices of third countries increased in 1998, particularly with the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovenia. Officials from the Czech Republic's Industrial Property Office made a practical training visit, and a seminar on the Community trade mark was jointly organised by the EPO and the Polish Patent Office. A seminar on the Community trade mark for Slovenian civil servants, judges and university staff was also arranged and will take place at the beginning of 1999.

In the course of 1998, the OHIM signed two memoranda, one with Japan and the other with Korea, with a view to strengthening cooperation with their Industrial Property Offices.

6.3

Technical cooperation with the European Patent Office

The European Patent Office (EPO) is the OHIM's partner in most of the European programmes of assistance to third countries in the field of industrial property (see section 6.2.). Frequent meetings were held in the course of the year in order to coordinate their respective activities.

The OHIM and the EPO were also involved in various events promoting the protection of industrial property rights such as PATLIB, which was held in May 1998 in Alicante.

Cooperation between the OHIM and the EPO is symbolised by the fact that the President of each of these organisations is invited to the Administrative Board meetings of the other.

6.4

Technical cooperation with the WIPO

The Technical Cooperation Division plays an active part on the Standing Committee on Information Technology (SCIT), both at the plenary sessions and in the working parties. In the course of 1998, the setting up of an information service on industrial property available on the network (WIPONet) was the subject of a plenary session and of meetings of the working party to discuss the technical aspects of placing this network in service.

The Technical Cooperation Division addressed the WIPO Academy in Geneva. In association with the WIPO, the Division also intends to set up a programme of training courses on trade marks for officials and experts from developing countries.



The Delegation of the ECSC High Authority
June 1953



HUMAN RESOURCES

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The Service once again experienced an increase in its activities in 1998 as regards both the recruitment, training and personnel management sectors and the administration of individual rights sectors.



Recruitment and Personnel Management Sector

• *Recruitment*

Work in 1998 was marked by more than 80 new recruitments (officials or temporary agents). In order to achieve this result, the sector processed more than 2350 applications and 375 invitations to interview as part of the following selection procedures:

- ten new selection procedures for temporary staff undertaken in the course of the year,
- three selection procedures started previously which were continued and completed in the course of the year,
- four recruitment competitions launched at the end of 1997, the examinations for which took place in the first half of 1998,
- two transfers from Community institutions.

The sector also administered some 55 auxiliary contracts and 86 temporary employment agency contracts.

• *Training*

A total of 424 individual training courses were provided under the nine informatics training programmes and the five language training programmes which the Office offers its staff. This represents an increase of 22% compared with 1997.

Social administration

• *Management of staff selection, recruitment and career development rights*

Around 500 gradings were carried out in 1998 as part of recruitment procedures (an increase of 123% in comparison with 1997), and 80 new personal files were put together. The management of these files included the preparation of over 650 individual decisions on the appointment or career of the Office's staff.

• *Management of rights and obligations*

The sector prepared over 120 decisions as part of the management of the individual rights of those concerned, and 110 new resident's permits were administered in the course of the year. The sector also dealt with a significant increase in its work in the areas of social economy mentioned below.

• *Missions, absences, keeping check of working hours*

The missions section dealt with 269 missions. The work relating to keeping check of absences and working hours increased considerably due to the increase in the number of staff (+ 25% in comparison with 1997). There were two new developments in the personnel management database (leave and education allowances).

• *Medical service*

The workload associated with the administration of sickness insurance followed the same trend with the opening of 92 new files. Over 1000 medical check-ups were organised during the year, and a programme of preventive medicine was set up.

7.2 General administration

7.2 3 Library and Archives Section

7.2 1 Contract management

The workload of General Services increased with over 1300 files processed and over 200 contracts concluded (+ 30%). 58 files of the Advisory Committee on Procurements and Contracts (ACPC) and 26 invitation to tender procedures conducted (+ 53%). A total of 2600 invoices were processed (+ 30 %).

7.2 2 Buildings management

• *Permanent seat*

The OHIM became the owner, for the token value of 1 peseta, of the land on which its permanent seat is being built. The surface area of the land is over 26 000m².

On 4 February 1998, Mr Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, laid the foundation stone of the building.

At the end of the year, construction of the building's nine-story superstructure was almost complete. The internal partitioning and the installation of technical facilities (electricity, air-conditioning, fire protection) on the four lower floors has already started and is making good progress.

• *Temporary seat*

The temporary seat was extended by renting and fitting out an extra 2700 m² of office space situated at No 13 paseo de la Explanada de España in Alicante.

The buildings making up the Office's temporary seat now comprise 11 600 m² of office space, accommodating 500 work stations (staff occupying permanent posts, auxiliary staff, local staff, temporary employment agency and outside staff), and 6 000 m² of car-park space.

The library installed the Documarc computer system, which enables consultation of the catalogue and direct access to the electronic text of documents from all the Office's work stations. 770 new works were acquired.

73 500 new items were added to the archives, and 1 600 consultation requests were dealt with.

7.2 4 Translations

Some 5600 pages of translation were processed (sent and received at the Translation Centre in Luxembourg). This represents a 112% increase in comparison with 1997.

7.3 Informatics

In 1998 there was a further increase in the Office's workload in the four areas mentioned below.

7.3 1 Support and help-desk

The following were installed:

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| — personal computers | 219 |
| — laptop computers | 21 |
| — servers | 8 |
| — network printers | 46 |
| — local printers | 44 |

Over 12 000 calls for assistance were dealt with, almost two thirds of them from the services of the Vice-Presidency for Legal Affairs. Over 42% of the calls related to use of the Euromarc system.

7.3 2 Consolidation of operations

- 360 000 faxes were received by the Euromarc system (as against 140 000 in 1997), while the number of faxes sent increased from 24 000 in 1997 to 246 000 in 1998.
- Use of the electronic mail system increased substantially with some 1 220 000 messages exchanged in 1998 (as against 200 000 in 1997).
- The number of visits to the Internet site increased to 10 000 per month (4 000 in 1997).
- Technical surveys concerning the informatics equipment and the cabling for the permanent seat began in 1998 at the same time as work on fitting out the "Explanada" building of the temporary seat.

7.3 3 Administrative management

The number of files dealt with in 1998 concerning the award and renewal of contracts in the field of informatics increased to 182 (from 144 in 1997), 38 of which were submitted to the ACPC for consultation. Seven of these resulted in the publication of an invitation to tender in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

7.3 4 Development work

• *Euromarc system*

The Euromarc system underwent further developments with a view to making it operational at certain advanced stages of the trade mark application process, particularly concerning entries in the Register of Community trade marks, opposition and cancellation proceedings and appeals before the Boards of Appeal.

• *RESMA system*

The pilot phase of the installation of the RESMA system was completed in 1998. The equipment, lines and programs associated with this application were installed in the national offices.

• *Prior rights search system*

A final series of tests was carried out on the prior rights search system before it went into operation in July 1998. By the end of the year, the system had produced a total of 15 000 reports.

• *Euronice system*

Development of the Euronice system for storing and reusing translations of terms used by trade mark applicants (lists of goods and services) in the eleven Community languages started in February 1998. The IT part

of the system was completed and testing started in November 1998. This system, which will be made available to users, will be a key factor in coordinating the lists of goods and services used. It will also make it possible to reduce the cost of translations.

• *Other systems*

- Improvements were made to the financial management system in the course of the year to enable the analytical accounts programme to be set up.
- The library management system, renamed "Documarc", went into operation at the beginning of 1998 (see section 7.2.3).
- Development of the "CTM Download" system for disseminating information on the Community trade mark directly on the OHIM's Internet site was completed in 1998 and is intended to go into operation at the beginning of 1999, eventually replacing the CD-ROM on the Community trade mark (see section 5.2.1).



7.4

Budget and finances

7.4

Budget estimates

The Office's budget for the 1998 financial year was EUR 68 529 200.

Estimated revenue deriving from the Office's operation amounted to EUR 65 580 675 and EUR 2 948 525 corresponded to the balance from the previous year.

Estimated expenditure amounted to EUR 22 233 300 for persons working with the Office, EUR 27 399 400 for buildings, equipment and other miscellaneous operating expenditure, and EUR 12 313 375 for expenditure regarding the Community trade mark procedure.

The 1998 budget made provision for the posting of 31 757 application fees, 24 125 supplementary class fees, 3 000 opposition fees, 21 000 registration fees, 300 appeal fees and miscellaneous fees amounting to EUR 400 000.

7.4

Implementation of the budget

In fact, revenue amounted to EUR 68 741 221 mainly from the collection of fees and EUR 2 948 525, corresponding to the balance from the previous financial year.

During the financial year, the Office posted 32 359 application fees, 26 185 supplementary class fees, 1 316 opposition fees, 23 730 registration fees, 173 appeal fees and miscellaneous fees totalling EUR 65 631 951.

In 1998 the Office also received EUR 1 312 448 from the sale of publications. Interest totalling EUR 1 796 822 was received.

Actual expenditure relating to persons working with the Office amounted to EUR 20 329 914, EUR 20 060 401 relating to buildings, equipment and other miscellaneous operating expenditure, and EUR 12 229 513 for expenditure relating to the Community trade mark procedure. The balance for the financial year amounting to EUR 19 069 918 corresponds to the provision constituted to enable the OHIM to reach the year 2006 (the year when trade marks will start to be renewed) without having recourse to a Community subsidy.

In 1998, the Office was able to finance itself for the second year running, that is to say, to balance the budget without having recourse to a subsidy from the European Community.

7.4 3 Work of the Financial Service

• *Budget Accounts Sector*

In addition to its administrative tasks concerning the implementation of the budget, the Budget Accounts Sector was involved, in the course of the year, in drawing up two supplementary and amending budgets as well as several simulations regarding the Office's financial perspectives.

• *Tool*

Installation of the budget accounts system (SAP-ISPS) was completed with a series of tests, the training of managers and the adaptation of administrative procedures.

• *General Accounts Sector*

- The payment procedure for "suppliers" accounts was automated, while the num-

ber of invoices processed increased by 21% in comparison with the previous year, reaching 3 000.

- As regards "clients" accounts, 32 000 trade mark applications were processed, together with the posting of the corresponding registration fees (approximately 24 498).

7.5 Logistical support for trade mark processing

7.5 1 Relations with applicants and their representatives

The workload in 1998 was as follows:

- 1 000 000 pages were received, scanned, then entered into Euromarc, in connection with the 31 000 trade mark applications filed in the course of the year and with the other stages of the procedure (oppositions, appeals).
- 39 000 search reports were forwarded to applicants and/or their representatives, amounting to a total of 1 365 000 pages.
- on average, 80 telephone enquiries were answered per day, totalling 15 000 per year.
- 35 written questions per day, totalling 8 500 per year.
- 20 trade mark applications were filed directly with the Office per day, totalling 5 000 per year.

7.5 2 Interface with the national offices with regard to producing national search reports

Over 32 000 trade marks were forwarded in 1998 to the ten central industrial property offices with a view to obtaining national prior rights search reports.

7.5 3

Relations with the Translation Centre in Luxembourg (CdT)

Close to 54 000 trade marks were forwarded for translation to the CdT over the course of the year. Over 58 000 translations were received (representing 175 000 pages of translation) and entered in Euromarc in 1998.

7.5 4

Relations with the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities

All official publications and almost all informative publications are published by the Office for Publications of the European Communities in Luxembourg (see sections 5.1.1 and 5.1.2).

7.5 5

Euronice project

The project for storing and reusing the terms used in trade mark applications in the eleven Community languages started in February 1998 with the development of the software and continued with the validation of the database contents. At the end of 1998, 211 200 words had been validated in the eleven official languages (see section 7.3.4).





A meeting away from the Congress

The Hague, 7 May 1948 — Those participating in the European Movement Congress at a meeting away from the Congress.

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SERVICE FOR THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD, BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENTS AND CONTRACTS



The 10th, 11th and 12th meetings of the Office's Administrative Board were held in 1998. Following a proposal put forward by the Chairman of the Administrative Board, Mr Mota Maia, the first of these three meetings was held in June 1998, at the Belém Cultural Centre in Lisbon. The other two meetings were held in September and November at the Office's premises in Alicante.

The Budget Committee held its 11th and 12th meetings under the chairmanship of Mr Antonini, in March and November 1998 respectively, also at the Office's premises.

The Service of the Secretariat for the Administrative Board, the Budget Committee and the ACPC successfully organised these five meetings. Over 700 individual mailings were sent to the members and observers of the Administrative Board and Budget Committee. The total volume of correspondence sent out (invitations, agendas, information, working documents, minutes of meetings, etc.) was close to 50 000 pages. In addition, over 900 documents were sent by fax, with an average of nine pages per transmission. A considerable number of e-mails were also sent, particularly for the monthly forwarding of statistics on Community trade mark applications. The Service is also responsible for the internal distribution of documentation (500 internal mailings) as well as the updating of files and archives management.

In 1998, the Service started contributing to the "Office Management" section of the Office's Internet site (OAMI On-line) with miscellaneous information such as the list of members of the Administrative Board and the Budget Committee, summaries of the decisions taken during the meetings, etc.

In collaboration with the Financial, Budget and Accounts Service, it also worked on the five language versions of four budget documents which were submitted to the Budget Committee during 1998, namely the two supplementary and amending budgets (SAB) for the 1998 financial year, an estimate of revenue and expenditure for 1999 and a

budget for 1999. These four documents, taken together in the five languages of the Office, amount to approximately 2600 pages. As a result of the Budget Committee's adoption in November 1998 of an amendment to Article 13 of the Office's Financial Regulation, the budget, establishment plan and the SABs are now published in the five languages of the Office in the OHIM's Official Journal. The financial statements of the budget per budgetary title, chapter, article and item are also published in the Official Journal of the European Communities in the eleven official languages. The budget will be made public through OAMI On-line from 1999 onwards.

The Advisory Committee on Procurements and Contracts (ACPC) met thirteen times in 1998. It delivered 58 opinions on reports submitted to it by the services of the Office which covered, *inter alia*, the fitting out of premises (both the five premises currently occupied and those of the permanent seat), the purchase or hire of technical and IT equipment and facilities, as well as the provision of services in the area of informatics, buildings security and the supply of temporary workers. The Service carried out the preparation for these meetings and wrote up and forwarded to members the reports, minutes and opinions given by the ACPC.



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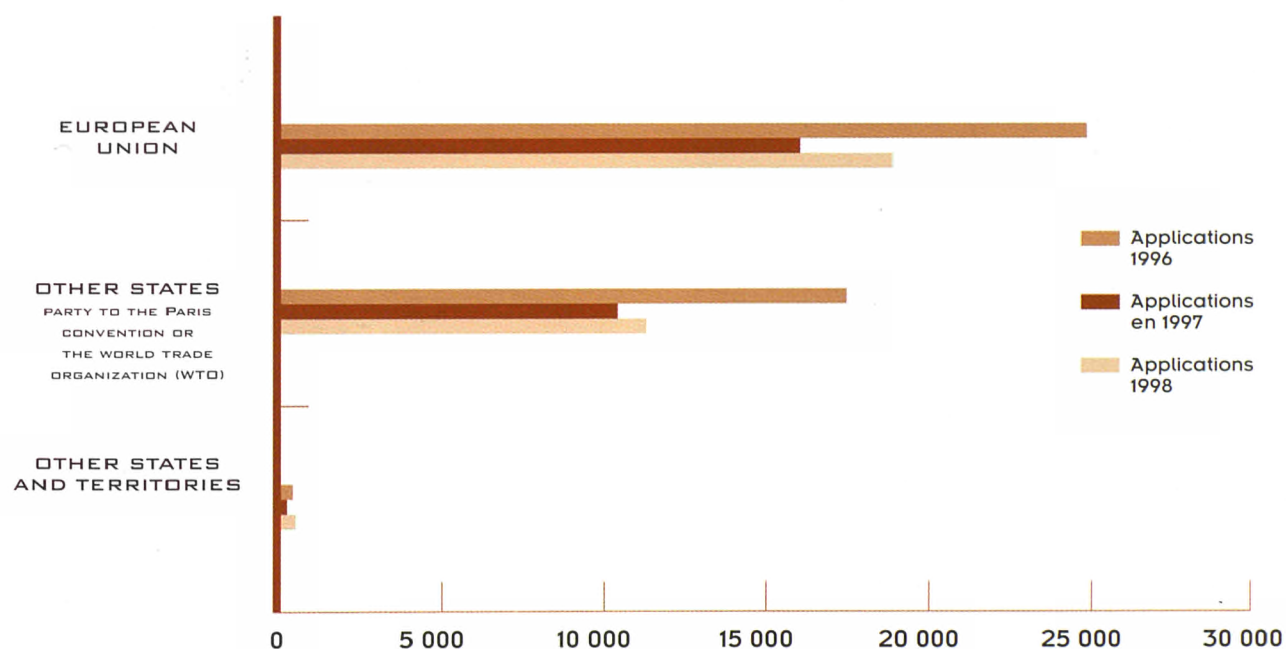
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Breakdown by origin

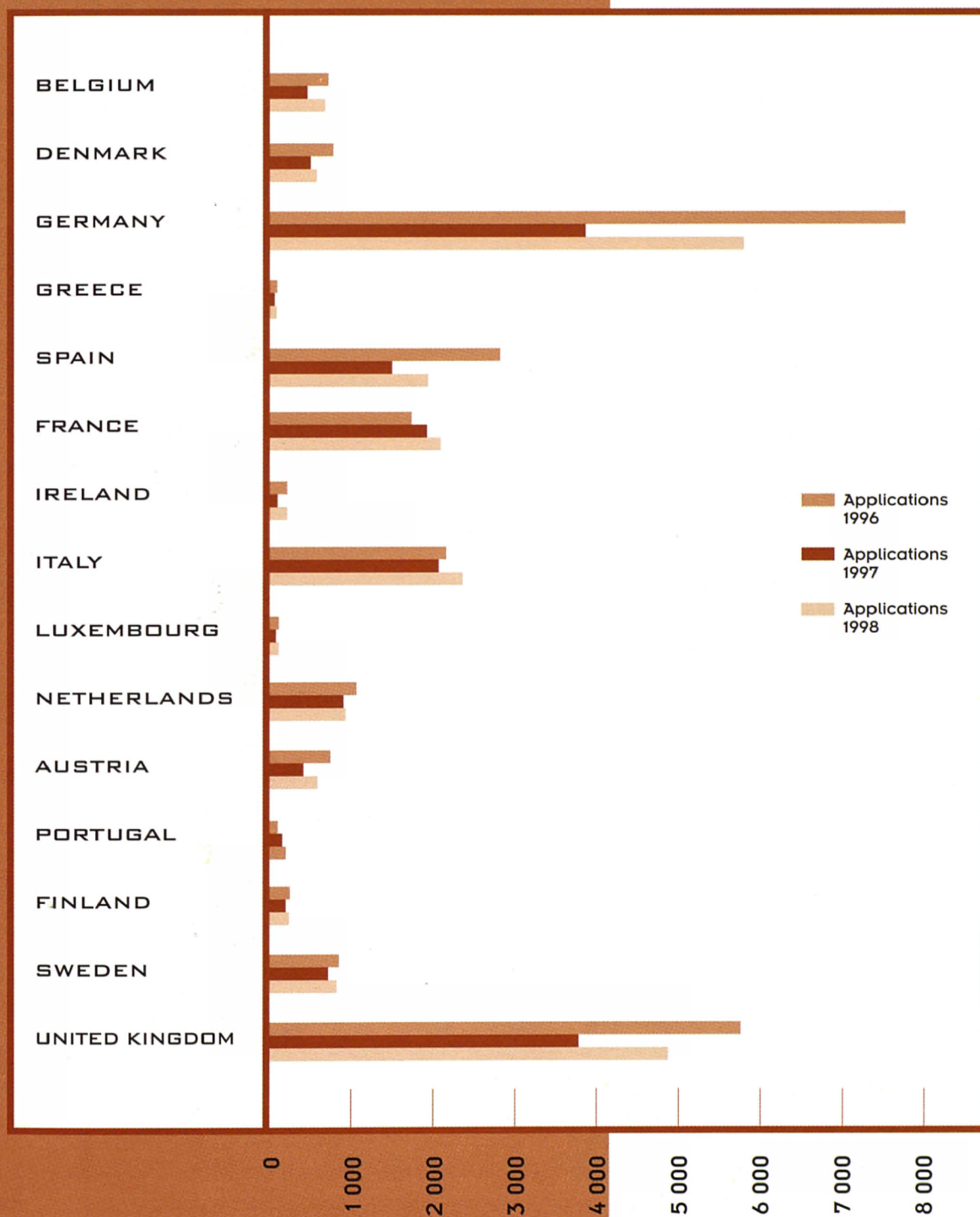
| ORIGIN | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997 | % WORLD | APPLICATIONS 1998 | % WORLD | TOTAL | % WORLD |
|--|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|---------|------------|
| EUROPEAN UNION | 41 771 | 59,46 | 19 885 | 62,98 | 61 656 | 60,55 |
| OTHER STATES PARTY TO THE PARIS CONVENTION OR THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) | 27 918 | 39,74 | 11 286 | 35,75 | 39 204 | 38,50 |
| OTHER STATES AND TERRITORIES | 556 | 0,79 | 401 | 1,27 | 957 | 0,94 |
| STATELESS PERSONS AND REFUGEES | 3 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,00 |
| TOTAL | 70 248 | 100 | 31 572 | 100 | 101 820 | 100 |



| | | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997 | % EU | % WORLD | APPLICATIONS 1998 | % EU | % WORLD | TOTAL | % EU | % WORLD |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------|----------------------|---------|------------|--------|---------|------------|
| MEMBER STATES | | | | | | | | | | |
| B | BELGIUM | 1 061 | 2,54 | 1,51 | 562 | 2,83 | 1,78 | 1 623 | 2,63 | 1,59 |
| DK | DENMARK | 1 179 | 2,82 | 1,68 | 526 | 2,65 | 1,67 | 1 705 | 2,77 | 1,67 |
| D | GERMANY | 11 625 | 27,83 | 16,55 | 4 811 | 24,19 | 15,24 | 16 436 | 26,66 | 16,14 |
| EL | GREECE | 150 | 0,36 | 0,21 | 78 | 0,39 | 0,25 | 228 | 0,37 | 0,22 |
| E | SPAIN | 4 262 | 10,20 | 6,07 | 1 965 | 9,88 | 6,22 | 6 227 | 10,10 | 6,12 |
| F | FRANCE | 3 501 | 8,38 | 4,98 | 2 131 | 10,72 | 6,75 | 5 632 | 9,13 | 5,53 |
| IRL | IRELAND | 499 | 1,19 | 0,71 | 289 | 1,45 | 0,92 | 788 | 1,28 | 0,77 |
| I | ITALY | 4 281 | 10,25 | 6,09 | 2 378 | 11,96 | 7,53 | 6 659 | 10,80 | 6,54 |
| L | LUXEMBOURG | 249 | 0,60 | 0,35 | 148 | 0,74 | 0,47 | 397 | 0,64 | 0,39 |
| NL | NETHERLANDS | 1 977 | 4,73 | 2,81 | 877 | 4,41 | 2,78 | 2 854 | 4,63 | 2,80 |
| A | AUSTRIA | 1 071 | 2,56 | 1,52 | 537 | 2,70 | 1,70 | 1 608 | 2,61 | 1,58 |
| P | PORTUGAL | 344 | 0,82 | 0,49 | 232 | 1,17 | 0,73 | 576 | 0,93 | 0,57 |
| FIN | FINLAND | 640 | 1,53 | 0,91 | 330 | 1,66 | 1,05 | 970 | 1,57 | 0,95 |
| S | SWEDEN | 1 568 | 3,75 | 2,23 | 787 | 3,96 | 2,49 | 2 355 | 3,82 | 2,31 |
| UK | UNITED KINGDOM | 9 364 | 22,42 | 13,33 | 4 234 | 21,29 | 13,41 | 13 598 | 22,05 | 13,35 |
| TOTAL | | 41 771 | 100 | 59,46 | 19 885 | 100 | 62,98 | 61 656 | 100 | 60,55 |

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Breakdown by country —
European Union comparative table



STATES

| STATES | APPLICATIONS 1996+1997 | % | % WORLD | APPLICATIONS 1998 | % | % WORLD | TOTAL | % | % WORLD |
|--|---------------------------|------|------------|----------------------|------|------------|-------|------|------------|
| ALBANIA [AL] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| ALGERIA [DZ] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA [AG] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| ARGENTINA [AR] | 45 | 0.16 | 0.06 | 27 | 0.24 | 0.09 | 72 | 0.18 | 0.07 |
| ARMENIA [AM] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| AUSTRALIA [AU] | 551 | 1.97 | 0.78 | 279 | 2.47 | 0.88 | 830 | 2.12 | 0.82 |
| AZERBAIDJAN [AZ] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BAHAMAS [BS] | 55 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 55 | 0.49 | 0.17 | 110 | 0.28 | 0.11 |
| BAHRAIN [BH] | 6 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 1 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 7 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| BANGLADESH [BD] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BARBADOS [BB] | 30 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 8 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 38 | 0.10 | 0.04 |
| BELARUS [BY] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BELIZE [BZ] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BENIN [BJ] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BOLIVIA [BO] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA [BA] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BOTSWANA [BW] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BRAZIL [BR] | 115 | 0.41 | 0.16 | 55 | 0.49 | 0.17 | 170 | 0.43 | 0.17 |
| BRUNEI DARUSSALAM [BN] | 6 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 2 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 8 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| BULGARIA [BG] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 5 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| BURKINA FASO [BF] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| BURUNDI [BI] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CAMEROON [CM] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CANADA [CA] | 818 | 2.93 | 1.16 | 397 | 3.52 | 1.26 | 1 215 | 3.10 | 1.19 |
| CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC [CF] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CHAD [TD] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CHILE [CL] | 32 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 25 | 0.22 | 0.08 | 57 | 0.15 | 0.06 |
| CHINA (PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF) [CN] | 92 | 0.33 | 0.13 | 20 | 0.18 | 0.06 | 112 | 0.29 | 0.11 |
| COLOMBIA [CO] | 39 | 0.14 | 0.06 | 10 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 49 | 0.12 | 0.05 |
| CONGO [CG] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| COSTA RICA [CR] | 7 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 3 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 10 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| CÔTE D'IVOIRE [CI] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CROATIA [HR] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CUBA [CU] | 4 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 4 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 8 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| CYPRUS [CY] | 26 | 0.09 | 0.04 | 15 | 0.13 | 0.05 | 41 | 0.10 | 0.04 |
| CZECH REPUBLIC [CZ] | 2 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 8 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 10 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REP. OF KOREA [KP] | 2 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| DJIBOUTI [DJ] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| DOMINICA [DM] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| DOMINICAN REPUBLIC [DO] | 9 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 7 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 16 | 0.04 | 0.02 |
| ECUADOR [EC] | 20 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 2 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 22 | 0.06 | 0.02 |
| EGYPT [EG] | 4 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 4 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 8 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| EL SALVADOR [SV] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| ESTONIA [EE] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| FIDJI [FJ] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GABON [GA] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GAMBIA [GM] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GEORGIA [GE] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GHANA [GH] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GRENADA [GD] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GUATEMALA [GT] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 9 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| GUINEA (REPUBLIC OF) [GN] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GUINEA-BISSAU [GW] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| GUYANA [GY] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| HAITI [HT] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| HOLY SEE (VATICAN) [VA] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| HONDURAS [HN] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 4 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| HONG KONG [HK] | 241 | 0.86 | 0.34 | 124 | 1.10 | 0.39 | 365 | 0.93 | 0.36 |
| HUNGARY [HU] | 30 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 9 | 0.08 | 0.03 | 39 | 0.10 | 0.04 |
| ICELAND [IS] | 6 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 7 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 13 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| INDIA [IN] | 51 | 0.18 | 0.07 | 19 | 0.17 | 0.06 | 70 | 0.18 | 0.07 |
| INDONESIA [ID] | 32 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 7 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 39 | 0.10 | 0.04 |
| IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF) [IR] | 4 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 2 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 6 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| IRAQ [IQ] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| ISRAEL [IL] | 222 | 0.80 | 0.32 | 151 | 1.34 | 0.48 | 373 | 0.95 | 0.37 |
| JAMAICA [JM] | 14 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 5 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 19 | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| JAPAN [JP] | 2 137 | 7.65 | 3.04 | 769 | 6.81 | 2.44 | 2 906 | 7.41 | 2.85 |
| JORDAN [JO] | 3 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 5 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| KAZAKHSTAN [KZ] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| KENYA [KE] | 2 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| KUWAIT [KW] | 10 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 2 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 12 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| KYRGHIZISTAN [KG] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LATVIA [LV] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LEBANON [LB] | 4 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 8 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 12 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| LESOTHO [LS] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LIBERIA [LR] | 8 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| LIBYA [LY] | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| LIECHTENSTEIN [LI] | 82 | 0.29 | 0.12 | 31 | 0.27 | 0.10 | 113 | 0.29 | 0.11 |
| LITHUANIA [LT] | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

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| | APPLICATIONS 1996+1997 | % | % WORLD | APPLICATIONS 1998 | % | % WORLD | TOTAL | % | % WORLD |
|--|---------------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| MACAU [MO] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| MACEDONIA (THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REP. OF) [MK] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| MADAGASCAR [MG] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| MALAWI [MW] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| MALAYSIA [MY] | 28 | 0,10 | 0,04 | 18 | 0,16 | 0,06 | 46 | 0,12 | 0,05 |
| MALDIVES [MV] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| MALI [ML] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| MALTA [MT] | 11 | 0,04 | 0,02 | 7 | 0,06 | 0,02 | 18 | 0,05 | 0,02 |
| MAURITANIA [MR] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| MAURITIUS [MU] | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 16 | 0,14 | 0,05 | 18 | 0,05 | 0,02 |
| MEXICO [MX] | 138 | 0,49 | 0,20 | 60 | 0,53 | 0,19 | 198 | 0,51 | 0,19 |
| MOLDOVIA (REPUBLIC OF) [MD] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| MONACO [MC] | 36 | 0,13 | 0,05 | 29 | 0,26 | 0,09 | 65 | 0,17 | 0,06 |
| MONGOLIA [MN] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| MOROCCO [MA] | 3 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,01 | 0,00 |
| MOZAMBIQUE [MZ] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| MYANMAR [MM] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| NAMIBIA [NA] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,02 | 0,01 | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 |
| NETHERLANDS ANTILLES [AN] | 99 | 0,35 | 0,14 | 47 | 0,42 | 0,15 | 146 | 0,37 | 0,14 |
| NEW ZEALAND [NZ] | 104 | 0,37 | 0,15 | 54 | 0,48 | 0,17 | 158 | 0,40 | 0,16 |
| NICARAGUA [NI] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| NIGER [NE] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| NIGERIA [NG] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| NORWAY [NO] | 152 | 0,54 | 0,22 | 72 | 0,64 | 0,23 | 224 | 0,57 | 0,22 |
| PAKISTAN [PK] | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 6 | 0,05 | 0,02 | 8 | 0,02 | 0,01 |
| PANAMA [PA] | 12 | 0,04 | 0,02 | 14 | 0,12 | 0,04 | 26 | 0,07 | 0,03 |
| PARAGUAY [PY] | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,01 | 0,00 |
| PERU [PE] | 6 | 0,02 | 0,01 | 5 | 0,04 | 0,02 | 11 | 0,03 | 0,01 |
| PHILIPPINES [PH] | 20 | 0,07 | 0,03 | 2 | 0,02 | 0,01 | 22 | 0,06 | 0,02 |
| POLAND [PL] | 20 | 0,07 | 0,03 | 8 | 0,07 | 0,03 | 28 | 0,07 | 0,03 |
| QATAR [QA] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| REPUBLIC OF KOREA [KR] | 9 | 0,03 | 0,01 | 7 | 0,06 | 0,02 | 16 | 0,04 | 0,02 |
| ROMANIA [RO] | 1 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 |
| RUSSIAN FEDERATION [RU] | 8 | 0,03 | 0,01 | 5 | 0,04 | 0,02 | 13 | 0,03 | 0,01 |
| RWANDA [RW] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS [KN] | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,03 | 0,01 | 5 | 0,01 | 0,00 |
| SAINT LUCIA [LC] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES [VC] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| SAN MARINO [SM] | 3 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,04 | 0,01 | 7 | 0,02 | 0,01 |
| SENEGAL [SN] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| SIERRA LEONE [SL] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| SINGAPORE [SG] | 152 | 0,54 | 0,22 | 41 | 0,36 | 0,13 | 193 | 0,49 | 0,19 |
| SLOVAKIA [SK] | 4 | 0,01 | 0,01 | 3 | 0,03 | 0,01 | 7 | 0,02 | 0,01 |
| SLOVENIA [SI] | 1 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 |
| SOUTH AFRICA [ZA] | 98 | 0,35 | 0,14 | 45 | 0,40 | 0,14 | 143 | 0,36 | 0,14 |
| SRI LANKA [LK] | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,02 | 0,01 | 4 | 0,01 | 0,00 |
| SUDAN [SD] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| SURINAME [SR] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| SWAZILAND [SZ] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| SWITZERLAND [CH] | 1419 | 5,08 | 2,02 | 539 | 4,78 | 1,71 | 1958 | 4,99 | 1,92 |
| SYRIA [SY] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| TANZANIA [TZ] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| TADJIKISTAN [TJ] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| THAILAND [TH] | 16 | 0,06 | 0,02 | 11 | 0,10 | 0,03 | 27 | 0,07 | 0,03 |
| TOGO [TG] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO [TT] | 8 | 0,03 | 0,01 | 2 | 0,02 | 0,01 | 10 | 0,03 | 0,01 |
| TUNISIA [TN] | 4 | 0,01 | 0,01 | 3 | 0,03 | 0,01 | 7 | 0,02 | 0,01 |
| TURKEY [TR] | 213 | 0,76 | 0,30 | 94 | 0,83 | 0,30 | 307 | 0,78 | 0,30 |
| TURKMENISTAN [TM] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| UGANDA [UG] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| UKRAINE [UA] | 1 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 5 | 0,04 | 0,02 | 6 | 0,02 | 0,01 |
| UNITED ARAB EMIRATES [AE] | 17 | 0,06 | 0,02 | 14 | 0,12 | 0,04 | 31 | 0,08 | 0,03 |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA [US] | 20508 | 73,46 | 29,19 | 8032 | 71,17 | 25,44 | 28540 | 72,80 | 28,03 |
| URUGUAY [UY] | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,04 | 0,01 | 6 | 0,02 | 0,01 |
| UZBEKISTAN [UZ] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| VENEZUELA [VE] | 12 | 0,04 | 0,02 | 17 | 0,15 | 0,05 | 29 | 0,07 | 0,03 |
| VIET NAM [VN] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| YUGOSLAVIA [YU] | 1 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| ZAIRE (DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO) [ZR/CD] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| ZAMBIA [ZM] | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| ZIMBABWE [ZW] | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,01 | 0,00 |
| TOTAL | 27 918 | 100 | 39,74 | 11 286 | 100 | 35,75 | 39 204 | 100 | 38,50 |

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| OTHER STATES AND TERRITORIES | | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997 | % | % WORLD | APPLICATIONS 1998 | % | % WORLD | TOTAL | % | % WORLD |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|------------|----------------------|-------|------------|-------|-------|------------|
| AD | ANDORRA | 14 | 2.52 | 0.02 | 10 | 2.49 | 0.03 | 24 | 2.51 | 0.02 |
| AI | ANGUILLA | 2 | 0.36 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.21 | 0.00 |
| AW | ARUBA | 1 | 0.18 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| BM | BERMUDA | 87 | 15.65 | 0.12 | 27 | 6.73 | 0.09 | 114 | 11.91 | 0.11 |
| | CHANNEL ISLANDS | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 40 | 9.98 | 0.13 | 40 | 4.18 | 0.04 |
| KY | CAYMAN ISLANDS | 23 | 4.14 | 0.03 | 10 | 2.49 | 0.03 | 33 | 3.45 | 0.03 |
| CK | COOK ISLANDS | 1 | 0.18 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| FO | FAROE ISLANDS | 3 | 0.54 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.31 | 0.00 |
| GI | GIBRALTAR | 8 | 1.44 | 0.01 | 23 | 5.74 | 0.07 | 31 | 3.24 | 0.03 |
| GL | GREENLAND | 1 | 0.18 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| NC | NEW CALEDONIA | 3 | 0.54 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3 | 0.31 | 0.00 |
| PR | PUERTO RICO | 2 | 0.36 | 0.00 | 6 | 1.50 | 0.02 | 8 | 0.84 | 0.01 |
| SA | SAUDI ARABIA | 11 | 1.98 | 0.02 | 3 | 0.75 | 0.01 | 14 | 1.46 | 0.01 |
| SC | SEYCHELLES | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.25 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| TW | TAIWAN | 311 | 55.94 | 0.44 | 247 | 61.60 | 0.78 | 558 | 58.31 | 0.55 |
| TC | TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS | 2 | 0.36 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.21 | 0.00 |
| VG | BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS | 83 | 14.93 | 0.12 | 34 | 8.48 | 0.11 | 117 | 12.23 | 0.11 |
| | VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE US | 4 | 0.72 | 0.01 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4 | 0.42 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | | 556 | 100 | 0.79 | 401 | 100 | 1.27 | 957 | 100 | 0.94 |

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Classification by country. Top 30

| STATES | | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997 | % WORLD | APPLICATIONS 1998 | % WORLD | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997 + 1998 | % WORLD | |
|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|----|
| US | UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | 20 508 | 29.19 | 8 032 | 25.44 | 28 522 | 28.01 | 1 |
| DE | DEUTSCHLAND | 11 625 | 16.55 | 4 811 | 15.24 | 16 418 | 16.12 | 2 |
| GB | UNITED KINGDOM | 9 364 | 13.33 | 4 234 | 13.41 | 13 588 | 13.35 | 3 |
| IT | ITALIA | 4 281 | 6.09 | 2 378 | 7.53 | 6 651 | 6.53 | 4 |
| ES | ESPAÑA | 4 262 | 6.07 | 2 131 | 6.75 | 6 225 | 6.11 | 5 |
| FR | FRANCE | 3 501 | 4.98 | 1 965 | 6.22 | 5 647 | 5.55 | 6 |
| JP | JAPAN | 2 137 | 3.04 | 877 | 2.78 | 2 901 | 2.85 | 7 |
| NL | NEDERLAND | 1 977 | 2.81 | 787 | 2.49 | 2 874 | 2.82 | 8 |
| SE | SVERIGE | 1 568 | 2.23 | 769 | 2.44 | 2 352 | 2.31 | 9 |
| CH | SWITZERLAND | 1 419 | 2.02 | 562 | 1.78 | 1 957 | 1.92 | 10 |
| DK | DANMARK | 1 179 | 1.68 | 539 | 1.71 | 1 704 | 1.67 | 11 |
| AT | ÖSTERREICH | 1 071 | 1.52 | 537 | 1.70 | 1 621 | 1.59 | 12 |
| BE | BELGIQUE/BELGIË | 1 061 | 1.51 | 526 | 1.67 | 1 608 | 1.58 | 13 |
| CA | CANADA | 818 | 1.16 | 397 | 1.26 | 1 208 | 1.19 | 14 |
| FI | SUOMI/FINLAND | 640 | 0.91 | 330 | 1.05 | 970 | 0.95 | 15 |
| AU | AUSTRALIA | 551 | 0.78 | 289 | 0.92 | 828 | 0.81 | 16 |
| IRL | IRLEAND | 499 | 0.71 | 279 | 0.88 | 782 | 0.77 | 17 |
| P | PORTUGAL | 344 | 0.49 | 247 | 0.78 | 576 | 0.57 | 18 |
| TW | TAIWAN | 311 | 0.44 | 232 | 0.73 | 553 | 0.54 | 19 |
| L | LUXEMBOURG | 249 | 0.35 | 151 | 0.48 | 395 | 0.39 | 20 |
| HK | HONG KONG | 241 | 0.34 | 148 | 0.47 | 373 | 0.37 | 21 |
| IL | ISRAËL | 222 | 0.32 | 124 | 0.39 | 365 | 0.36 | 22 |
| TR | TURKEY | 213 | 0.30 | 94 | 0.30 | 307 | 0.30 | 23 |
| NO | NORWAY | 152 | 0.22 | 78 | 0.25 | 224 | 0.22 | 24 |
| SG | SINGAPORE | 152 | 0.22 | 72 | 0.23 | 226 | 0.22 | 25 |
| HEL | GREECE | 150 | 0.21 | 60 | 0.19 | 198 | 0.19 | 26 |
| MX | MEXICO | 138 | 0.20 | 55 | 0.17 | 193 | 0.19 | 27 |
| BR | BRAZIL | 115 | 0.16 | 55 | 0.17 | 170 | 0.17 | 28 |
| NZ | NEW ZEALAND | 104 | 0.15 | 54 | 0.17 | 158 | 0.16 | 29 |
| AN | NETHERLANDS ANTILLES | 99 | 0.14 | 47 | 0.15 | 146 | 0.14 | 30 |

Breakdown by language of filing

| FIRST LANGUAGE | APPLICATIONS 1996+1997 | | APPLICATIONS 1998 | | TOTAL | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | | % | | % | | % |
| ENGLISH | 30 029 | 42,75 | 13 670 | 43,30 | 43 699 | 42,92 |
| GERMAN | 14 039 | 19,98 | 5 771 | 18,28 | 19 810 | 19,46 |
| DUTCH | 8 110 | 11,54 | 2 692 | 8,53 | 10 802 | 10,61 |
| SPANISH | 4 724 | 6,72 | 2 272 | 7,20 | 6 996 | 6,87 |
| FRENCH | 4 717 | 6,71 | 2 622 | 8,30 | 7 339 | 7,21 |
| ITALIAN | 4 255 | 6,06 | 2 420 | 7,67 | 6 675 | 6,56 |
| SWEDISH | 1 755 | 2,50 | 876 | 2,77 | 2 631 | 2,58 |
| DANISH | 1 406 | 2,00 | 623 | 1,97 | 2 029 | 1,99 |
| FINNISH | 605 | 0,86 | 330 | 1,05 | 935 | 0,92 |
| PORTUGUESE | 460 | 0,65 | 232 | 0,73 | 692 | 0,68 |
| GREEK | 146 | 0,21 | 64 | 0,20 | 210 | 0,21 |
| IRREGULARITY (NOT DEFINED) | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| TOTAL | 70 248 | 100 | 31 572 | 100 | 101 820 | 100 |

Breakdown by second language

| SECOND LANGUAGE | APPLICATIONS 1996+1997 | | APPLICATIONS 1998 | | TOTAL | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | | % | | % | | % |
| ENGLISH | 36 916 | 52,55 | 16 306 | 51,65 | 53 222 | 52,27 |
| FRENCH | 20 298 | 28,89 | 9 320 | 29,52 | 29 618 | 29,09 |
| SPANISH | 6 378 | 9,08 | 2 518 | 7,98 | 8 896 | 8,74 |
| GERMAN | 3 840 | 5,47 | 1 717 | 5,44 | 5 557 | 5,46 |
| ITALIAN | 2 761 | 3,93 | 1 711 | 5,42 | 4 472 | 4,39 |
| IRREGULARITY (NOT DEFINED) | 55 | 0,08 | 0 | 0,00 | 55 | 0,05 |
| TOTAL | 70 248 | 100 | 31 572 | 100 | 101 820 | 100 |

| CLASS | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997 | % | APPLICATIONS 1998 | % | TOTAL | % |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1 | 4 623 | 2,70 | 1 594 | 2,01 | 6 217 | 2,49 |
| 2 | 1 522 | 0,89 | 565 | 0,71 | 2 087 | 0,83 |
| 3 | 5 436 | 3,18 | 2 511 | 3,17 | 7 947 | 3,18 |
| 4 | 1 199 | 0,70 | 441 | 0,56 | 1 640 | 0,66 |
| 5 | 6 103 | 3,57 | 2 724 | 3,44 | 8 827 | 3,53 |
| 6 | 3 420 | 2,00 | 1 476 | 1,87 | 4 896 | 1,96 |
| 7 | 5 190 | 3,04 | 2 092 | 2,64 | 7 282 | 2,91 |
| 8 | 1 787 | 1,05 | 700 | 0,88 | 2 487 | 0,99 |
| 9 | 19 715 | 11,53 | 9 512 | 12,02 | 29 227 | 11,69 |
| 10 | 3 265 | 1,91 | 1 458 | 1,84 | 4 723 | 1,89 |
| 11 | 3 951 | 2,31 | 1 669 | 2,11 | 5 620 | 2,25 |
| 12 | 3 591 | 2,10 | 1 491 | 1,88 | 5 082 | 2,03 |
| 13 | 233 | 0,14 | 101 | 0,13 | 334 | 0,13 |
| 14 | 2 635 | 1,54 | 1 203 | 1,52 | 3 838 | 1,53 |
| 15 | 388 | 0,23 | 165 | 0,21 | 553 | 0,22 |
| 16 | 12 329 | 7,21 | 5 566 | 7,03 | 17 895 | 7,16 |
| 17 | 2 436 | 1,43 | 924 | 1,17 | 3 360 | 1,34 |
| 18 | 4 330 | 2,53 | 1 894 | 2,39 | 6 224 | 2,49 |
| 19 | 2 293 | 1,34 | 1 087 | 1,37 | 3 380 | 1,35 |
| 20 | 3 262 | 1,91 | 1 410 | 1,78 | 4 672 | 1,87 |
| 21 | 2 927 | 1,71 | 1 356 | 1,71 | 4 283 | 1,71 |
| 22 | 731 | 0,43 | 325 | 0,41 | 1 056 | 0,42 |
| 23 | 376 | 0,22 | 164 | 0,21 | 540 | 0,22 |
| 24 | 2 506 | 1,47 | 1 088 | 1,37 | 3 594 | 1,44 |
| 25 | 9 931 | 5,81 | 4 259 | 5,38 | 14 190 | 5,68 |
| 26 | 867 | 0,51 | 309 | 0,39 | 1 176 | 0,47 |
| 27 | 780 | 0,46 | 349 | 0,44 | 1 129 | 0,45 |
| 28 | 4 773 | 2,79 | 2 034 | 2,57 | 6 807 | 2,72 |
| 29 | 4 199 | 2,46 | 1 822 | 2,30 | 6 021 | 2,41 |
| 30 | 5 085 | 2,98 | 2 105 | 2,66 | 7 190 | 2,88 |
| 31 | 2 088 | 1,22 | 1 035 | 1,31 | 3 123 | 1,25 |
| 32 | 3 193 | 1,87 | 1 255 | 1,59 | 4 448 | 1,78 |
| 33 | 2 689 | 1,57 | 1 263 | 1,60 | 3 952 | 1,58 |
| 34 | 1 007 | 0,59 | 391 | 0,49 | 1 398 | 0,56 |
| 35 | 6 224 | 3,64 | 3 790 | 4,79 | 10 014 | 4,00 |
| 36 | 3 896 | 2,28 | 2 057 | 2,60 | 5 953 | 2,38 |
| 37 | 3 698 | 2,16 | 1 804 | 2,28 | 5 502 | 2,20 |
| 38 | 4 114 | 2,41 | 2 359 | 2,98 | 6 473 | 2,59 |
| 39 | 3 209 | 1,88 | 1 717 | 2,17 | 4 926 | 1,97 |
| 40 | 1 273 | 0,74 | 600 | 0,76 | 1 873 | 0,75 |
| 41 | 6 743 | 3,95 | 3 526 | 4,46 | 10 269 | 4,11 |
| 42 | 12 727 | 7,45 | 6 833 | 8,64 | 19 560 | 7,82 |
| Irregularity (not defined) | 171 | 0,10 | 104 | 0,13 | 275 | 0,11 |
| TOTAL | 170 915 | 100 | 79 128 | 100 | 250 043 | 100 |

| | CLASS | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997 | | APPLICATIONS 1998 | | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997 + 1998 | |
|----|-------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | | | % | | % | | % |
| 1 | 9 | 19 715 | 11,53 | 9 512 | 12,02 | 29 227 | 11,69 |
| 2 | 42 | 12 727 | 7,45 | 6 833 | 8,64 | 19 560 | 7,82 |
| 3 | 16 | 12 329 | 7,21 | 5 566 | 7,03 | 17 895 | 7,16 |
| 4 | 25 | 9 931 | 5,81 | 4 259 | 5,38 | 14 190 | 5,68 |
| 5 | 41 | 6 743 | 3,95 | 3 790 | 4,79 | 10 269 | 4,11 |
| 6 | 35 | 6 224 | 3,64 | 3 526 | 4,46 | 10 014 | 4,00 |
| 7 | 5 | 6 103 | 3,57 | 2 724 | 3,44 | 8 827 | 3,53 |
| 8 | 3 | 5 436 | 3,18 | 2 511 | 3,17 | 7 947 | 3,18 |
| 9 | 7 | 5 190 | 3,04 | 2 359 | 2,98 | 7 282 | 2,91 |
| 10 | 30 | 5 085 | 2,98 | 2 105 | 2,66 | 7 190 | 2,88 |
| 11 | 28 | 4 773 | 2,79 | 2 092 | 2,64 | 6 807 | 2,72 |
| 12 | 1 | 4 623 | 2,70 | 2 057 | 2,60 | 6 473 | 2,59 |
| 13 | 18 | 4 330 | 2,53 | 2 034 | 2,57 | 6 224 | 2,49 |
| 14 | 29 | 4 199 | 2,46 | 1 894 | 2,39 | 6 217 | 2,49 |
| 15 | 38 | 4 114 | 2,41 | 1 822 | 2,30 | 6 021 | 2,41 |
| 16 | 11 | 3 951 | 2,31 | 1 804 | 2,28 | 5 953 | 2,38 |
| 17 | 36 | 3 896 | 2,28 | 1 717 | 2,17 | 5 620 | 2,25 |
| 18 | 37 | 3 698 | 2,16 | 1 669 | 2,11 | 5 502 | 2,20 |
| 19 | 12 | 3 591 | 2,10 | 1 594 | 2,01 | 5 082 | 2,03 |
| 20 | 6 | 3 420 | 2,00 | 1 491 | 1,88 | 4 926 | 1,97 |
| 21 | 10 | 3 265 | 1,91 | 1 476 | 1,87 | 4 896 | 1,96 |
| 22 | 20 | 3 262 | 1,91 | 1 458 | 1,84 | 4 723 | 1,89 |
| 23 | 39 | 3 209 | 1,88 | 1 410 | 1,78 | 4 672 | 1,87 |
| 24 | 32 | 3 193 | 1,87 | 1 356 | 1,71 | 4 448 | 1,78 |
| 25 | 21 | 2 927 | 1,71 | 1 263 | 1,60 | 4 283 | 1,71 |
| 26 | 33 | 2 689 | 1,57 | 1 255 | 1,59 | 3 952 | 1,58 |
| 27 | 14 | 2 635 | 1,54 | 1 203 | 1,52 | 3 838 | 1,53 |
| 28 | 24 | 2 506 | 1,47 | 1 088 | 1,37 | 3 594 | 1,44 |
| 29 | 17 | 2 436 | 1,43 | 1 087 | 1,37 | 3 380 | 1,34 |
| 30 | 19 | 2 293 | 1,34 | 1 035 | 1,31 | 3 360 | 1,35 |
| 31 | 31 | 2 088 | 1,22 | 924 | 1,17 | 3 123 | 1,25 |
| 32 | 8 | 1 787 | 1,05 | 700 | 0,88 | 2 487 | 0,99 |
| 33 | 2 | 1 522 | 0,89 | 600 | 0,76 | 2 087 | 0,83 |
| 34 | 40 | 1 273 | 0,74 | 565 | 0,71 | 1 873 | 0,75 |
| 35 | 4 | 1 199 | 0,70 | 441 | 0,56 | 1 640 | 0,66 |
| 36 | 34 | 1 007 | 0,59 | 391 | 0,49 | 1 398 | 0,56 |
| 37 | 26 | 867 | 0,51 | 349 | 0,44 | 1 176 | 0,47 |
| 38 | 27 | 780 | 0,46 | 325 | 0,41 | 1 129 | 0,45 |
| 39 | 22 | 731 | 0,43 | 309 | 0,39 | 1 056 | 0,42 |
| 40 | 15 | 388 | 0,23 | 165 | 0,21 | 553 | 0,22 |
| 41 | 23 | 376 | 0,22 | 164 | 0,21 | 540 | 0,22 |
| 42 | 13 | 233 | 0,14 | 101 | 0,13 | 334 | 0,13 |

| NUMBER OF CLASSES | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997 | | APPLICATIONS 1998 | | TOTAL | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | | % | | % | | % |
| 1 | 30 155 | 42,93 | 12 936 | 40,97 | 43 091 | 42,32 |
| 2 | 11 506 | 16,38 | 5 197 | 16,46 | 16 703 | 16,40 |
| 3 | 18 775 | 26,73 | 8 699 | 27,55 | 27 474 | 26,98 |
| 4 | 3 805 | 5,42 | 1 916 | 6,07 | 5 721 | 5,62 |
| 5 | 2 019 | 2,87 | 1 066 | 3,38 | 3 085 | 3,03 |
| 6 | 1 188 | 1,69 | 642 | 2,03 | 1 830 | 1,80 |
| 7 | 735 | 1,05 | 303 | 0,96 | 1 038 | 1,02 |
| 8 | 482 | 0,69 | 213 | 0,67 | 695 | 0,68 |
| 9 | 266 | 0,38 | 118 | 0,37 | 384 | 0,38 |
| 10 | 199 | 0,28 | 69 | 0,22 | 268 | 0,26 |
| 11 | 210 | 0,30 | 81 | 0,26 | 291 | 0,29 |
| 12 | 136 | 0,19 | 54 | 0,17 | 190 | 0,19 |
| 13 | 87 | 0,12 | 43 | 0,14 | 130 | 0,13 |
| 14 | 82 | 0,12 | 29 | 0,09 | 111 | 0,11 |
| 15 | 65 | 0,09 | 32 | 0,10 | 97 | 0,10 |
| 16 | 41 | 0,06 | 14 | 0,04 | 55 | 0,05 |
| 17 | 43 | 0,06 | 21 | 0,07 | 64 | 0,06 |
| 18 | 45 | 0,06 | 10 | 0,03 | 55 | 0,05 |
| 19 | 28 | 0,04 | 8 | 0,03 | 36 | 0,04 |
| 20 | 28 | 0,04 | 20 | 0,06 | 48 | 0,05 |
| 21 | 24 | 0,03 | 10 | 0,03 | 34 | 0,03 |
| 22 | 16 | 0,02 | 8 | 0,03 | 24 | 0,02 |
| 23 | 21 | 0,03 | 5 | 0,02 | 26 | 0,03 |
| 24 | 22 | 0,03 | 7 | 0,02 | 29 | 0,03 |
| 25 | 7 | 0,01 | 3 | 0,01 | 10 | 0,01 |
| 26 | 11 | 0,02 | 5 | 0,02 | 16 | 0,02 |
| 27 | 2 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,01 | 6 | 0,01 |
| 28 | 10 | 0,01 | 6 | 0,02 | 16 | 0,02 |
| 29 | 1 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,01 | 5 | 0,00 |
| 30 | 3 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,00 |
| 31 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 32 | 6 | 0,01 | 5 | 0,02 | 11 | 0,01 |
| 33 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 34 | 3 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,00 |
| 35 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 36 | 1 | 0,00 | 6 | 0,02 | 7 | 0,01 |
| 37 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 38 | 5 | 0,01 | 3 | 0,01 | 8 | 0,01 |
| 39 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,01 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 40 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 41 | 1 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 42 | 67 | 0,10 | 24 | 0,08 | 91 | 0,09 |
| Irregularity (not defined) | 145 | 0,21 | 5 | 0,02 | 150 | 0,15 |
| TOTAL | 70 248 | 100 | 31 572 | 100 | 101 820 | 100 |

11 Breakdown by type of trade mark

| TYPE | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997* | % | APPLICATIONS 1998 | % | TOTAL | % |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| WORD MARK | 45 165 | 64,29 | 19 934 | 63,14 | 65 099 | 63,94 |
| FIGURATIVE MARK | 23 746 | 33,80 | 11 111 | 35,19 | 34 857 | 34,23 |
| THREE-DIMENSIONAL MARK | 625 | 0,89 | 388 | 1,23 | 1 013 | 0,99 |
| OTHER | 712 | 1,01 | 139 | 0,44 | 851 | 0,84 |
| TOTAL | 70 248 | 100 | 31 572 | 100 | 101 820 | 100 |

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12 Breakdown by priority

| NUMBER | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997† | % | APPLICATIONS 1998 | % | TOTAL | % |
|--------|------------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| 0 | 57 056 | 81,24 | 23 433 | 74,22 | 80 558 | 79,06 |
| 1 | 12 540 | 17,83 | 7 844 | 24,84 | 20 384 | 20,01 |
| 2 | 397 | 0,56 | 188 | 0,60 | 585 | 0,57 |
| 3 | 152 | 0,22 | 60 | 0,19 | 212 | 0,21 |
| 4 | 42 | 0,06 | 21 | 0,07 | 63 | 0,06 |
| 5 | 24 | 0,03 | 8 | 0,03 | 32 | 0,03 |
| 6 | 13 | 0,02 | 11 | 0,03 | 24 | 0,02 |
| 7 | 5 | 0,01 | 0 | 0,00 | 5 | 0,00 |
| 8 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 9 | 5 | 0,01 | 1 | 0,00 | 6 | 0,01 |
| 10 | 3 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,00 |
| 11 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 12 | 1 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,01 | 4 | 0,00 |
| 13 | 3 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,00 |
| 14 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 20 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 24 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 43 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,01 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 44 | 0 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 |
| TOTAL | 70 248 | 100 | 31 572 | 100 | 101 889 | 100 |

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| NUMBER | APPLICATIONS 1996+1997† | | APPLICATIONS 1998 | | TOTAL | |
|--------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| | | % | | % | | % |
| 0 | 54 106 | 77,04 | 28 376 | 89,88 | 82 551 | 81,02 |
| 1 | 6 910 | 9,83 | 2 112 | 6,69 | 9 022 | 8,85 |
| 2 | 1 473 | 2,09 | 286 | 0,91 | 1 759 | 1,73 |
| 3 | 1 004 | 1,43 | 154 | 0,49 | 1 158 | 1,14 |
| 4 | 712 | 1,01 | 78 | 0,25 | 790 | 0,78 |
| 5 | 670 | 0,95 | 88 | 0,28 | 758 | 0,74 |
| 6 | 761 | 1,08 | 88 | 0,28 | 849 | 0,83 |
| 7 | 951 | 1,35 | 79 | 0,25 | 1 030 | 1,01 |
| 8 | 571 | 0,81 | 57 | 0,18 | 628 | 0,62 |
| 9 | 438 | 0,62 | 46 | 0,15 | 484 | 0,48 |
| 10 | 455 | 0,65 | 46 | 0,15 | 501 | 0,49 |
| 11 | 398 | 0,57 | 45 | 0,14 | 443 | 0,43 |
| 12 | 349 | 0,50 | 21 | 0,07 | 370 | 0,36 |
| 13 | 324 | 0,46 | 28 | 0,09 | 352 | 0,35 |
| 14 | 190 | 0,27 | 12 | 0,04 | 202 | 0,20 |
| 15 | 144 | 0,20 | 12 | 0,04 | 156 | 0,15 |
| 16 | 106 | 0,15 | 11 | 0,03 | 117 | 0,11 |
| 17 | 77 | 0,11 | 3 | 0,01 | 80 | 0,08 |
| 18 | 82 | 0,12 | 5 | 0,02 | 87 | 0,09 |
| 19 | 76 | 0,11 | 2 | 0,01 | 78 | 0,08 |
| 20 | 56 | 0,08 | 4 | 0,01 | 60 | 0,06 |
| 21 | 42 | 0,06 | 3 | 0,01 | 45 | 0,04 |
| 22 | 35 | 0,05 | 3 | 0,01 | 38 | 0,04 |
| 23 | 26 | 0,04 | 1 | 0,00 | 27 | 0,03 |
| 24 | 23 | 0,03 | 2 | 0,01 | 25 | 0,02 |
| 25 | 24 | 0,03 | 2 | 0,01 | 26 | 0,03 |
| 26 | 29 | 0,04 | 0 | 0,00 | 29 | 0,03 |
| 27 | 22 | 0,03 | 0 | 0,00 | 22 | 0,02 |
| 28 | 22 | 0,03 | 0 | 0,00 | 22 | 0,02 |
| 29 | 11 | 0,02 | 1 | 0,00 | 12 | 0,01 |
| 30 | 11 | 0,02 | 0 | 0,00 | 11 | 0,01 |
| 31 | 14 | 0,02 | 0 | 0,00 | 14 | 0,01 |
| 32 | 8 | 0,01 | 0 | 0,00 | 8 | 0,01 |
| 33 | 8 | 0,01 | 0 | 0,00 | 8 | 0,01 |
| 34 | 3 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,00 |
| 35 | 4 | 0,01 | 0 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,00 |
| 36 | 7 | 0,01 | 1 | 0,00 | 8 | 0,01 |
| 37 | 7 | 0,01 | 0 | 0,00 | 7 | 0,01 |
| 38 | 7 | 0,01 | 0 | 0,00 | 7 | 0,01 |
| 39 | 5 | 0,01 | 1 | 0,00 | 6 | 0,01 |

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| NUMBER | APPLICATIONS 1996 + 1997† | | APPLICATIONS 1998 | | TOTAL | |
|--------|------------------------------|------|----------------------|------|---------|------|
| | | % | | % | | % |
| 40 | 8 | 0,01 | 0 | 0,00 | 8 | 0,01 |
| 41 | 6 | 0,01 | 0 | 0,00 | 6 | 0,01 |
| 42 | 5 | 0,01 | 2 | 0,01 | 7 | 0,01 |
| 43 | 3 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,00 |
| 44 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 45 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 46 | 4 | 0,01 | 0 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,00 |
| 48 | 3 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,00 |
| 50 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 51 | 3 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,00 |
| 52 | 3 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,00 |
| 53 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 54 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 55 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 56 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 57 | 4 | 0,01 | 1 | 0,00 | 5 | 0,00 |
| 58 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 59 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 61 | 3 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,00 |
| 62 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 65 | 4 | 0,01 | 0 | 0,00 | 4 | 0,00 |
| 68 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 69 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 70 | 3 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,00 |
| 73 | 2 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 2 | 0,00 |
| 74 | 3 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 3 | 0,00 |
| 76 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 78 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 79 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 83 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 88 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 92 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 94 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 96 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 97 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 103 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 116 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 132 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 143 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| 236 | 1 | 0,00 | 0 | 0,00 | 1 | 0,00 |
| TOTAL | 70 248 | 100 | 31 572 | 100 | 101 889 | 100 |

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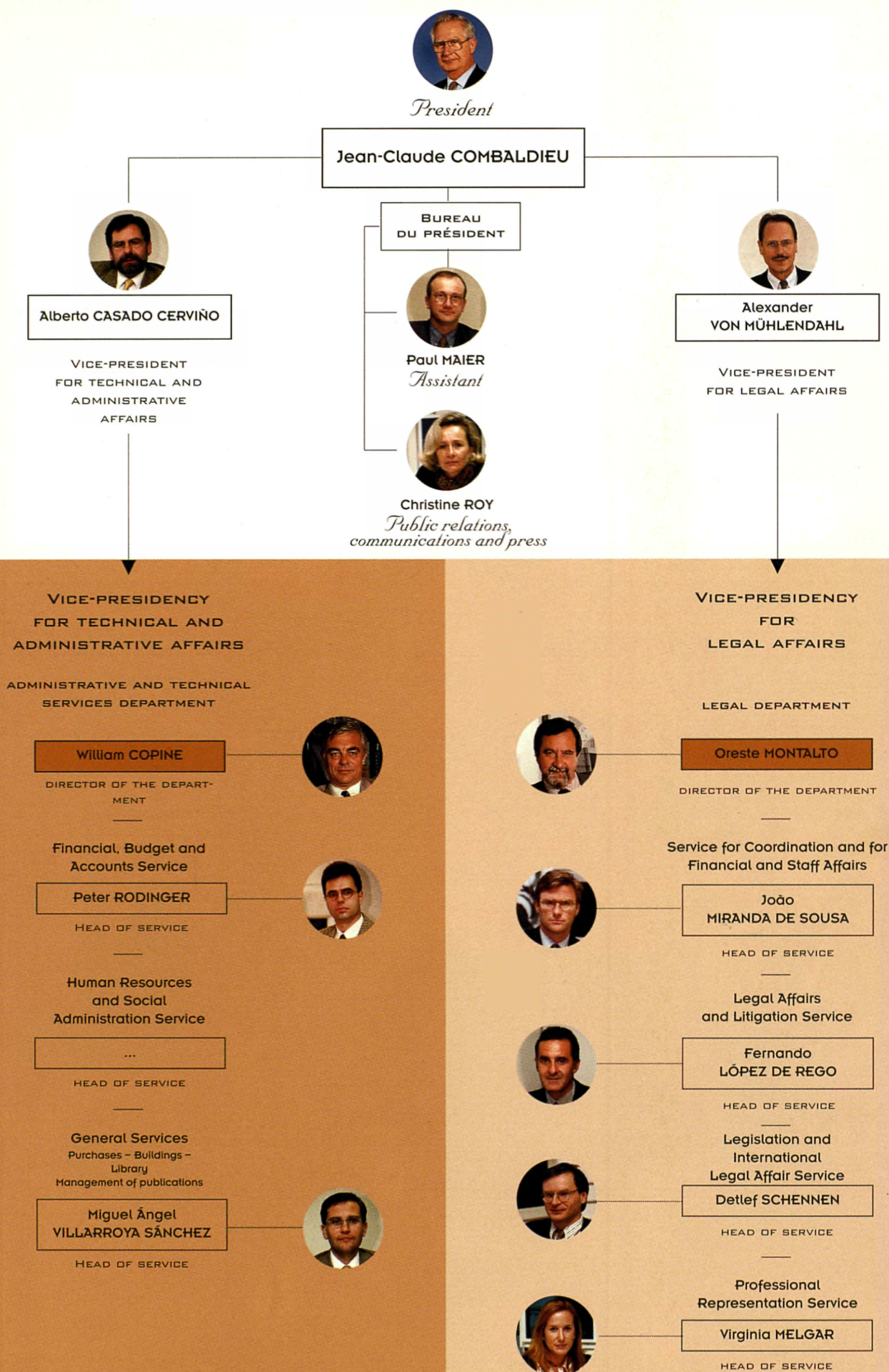
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