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Jean-Claude Combaldieu President of the OHIM

1999: the end of a century, a year of change marking the gateway to a new millennium.

The outlook is optimistic: more and more companies are applying for Community trade marks, mindful that their goods and services are thereby protected in the market with the world's greatest purchasing power.

The Alicante Office, which seeks to ensure that it operates in a progressive and forward looking manner, would like to dedicate this Annual Report to all its users, businesses and representatives, who should find an increasingly efficient and rapid service at the OHIM.

The picture



The breakthrough achieved by the Community trade mark has been consolidated. It has become an essential tool for businesses seeking protection across the European single market.

The Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM) received over 41 200 applications for trade marks in 1999, that is to say 30 % more than in 1998.

This strong growth looks set to continue. It is based on a real need, but is also the result of a trial period, which, over the past four years, has enabled users to realise just how well the system works.

The Office's strong point has been its ability to match this growth with human and technical resources in the context of a decentralised, and therefore flexible, administrative environment. Yet prudence and moderation have always been observed, particularly in relation to human resources management.

There is no longer any delay in procedures. A trade mark for which there are no grounds for

refusal is published after five to six months, and registered in less than a year. This is because of the sustained pace of work of the teams involved, the mobility of the Office's employees and recourse to members of temporary staff for ad hoc tasks.

The Examination Division, which begins the procedure, has managed gradually to process all the trade mark applications filed, and is now regarded as having reached normal operating speed.

The Opposition Division has an excessive workload at current staffing levels. Staffing levels will have to be adjusted during 2000, particularly in relation to administrative management of the procedure. Fortunately, as regards the opposition procedure which affects some 20 % of the trade marks published — there is a high percentage of friendly settlements between the parties involved (approximately 65 %). This proves that the system works well. Both applicants and third parties are fully satisfied with it. The other procedures directly linked to trade marks have also achieved cruising speed. Almost 35 000 trade marks were registered in the past year. It is reassuring to see that cancellation procedures were little used. This is indisputable evidence of the quality of the work carried out in the earlier stages. Current applications are being handled promptly and objectively.

The Boards of Appeal are currently dealing with a considerable workload, since over 1 000 appeals have already been lodged. The Administrative Board and the Office must soon take measures in this respect.

The Office's budget has automatically increased in line with fees, essentially application, registration and opposition fees. The budget reached a record level of EUR 115 million in 1999, due in part to the carry-over of appropriations, in particular as a result of delays in constructing the new site. The fact that the agency is self-financing reflects the success of the Community trade mark. There is no surplus income in relation to expenditure, but the deluge of applications for trade marks in 1996, at a time when expenses were still minimal, permitted the creation of an exceptional reserve, enabling initial installation expenses to be covered (in particular the building and the information technology system). The result is that the general budget of the European Communities has not been relied on since 1997.

This indisputable success has been accompanied by a very cautious human resources policy. It must be remembered that A and B grade staff in a trade mark office are very specialised. Moving to Alicante poses adaptation problems that are sometimes difficult to overcome for young people (with an average age of less than 35), especially as regards their children's education. Despite these factors, the Office has managed to retain a stable staff of quality employees by offering them the prospect of permanent posts, but





only after a relatively lengthy trial period with auxiliary and then temporary agent status.

To date, 261 people have been awarded permanent positions out of a total of approximately 499 staff. One extremely important point, which compares well with other European Union institutions: the proportion of the budget expended on personnel costs, including pension contributions, is less than 40 % of the total budget.

One of the outstanding events of the year was the construction and inauguration of the new site.

When the invitations to tender were launched over three years ago, it was impossible to predict the future expansion of the Office. Therefore Phase I of the building was envisaged for 400 people. It has now become clear that Phase II must be built in the near future; thus, in the meantime, we will continue to occupy the provisional site in Avenida de Aguilera.

Like every major project, the building work was subject to delays and the new building

will not therefore be ready for occupation until mid-2000.

On 10 June 1999, the completion date initially envisaged, the leader of the Spanish Government, Mr José Maria Aznar, presided over the inauguration ceremony, accompanied by a succession of Ministers and the President of the Spanish House of Representatives. The ceremony was also attended by the regional and provincial authorities and by the Mayor of Alicante.

One striking, and even unique, fact was that most of the Presidents of the European Union Institutions were keen to demonstrate, by their presence, what could be considered their respect for the agency: José María Gil Robles, President of the European Parliament; Jacques Santer, Commission President; Gil Carlos Rodriguez Iglesias, President of the Court of Justice; and Bo Vesterdorf, President of the Court of First Instance. The Council Presidency was represented by the German Secretary of State for Justice, Hansjörg Geiger.

Many other eminent people, such as ambassadors of Member States posted to Madrid, the Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organisation, the President of the European Patent Office and representatives of non-governmental organisations involved in intellectual property were also present to show their support.

The year 2000 will certainly present a new challenge for the Office. It is estimated that the number of applications for trade marks will continue to grow. Community industrial property titles are obviously assured of a successful future. The globalisation of markets clearly highlights the importance of industrial property, an excellent way for businesses to safeguard their markets and profits.

It is businesses that generate economic wealth and consumption. It is essential to provide them with protection on vast markets such as Europe, and also to protect them against the unfair competition they face in other regions where the social and cultural constraints are far removed from ours.



THE PROCEDURE RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY TRADE MARK



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The Office's main task is to administer the Community trade mark system, which involves processing Community trade mark applications throughout all stages, from examination up to publication and registration. This also involves opposition and cancellation proceedings and matters concerning keeping the Register and associated activities such as the registration of assignments and licences, the processing of conversion requests and priority claims, etc. The majority of the Office's activities in other areas are directly connected with trade mark processing.

The Boards of Appeal also belong to this general category. They differ from the above units in that they are functionally independent in the performance of their tasks.

With regard to examination, priority was given in 1999 to processing the large number of trade marks pending final decisions on registration (this figure was reduced by 2 000 in 1999), while the incredibly high number of applications filed in 1999 (41 240 against 31 500 in 1998) required rapid processing to avoid the build-up of a backlog. Thanks to the efforts of Examination Division staff and the allocation of adequate staff for the work, it was possible to keep up with demand. There was a sharp increase in the activity of the Opposition Division, with some 10 650 oppositions filed in 1999 and 6 700 cases finally settled. The opposition/application rate remained relatively stable at 27 %.

The activity of the Cancellation Division was still in its initial phases (some 60 applications filed in 1999). The Boards of Appeal saw a considerable increase in activity in 1999, with a large number of appeals being lodged (approximately 840).

Over 34 250 trade marks were registered in 1999 and the Office expects 38 000 registrations in 2000. With a concerted effort in this area, it has been possible to avoid extending the delays.

Whenever necessary, staff in various units within the Vice-Presidency of Legal Affairs were requested to assist, in particular from the Examination and Opposition Divisions. Recruitment will continue in 2000 and beyond to obtain adequate staff levels to deal with the growing number of applications received (currently estimated at 50 000 maximum for 2000).

1.1 Examination

As well as the files carried over from 1998, the Examination Division had to process more than 42 500 new applications received in 1999.

Despite the unexpected increase in applications (some 35 % more than for 1998), the Examination Division achieved its main objective, stated in the Annual Report for 1998, to reduce the number of applications 'in progress' (pending final action, acceptance or refusal by the Examination Division) below 18 000.

1.1 I Filing dates

Filing dates were accorded to almost 39 000 applications which, overall, allowing for early





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withdrawal of applications and a reduced number of refusals to grant filing dates, corresponds to the level of new applications received.

1.1 2

Classification

Around 41 000 applications were classified during the year, corresponding to the number of new applications received.

Examination of formalities and 1.1 3 absolute grounds for refusal

During the year, the Division processed around 41 000 applications through to the stage of acceptance on absolute grounds. In most cases this also required checking the formal standard requirements, in particular priority. Of all new applications examined, over 90 % were accepted. Around 2 400 applications, i.e. the majority of applications from previous years, were subject to final refusal decisions by the examiners. Around 28 % of these decisions led to an appeal being lodged.

There are around 3 000 cases (compared with more than 5 000 at the end of 1998) where an acceptance or refusal decision can be taken only following the final exchange of correspondence between the Office and the applicants or their representatives.

1.1 4 Publication

Over 40 000 applications reached the publication stage. When published, applications have not only passed all previous stages, but have also been subject to searches and translated into all the official languages of the Community.

There are 14 000 further applications awaiting publication but search reports have not yet been sent to the applicant or his representative or they have not yet been translated



Organisation and staff

The Examination Division, originally organised into four examination units and one preliminary examination unit, now consists of five examination groups. The staff needs for the Examination Division, based on 40 000 applications per year, have been estimated at 95 people.

1.2 Opposition

This year, 1999, was the Opposition Division's second full year of activity, but the first year in which it produced many decisions based on substantive issues.



Activity

The Opposition Division received 10 654 oppositions, which represents a ratio (opposition/published applications) of around 27 %. But only 20 % of applications published where the opposition period has expired, have been the subject of one or more oppositions.

There were 8 900 oppositions received in previous years for which proceedings continued in 1999. The Office therefore had to process 19 554 oppositions.

There were 11 700 oppositions examined for admissibility, while 9 800 oppositions were notified to proprietors of disputed applications. The adversarial stage of the proceedings has commenced in 4 400 cases.



A conclusion has already been reached in 6 700 oppositions. Amongst these, 5 632 oppositions were closed without a decision based on substantive issues, following withdrawal (1 844 files) or restriction (1 779 files) of the application, withdrawal (1 861 files) of the opposition, or following agreement between the parties (52 files). Ninety-six oppositions were deemed not to have been made due to non-payment of the fee.

A total of 1 067 decisions have been taken, of which 123 were for inadmissibility and 944 based on substantive issues. Of the latter, 172 decisions refused the application in full, 189 refused the application in part and 583 refused the opposition.

Five hundred and eighty decisions on the allocation of costs were also issued.

English is the language of proceedings in approximately 77 % of cases. German is the second language of proceedings used by the parties (11 %), followed by French (6 %), Spanish (5 %) and Italian (1 %).

1.2 2

Computerisation of the Opposition Division

The progressive computerisation of the Division continued over the course of the year. Several new versions of the Euromarc system led to improvements in electronic file management. The final missing elements for handling oppositions are expected to be operational shortly.

1.2 3 Organisation and staff

At the beginning of 1999, nine opposition units were operational.

New units have been created on a regular basis, at the rate of one every two months. At the end of 1999, 14 units were in operation.

An additional unit was created with two lawyers from the Cancellation Division working part-time for the Opposition Division.

Recruitment has taken up a considerable proportion of the Opposition Division's workload. Forty new recruits took up posts within the Division in 1999.

The staff at the end of the year consisted of 31 lawyers, 20 assistants and 33 secretaries, a total of 84 people.



Registration

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Administration of the Trade Marks Register

Over the course of 1999, there has been a considerable development in the work concerning the registration of Community trade marks, described below.

The Service for the Administration of the Trade Marks Register (SATMR) is one of the services of the Legal Department. As its name implies, this Service administers the Register of Community trade marks which essentially involves guaranteeing the soundness of all data recorded and ensuring that all modifications to the latter are made — under the control of the service — in accordance with established procedures. The Register is kept in the form of an electronic database.

The SATMR is responsible for the three following areas of activity, each being entrusted to a specific working group:

- registration of Community trade marks, a task entrusted to the CTM group consisting of one coordinator and five secretaries;
- entries in the Register and files, a task performed by the Registrations Group, consisting of two coordinators and five secretaries;
- inspection of the Register and files, a task allocated to the Inspections Group, consisting of one coordinator and three secretaries.

1.3 2 Registration

of Community trade marks

The SATMR intervenes in the final stage of the trade mark registration procedure, namely when the Examination and Opposition Divisions have completed their own proceedings with a positive outcome for the applicant. Then, the trade mark can be registered subject to payment of the registration fee specified in the regulation by the applicant. The SATMR is responsible for dealing with this final important formality. There are four definite tasks to be performed:

a)Request for payment of the registration fee:

This is done by letter, sent, in almost all cases, by fax. The letter is sent a few days after the trade mark application file has been passed to the SATMR by the Examination or Opposition Divisions.

These letters are dispatched electronically in batches, which allows considerable volumes to be processed. Over 34 000 letters were sent out in 1999.

b)Confirmation of payment of the fee:

In most cases the fee is paid by a debit order on the current account which the applicant has previously opened with the Office. In 1999, this was the case in approximately 75 % of all payments of registration fees. The remaining payments were made by bank transfer and (to a much lesser extent) by cheque. If the fee is not paid, the SATMR sends a second request with a surcharge — before sending notification of the abandonment of the trade mark. This only occurs in a small percentage of cases. An equally small percentage concerns applications which the party decides to withdraw voluntarily at this stage.

c) Registration of the trade mark:

This consists of allocating the status of 'registered trade mark' and the official date of registration once the regularity of the file has undergone a final computerised check.

A total of 34 266 trade marks were registered in 1999, some 42 % more than the previous year.

d)Dispatch for publication and issue of certificate:

Once the SATMR has authorised the publication of the registration in Part B of the Community Trade Marks Bulletin and issued a certificate confirming the issue of the registration, it completes the trade mark processing and the Trade Marks Logistics Service takes over.

1.3 3 Entries in the Trade Marks Register and files

This activity consists of modifying (usually updating) the information already shown in the Register, correcting (in the case of error) or adding new data. If the trade mark is registered these operations are recorded in the Register. If the trade mark is in the application stage, the changes are made to the trade mark file. In both cases once the procedure is completed, the applicant is notified.

Amongst the most common modifications are transfer of ownership (2 459), change of name or address of proprietor and change of representative.

Requests to correct mistaken information usually concern the list of goods and services and claims for priority. The most common new information to be added to the Register or the files relates to licences. In 1999, some 5 700 modifications were made to the Register and files.

1.3 4 Consultation of the Register and inspection of files

Under the Regulation on the Community trade mark, the Register and the trade mark files are open to public consultation. Some restrictions apply only with regard to files, namely when they concern a trade mark application not yet published or documents regarded as confidential. The SATMR is responsible for this important function of public inspection, in accordance with its own procedures.

The Register may be consulted following written request and upon payment of a fee. The interested party receives an extract, certified or otherwise, containing information on a specific trade mark shown in the Register.

The trade mark files may also be inspected on request. The files are held in electronic form: all documents (forms, correspondence, etc.) are numbered and stored in the form of images which can be accessed from a computer. There is no paper record.

The file can be inspected either *in situ* at the Office, provided that a meeting has been arranged, or by correspondence, i.e. by requesting despatch by post of copies of file documents or the entire file. The most commonly requested documents are certified copies of the registration applications which interested parties use to claim priority of their Community filing in non-Member States. Inspection on site currently takes place using a printout of an electronic file. At present, electronic inspection of the file, i.e. display on screen, is not yet possible.



The table below shows the activity of the SATMR in this field.

Activity of the SATMR

Activity	1999
Copies of certificates (documents sent)	698
Copies of CTM applications (documents sent)	2 062
Extracts from Register (documents sent)	228
Copies of documents in files (pages sent)	14 530
Information in files (applications processed)	126
Inspection of files (requests processed)	11

NB: The processing period for these requests was, on average, around 5 to 10 working days from receipt of the request by the service.

1.4 Cancellation

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

During the period considered in this report, this Division consisted of two senior officials and one assistant, and a mid-level official allocated to the secretariat. One additional senior official joined the Division in November 1999. Except for the Head of Service, all senior officials divide their time between this Division and the Opposition Division.

Sixty applications for declaration of invalidity were received in 1999. Almost half of these were filed during the second half of 1999. These files could not be finalised until 2000 due to the time limits. No applications for revocation were submitted, as the main cause of revocation (insufficient usage) cannot be invoked until expiry of a period of five years.

The Cancellation Division examined 71 files, including those not finalised and therefore carried over from 1998. In total, 12 proceedings were concluded. In three cases the Community trade mark was declared invalid.



Logistical support for procedures

1.5 / Technical Service

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The Technical Service of the Vice-Presidency for Legal Affairs is an interdepartmental unit responsible for supplying centralised aid to the other operational departments, and for preparing new forms, both paper and electronic versions.

• Soundness of personal data in the database

In order to guarantee the uniformity and soundness of the database, one section is responsible for encoding and updating the data on all parties involved in the Euromarc system: proprietors, agents, opposing parties, etc. For 1999, this represented over 2 200 entries in the Register of Community trade marks and over 60 000 changes which affected trade mark files, relating to changes of name, address or representative. Added to this is the encoding of over 11 000 new proprietors and almost 1 000 representatives.

• Community searches

A second section deals with Community searches. This section has carried out over 40 000 searches for priority and produced the same number of search reports; it also drew up the Vienna classification of over 15 000 figurative marks.

• Batch mailing

Another task is to monitor the automatic despatch of letters, which allowed over 94 000 letters to be sent out over the year.

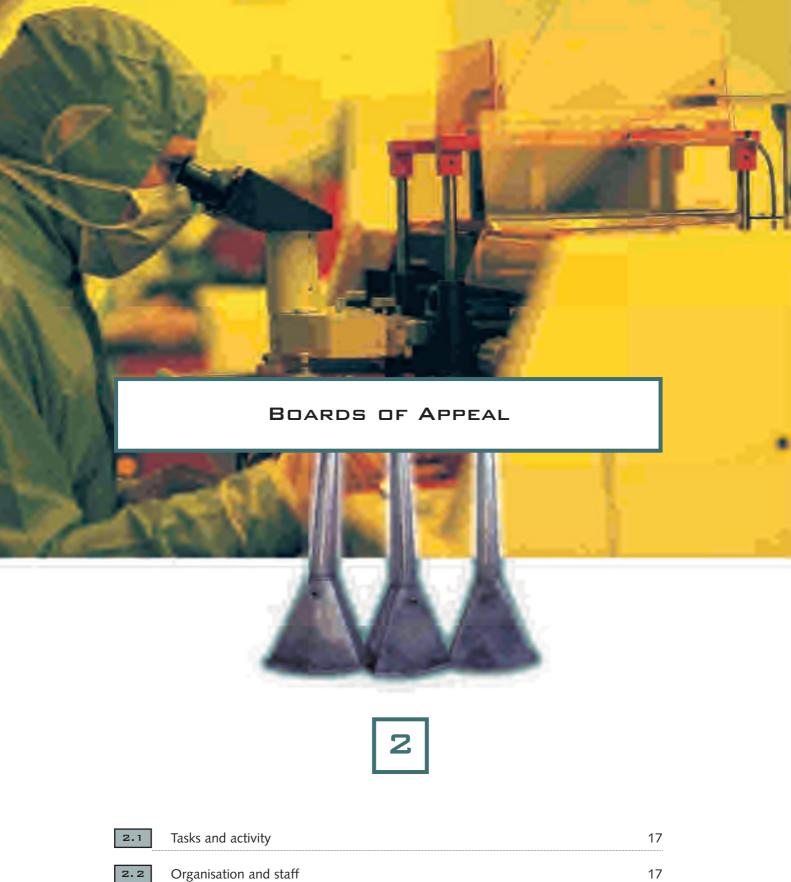
1.5 2 Coordination Service

The Coordination Service of the Vice-Presidency for Legal Affairs is responsible for coordinating the various activities of the latter, in particular with regard to recruitment and the organisation of tasks.

As well as its coordination activities, the Service was responsible for the distribution of mail.

It comprises over 20 staff members who, by the end of 1999, were processing around 1 200 letters per day, distributing them to the various operational units for processing. Mail distribution has now been merged with other correspondence-processing activities and is now the responsibility of the Vice-Presidency for Technical and Administrative Affairs.

New tasks such as complaint processing and management analysis were developed during 1999 and will acquire greater importance in 2000. In 1999, the Coordination service processed around 50 complaints, which contributed to improvements in internal procedures. The merger of mail distribution with other correspondence-processing activities within the Office was one example of solving regular complaints about delays in mail distribution to the various operational units.



2.2	Organisation and staff	



2.1 Tasks and activity

The Boards of Appeal are responsible for appeals lodged against the decisions of the examiners, Opposition Division, Cancellation Division and Administration of Trade Marks Division and Legal Division. Although part of the Office, they take their decisions independently and are not bound by any instruction in these decisions.

In the performance of their tasks, the three Boards of Appeal, each consisting of one Chairman and two members, are assisted by a Registrar, legal assistants and a secretariat.

The activity of the Boards of Appeal increased significantly during 1999 to reach 881 new appeals received, with a monthly average of 100 new appeals during the last half of the year. This trend is expected to continue in the coming year. These new appeals could be divided into 678 ex parte and 203 inter partes cases against opposition decisions, with a clear upward trend for the latter category.

The Boards of Appeal gave 246 decisions in 1999. They issued 229 ex parte decisions (112 confirmations, 86 total invalidations, 24 partial invalidations and 7 decisions on inadmissibility), and 17 inter partes decisions (2 confirmations, 14 total invalidations and 1 decision of inadmissibility). The invalidity decisions taken in relation to opposition decisions applied exclusively to questions of procedure. The only ruling by the Boards of Appeal on the merits of an opposition decision confirmed this decision. Furthermore. 48 appeals were resolved without decisions, essentially due to withdrawal or acceptance of an application for restitutio in integrum. Finally, interlocutory revision was granted in 36 cases.

At the end of 1999, 18 appeals had been lodged against decisions of the Boards of Appeal before the Court of First Instance of the European Communities, which delivered two judgments, one of which is subject to appeal before the Court of Justice.

At 31 December 1999, 668 files were pending before the Boards of Appeal, over half still in the preparation stage. Of these, only 9 appeals concerned cases received in 1998. The average time taken for settlement of an appeal was six and a half months.

2.2

Organisation and staff

There are currently three Boards of Appeal, each consisting of a chairman and two members. On 31 January, one member of the first Board of Appeal resigned and the vacant post could not be filled until 1 July 1999.

The Boards are assisted by legal assistants and other members of support staff.

For administrative matters, the Chairman of the first Board of Appeal also acts as Chairman for Administrative Matters.

The Boards of Appeal also have a register common to all Boards and managed by a Registrar, and a Scientific Service established in 1999 to provide interdepartmental services to all Boards (concerning research, linguistic problems, etc.) and also staffed with additional legal assistants who are not allocated to a specific Board.



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Structure

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The Legal Department consists of six sections corresponding to the main tasks of the Department, namely:

- the Begal Affairs and Biligation Service;
- the Begislation and International Begal Affairs Service;
- the Professional Representation Service;
- the Service for the Administration of the Trade Marks Register;
- the Service for Coordination and Financial and Staff Affairs;
- the Begal Documentation Service.

The Legal Department is responsible for all decisions required by the Community Trade Mark Regulation which are not the responsibility of an examiner, the Opposition Division or the Cancellation Division.

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3.2

The work of the Legal Department

Definition of Policies and Standards, Legal Advice and Documentation

In 1999, the Legal Department continued to draw up decisions and communications of the President of the Office of a general nature, in particular with regard to the application of the Community trade mark system. The guidelines on professional representation were adopted following consultation of interested parties during the year concerned, after a favourable opinion by the Administrative Board. Work in preparing other guidelines on proceedings before the Office continued. The texts of the Community Trade Mark Regulation, the Implementing Regulation and other relevant provisions were published in a volume entitled 'Selected instruments relating to the Community trade mark', both in a version containing the five languages of the Office and in monolingual versions.

3.2 2 Legal Affairs and Litigation Service

In 1999, the Legal Affairs and Litigation Service focused its activities mainly on the following five areas.

• Support of other services and departments of the Office on legal matters

At the request of other sections and departments of the Office, the Service provided a large number of legal opinions. These opinions, which mainly concern matters linked to trade mark legislation, civil law, employment law, administrative law and fiscal law, were given on the basis of national, Community and international legislation. 1

trade mark legislation

During the year, the Service continued to receive requests from applicants and their professional representatives, either current or potential users of the Community trade mark system. These consultations mainly concerned doubts related to legal problems regarding Community trade mark legislation (basic regulation, implementing regulation and fees regulation). The policy of the Legal Affairs and Litigation Service has always been to provide maximum assistance in improving understanding of the Community trade mark system.

• Representing the Office before the Court of First Instance of the European Communities and the Court of Justice of the European Communities in appeals against decisions by the Boards of Appeal lodged pursuant to Article 63 of the Community Trade Mark Regulation

This activity is mainly the responsibility of this service. However, members of other services of the Legal Department have also been appointed representatives of the Office.

There was an increase in activity in this area over the year: some 15 new appeals were lodged in 1999. The Court of First Instance gave its first judgment in July 1999 on an application for the declaration of invalidity of a decision by the Boards of Appeal (ruling by Court of First Instance (Second Chamber) of 8 July 1999 — case T-163/98, Procter & Gamble v OHIM, BABY-DRY, Official Journal of the Office No 11/99, p. 1486). This decision has since formed the subject of an appeal to the Court of Justice of the European Communities. • Content of the Official Journal

The Legal Affairs and Litigation Service is responsible for the content of the Official Journal and plays an important role in the distribution of information relating to the activities of the Office.

• Revision of translations of documents produced by the Office

The Legal Affairs and Litigation Service includes in its members a group of lawyerlinguists responsible for the revision of translations into the five languages of the Office. They revise a large number of legal documents produced by the Office, in particular those to be published in the Official Journal of the Office, such as decisions selected by the Boards of Appeal relating to opposition proceedings, decisions, communications of the President and guidelines on proceedings before the Office. The lawyer-linguists are also responsible for the revision of translations of internal and administrative documents.



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3.2 3 Legislation and International Legal Affairs Service

• European Community

Several proposals and legislative activities in progress at Community level affect the OHIM:

- the proposed accession of the European Community to the Madrid protocol;
- the amended proposal by the Commission for a Council regulation (EC) on Community designs;
- negotiations on the enlargement of the European Union;
- the prospects for participation of the European Community in the Trademark Law Treaty.

In 1996, the Commission presented a proposal approving the incorporation of the European Community to the Madrid protocol, which would mean that any international trade mark registered under the Madrid protocol could be binding on the European Community and become valid as a Community trade mark. A request for territorial extension could be based on a Community trade mark application or registration. This proposal consists of a proposal for a decision by the Council approving the accession of the European Community and a regulation making the necessary amendments to the Community trade mark regulation. Towards the end of 1997, the proposal encountered political difficulties within the Council and no progress has been made in the past two years.

Discussion within the relevant working group of the Council has resumed, upon a proposal by the Commission for a regulation on Community designs. In June 1999, the Commission presented an amended proposal, taking into account the main provisions of Directive 98/732/EC to approximate the laws of the Member States on industrial designs, adopted on 13 October 1998, and the results of Council deliberations up to 1995 when they were interrupted pending negotiations on the directive, as well as the necessary changes relating to the tasks and structure of the Office. The latter maintains close contact with the departments of the Commission, supplies information on the practical implementation of proceedings and takes measures to prepare for the future implementation of Community designs.

With regard to negotiations on enlargement which have begun with Cyprus, Slovenia, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Estonia and are now being extended to other countries, the Office has continued to provide information to the Commission. This contribution covers the legal and practical implications of membership, such as the system of extending Community trade marks to candidate countries and the processing of the absolute and relative grounds for refusal in these countries, and the implications in terms of procedure and budget.

The accession of the European Community to the Trademark Law Treaty established in Geneva in 1994 forms part of the work programme of the Commission departments. The accession of the Community to the Trademark Law Treaty would require certain minor changes to the Community trade mark regulation. The Office will monitor this project carefully in conjunction with the Commission and interested parties.

• World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

The Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications held its second meeting in two sessions, in March and June 1999, and its third meeting in November 1999. These meetings concentrated on the strengthening of protection of well-known trade marks, the use of trade marks on the



Internet and harmonisation of the formal requirements for registration of licences. With regard to well-known trade marks, a set of conditions and definitions concerning requirements and scope of protection has been finalised. These conditions were adopted in the form of guidelines by resolution of the Paris Union meeting in September 1999. The proposal concerning registration of licences is intended to simplify the formal requirements relating to such registrations and is based on the corresponding conditions for registration of transfers in the Trademark Law Treaty.

From 16 June to 6 July 1999, a diplomatic conference to adopt a new Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement concerning the international Registration of industrial designs was held in Geneva. It concluded on 6 July 1999 with the unanimous adoption of a new Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement signed that day by 24 States. Several States had already said that they were prepared to ratify the new Act, in particular the United States and Japan. The new Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement not only simplifies and rationalises the procedure for international registration of industrial designs, but also allows for the possibility of the European Community becoming party to the agreement. This would allow the establishment of a link between the future Community system of designs, and the international registration system administered by the WIPO, so that the Community system of designs will benefit from the rationalisation of the international procedure. It is also probable that the new Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement will cover a sufficiently large proportion of members, whereas the existing Act has limited scope in terms of members and the number of applications. Members of the Office's Legal Department attended the Diplomatic Conference and assisted the Commission in guaranteeing the compatibility of the new Act with the future Community system of designs.

• Interfaces between the Community trade mark system and national legislation and procedures

The Community trade mark system does not exist in isolation but in parallel with the

national trade mark systems. There are several legal interfaces between the two systems such as conversion, priority and the mutual recognition of applications and registrations as rights of priority. The Office has published a brochure entitled 'National law relating to the Community trade mark' which contains a complete overview of these aspects in the form of summary tables. The brochure is available free of charge in the five languages of the Office.

Another characteristic of the Community trade mark system establishing a link between national and Community procedures is the fact that Title X of the CTMR (Community Trade Mark Regulation) provides that infringement actions must be brought before the national courts, i.e. the Community trade mark courts, which are also competent to declare the invalidity or revocation of a Community mark on the basis of a counterclaim. On 30 September and 1 October 1999, the Office organised a seminar for European trade mark judges, at the Court of Justice in Luxembourg, gathering national trade mark judges, judges of the Court of Justice and of the Court of First Instance, and members of the Office's Boards of Appeal. Three main topics were discussed:

the suitability of colour marks for registration, descriptive marks and marks consisting of letters and numerals; the concept of likelihood of confusion and the protection of trade marks with a reputation; and a link between infringement actions before the Community trade mark courts and actions before the Office. The seminar contributed towards a better mutual understanding of the problems of interpretation of Community trade mark legislation, and harmonised national trade mark legislation. These seminars will be held every two years.

3.2 4 Professional Representation Service

The main activities of this Service are as follows:

- management of the List of Professional Representatives produced pursuant to Article 89(1)(b) of the Community trade mark regulation, covering registration, deletion and modifications;
- administration of general authorisations filed with the Office.



With regard to the administration of the List of Professional Representatives, 257 applications for inclusion in the list were received in 1999 (compared with 238 in 1998). Of these, 253 were approved (compared with 228 in 1998). The Office issued a negative decision in three cases (10 in 1998) and one case is still pending. No appeals were lodged.

The total number of representatives per country of origin registered at the end of 1999 is given in the table below (5 209 in 1998):

Number
76
1 794
368
670
100
647
57
72
45
174
1 063
396
5 462

In 1999, four requests for exemption were sent to the President of the Office pursuant to Article 89(4) of the Community trade mark regulation. At the end of the year, two requests were pending, one had been refused and the other accepted.

A Directory of Professional Representatives was published at the end of 1999 containing

the details of all professional representatives. For the first time, the directory also contained a List of Associations of Representatives classified by country of establishment.

The second activity of the department related to general authorisations covers:

- the registration of a total of 17 212 new general authorisations for representation at the end of 1999, bringing the final total of general authorisations already registered to 50 712;
- in addition to the registration of changes to the existing general authorisations further to mergers, changes of name, etc., this task required the checking and modification of 5 274 general authorisations for the last quarter of 1999 alone.

Service for the Administration of the Trade Marks Register

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The work of this service has already been described above in Sections 1.3.1–1.3.4.

3.2 6 Service for Coordination and Financial and Staff Affairs

This Service of the Legal Department is responsible for the following areas of activity:

- coordination of the Office's representation before the Court of First Instance and the Court of Justice;
- management and processing of all correspondence exchanged between the OHIM and the Court of First Instance and the Court of Justice in all types of litigation; registration and distribution of mail;
- provision of logistics and documentary support to the lawyers working on trade mark appeals, including research into legal practice and theory;

- monitoring observation of the deadlines for various appeal proceedings;
- replying to various internal legal consultations in the fields of Community financial law and Community law on public service;
- coordination of logistics aspects linked to the appointment and working conditions of various members of the Legal Department;
- link between the various members of the Legal Department and the Informatics Service with regard to management of computer tools and programs;
- assistance to the Director of the Legal Department in his activities of coordinating the various services in the Department, including producing the minutes for interdepartmental meetings.

Survey of various activities

The activity performed by this Service during 1999 can be summarised as follows:

- representation of the Office before the Court of First Instance in:
 - one dispute between the Office and professional representative,
 - two appeals concerning decisions made by the Office's Boards of Appeal on Community trade mark issues;
- administrative and procedural management, logistical and documentary supplies and support, in 19 cases brought against the Office before the Court of First Instance and the Court of Justice;
- written replies to around 100 internal legal consultations in areas of Community financial law and Community law on public service;
- management of around 20 interviews with candidates for posts in the Legal

Department and the introduction of 14 new members;

 secretarial services for around 40 interservice meetings.

3.2 7 Legal Documentation Service

During 1999, this Service continued to collect and distribute, via the internal database DocuMarc, documents on legislation, case law and legal theory relating to the activities of the Office, both in electronic and paper form.

As part of this work, it carried out the analysis and systematic indexing of documents by the allocation of key words and summary notes when they were catalogued in the said database.

Amongst these documents, particular attention was paid to processing the decisions of the Boards of Appeal and the rulings of the Court of First Instance and the Court of Justice in matters of industrial property. This service also scanned specialist journals with the aim of selecting articles on theory.

It also performed a large number of documentary searches both for its own needs and at the request of other departments and services in the Office.

Finally, it followed up 700 requests for paper documents for which 17 500 pages were reproduced.





RELATIONS WITH USERS



The OHIM's policy is to maintain close links with interested parties, i.e. its clients, in order to ensure their maximum satisfaction and to fulfil the legitimate expectations of parties with regard to procedures. This requires complete transparency with regard to standards and results of examinations and other procedures performed by the Office and consultation with users in order to improve practice and procedures. As well as bilateral contacts with international non-governmental bodies, the national representatives of interested parties and the various applicants and representatives, the OHIM Trade Mark Group comprises 14 international non-governmental bodies with which the Office cooperates. This group was set up in 1998 as a central interface between the Office and its clients concerning all aspects of practical functioning of the Community trade mark system. The second and third meetings of this group were held in April and December 1999. They covered all of the problems identified by the international nongovernmental bodies as being relevant to them, in particular standards and criteria for examination of absolute grounds, procedural aspects of opposition proceedings, use of the current account system and the search system.

The member organisations of the OHIM Trade Mark Group are as follows:

- Association des industries de marques (AIM) (European Brands Association);
- Association internationale pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (AJPPI) (International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property);
- 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 des mandataires de l'industrie en propriété industrielle (Femipi) (European Federation of Agents of Industry in Industrial Property);
- Fédération internationale des conseils en propriété industrielle (FICPI) (International Federation of Industrial Property Attorneys);
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC);
- International Trade Mark Association (INTA);
- Association of European Trade Mark Proprietors (Marques);
- Union des confédérations de l'industrie et des employeurs d'Europe (UNICE) (Union of Industrial and Employers' Confederations of Europe);
- Union of European Practitioners in Industrial Property (UNION);
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5.1 Regulatory information

Article 85 of the CTMR provides for periodic publication of the Official Journal and the Bulletin.

5.1 / Official Journal

The OHIM's Official Journal provides a range of valuable information on the Community trade mark system. It is a monthly publication, for which the Legal Department is responsible and which ran to 1 600 pages during 1999, not counting the four supplementary issues on the Office's budget. Its content is almost entirely reproduced on OAMI-Online, particularly communications and decisions of the President and decisions relating to oppositions and appeals.

The following were published in 1999: decisions by the Council of Ministers relating to the Office, decisions and communications of the President of the Office, guidelines on proceedings before the Office, Community directives and regulations, and significant rulings on trade marks by the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance of the European Communities. Various acts by the Administrative Board and the Budget Committee and the most significant decisions made by the Opposition Division and the Boards of Appeal were also published in the Official Journal, in addition to new entries, changes, amendments and deletions in the list of professional representatives.

Since the Official Journal was first published in 1995, the number of subscribers has remained constant at around 1 500. The Official Journal is also sent to all the National Offices in the European Union and to a number of offices and institutions in non-member countries, with which the OHIM is forging and maintaining links through the Technical Cooperation Division.



Community

Trade Marks Bulletin

The Bulletin is the Office's leading publication, as with any industrial property office. To facilitate storage and searching, the Bulletin is also available on CD-ROM.

• Paper edition

In 1999, the rate of publication of the Bulletin remained particularly high, with two editions per week, running to a total of 64 000 pages and 104 issues, containing around 40 000 trade mark applications in Part A, and approximately 43 000 registrations in Part B. The paper edition has over 500 paying subscribers.

• CD-ROM edition

This year, 1999, was the first full year that the Bulletin was published on CD-ROM (52 issues, one per week comprising the content of the twice-weekly paper editions). The CD-ROM edition has been very well received and now has over 150 paying subscribers.





5.2

General information

5.2 / OAMI-Online

The OHIM's Internet site, OAMI-Online, which was opened in the middle of October 1998, improved both quantitatively and qualitatively during 1999. At the beginning of the year, it contained a total of 6 250 files. At the end of the year, the number of files had increased to 8 700, a 30 % increase over the year. The daily number of enquiries rose from 3 000 in January 1999 to over 8 000 in December, an increase of over 150 % in one year.

A number of paper publications have already been partly or wholly reproduced in electronic format (pdf), including:

- most of the information published in the OHIM's Official Journal (decisions and communications of the President, forms, guidelines, opposition and appeal decisions, etc.);
- OAMI NEWS;
- an article for the general reader 'OHIM and the Community trade mark';
- the annual report.

The site also contains numerous decisions by the Opposition Division and the Boards of Appeal (810 and 270 respectively by the end of 1999).

The site also provides on-line databases on trade marks, professional representatives and, in particular, new services (see Section 5.2.2. below).



Community trade mark databases

In addition to the institutional publications, there are products and services providing information on registered trade marks, such as EUROM, CTM-Download and CTM-Online. The media chosen (CD-ROM and the OAMI Internet site) reflect public demand, which is met by the Office due to the 'paperless' system, enabling digital information to be made available as soon as it is received by the Office.

5.2 3 Other publications

The Office also provides a full range of additional publications (most of which are available on its Internet site):

- 5 200 copies of the Office's **Annual Report** were printed (five languages combined).
- A multilingual version of Selected instruments relating to the Community trade mark was published in the Office's five languages (ES, DE, EN, FR and IT) and monolingual versions in the same languages. It contains the texts of the relevant Community regulations as well as some of the Office President's decisions and communications.
- Monolingual versions of the compendium National law relating to the Community trade mark was published in the Office's five languages. Its aim is to provide users of the Community and national trade mark systems with detailed information on the 'interfaces' between the Community trade mark system and the national trade mark systems, including Benelux trade mark law.
- A multilingual version of the new 1999 edition of the List of OHIM professional representatives was published in the Office's five languages. In addition to this



list of professional representatives approved by the OHIM, the Office has introduced a new section containing a list of associations of representatives, classified by country of establishment.

 Six issues of OAMI NEWS were published in 1999. OAMI NEWS, which is disseminated every two months in the form of an annex to the Official Journal of the OHIM, is also disseminated separately to a specific target group, with the aim of maintaining close links with users and other people interested in the Office's work. The print run amounts to 3 500 copies of each issue. The contents are also published in electronic format on OAMI-Online. The electronic format also includes an index of all the articles by issue and by language.

• Bist of subscriptions available for some of the above-mentioned publications.

Title/ medium	Number of issues published in 1999	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)	52	The 11 languages of the EU	Minimum of one issue per week
EUROM (Collection of issues of Community Trade Marks Bulletin on CD-ROM)	3	The 11 languages of the EU	Quarterly
OHIM Official Journal (paper)	11 + 4 supplements + 1998 Index	ES/DE/EN/FR/IT	Monthly
1999 Directory of professional representatives (paper)	1	ES/DE/EN/FR/IT	Biennially (one edition every two years)
OAMI NEWS (paper)	6	Multilingual	Every two months





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She Technical Cooperation Division worked consistently throughout 1999. As in the previous year, this activity was seen in the extension of its geographical area and its involvement in centres disseminating information on industrial property.

In view of disseminating information on the Community trade mark system and its advantages on a worldwide scale, the Division is cooperating with the countries of eastern Europe, Africa, America and Asia and it is noted that almost all multilateral institutions are promoting industrial property.

The Technical Cooperation Division is therefore acting as an interface between the Office and the many parties it deals with, whether they be public or private, national or international organisations.

Actions take place in a number of spheres, such as conducting institutionalised dialogue with offices in the Member States of the European Union, implementing new cooperation programmes and monitoring those in progress in non-member countries, working in collaboration with the European Patent Office (EPO) and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and attending numerous events such as seminars

and conferences presenting and promoting the Community trade mark.





6.1

The European Community and Member States

The Office maintains close contact with the European Commission, particularly with regard to implementing the assistance programmes for third countries, which the European Community has signed with countries in Asia and Latin America, in relation to industrial property (see Section 6.2 below).

The Office also plays a part in the Europartenariat organised by the European Commission. The OHIM and the Community trade mark raised great interest among the participants at the two meetings which were held this year (Vienna and Potsdam). In addition to those who obtained information at the time, over 150 entrepreneurs from the European Union and non-member countries subsequently requested more detailed information on the Community trade mark.

Links and cooperation with the national trade mark offices in the Member States of the European Union form one of the most important aspects of the OHIM's work. Regular liaison meetings are held in this connection with experts from the national offices. During 1999, the fifth and sixth liaison meetings were held respectively on 18 and 19 February and 28 and 29 June in Alicante. They focused mainly on the harmonisation of various Community trade mark procedures.

The specific meetings provide an opportunity to deal with aspects of Community trade mark practice, particularly seniority and conversion issues as well as possible improvements to the search reports. Amongst the matters discussed at the sixth liaison meeting held in June was the introduction, in June, of the electronic database for downloading information on Community trade marks (CTM-Download) and the implementation of the online Community trade mark information system (CTM-Online), a free Internet service which can be consulted to obtain data on applications filed as well as registered Community trade marks.

A new structure for future liaison meetings was adopted, through the formation of two specialised meetings, one on procedure and practice and the other on information technology and general information.

In addition the Office held and took part in a training seminar on Community legal issues for 33 French judges.



Technical cooperation with third countries

6.2

Cooperation with third countries essentially comprises European Community programmes and bilateral programmes.

With regard to bilateral programmes, the geographic area covered by the Office expanded during the year. Countries such as Argentina, Brazil, China, Mexico, Paraguay, Taiwan and Uruguay, and the African Regional Industrial Property Organisation (ARIPO) were integrated into the Technical Cooperation Division's work agenda.

Memoranda of understanding were signed with Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and ARIPO, and an agreement was concluded with China. Concrete actions to be taken during the next few months will define the content of these agreements.

Examination of achievements by region:

Eastern Europe: a proposed technical cooperation programme with the countries applying for EU membership was approved by the OHIM's Administrative Board and Budget Committee. The objective is to achieve a greater level of harmonisation on trade mark procedures in view of their future accession. The offices are in frequent contact and exchange information on a regular basis.

A seminar for Slovenian officials was held in Alicante in February, whilst another took place for officials from the Estonian Trade Mark Office and other relevant national sectors, in Tallinn in October. Draft agreements with the Slovenian and Estonian Offices are in the process of being finalised. Preparations are being made for similar seminars for officials and interested sectors in Poland and Hungary.

America: the most significant event in this region was the signature of memoranda of

understanding with Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay at the time of the roving seminar for the Mercosur countries, organised in collaboration with the Spanish Patent and Trade Mark Office. This seminar, which was held during November was divided into two parts, one for the public sector — 'Trade Marks in Europe: National Trade Marks and Community Trade Marks', and the other for the private sector — 'Trade Marks in Europe — Trade Marks in Mercosur'.

Two seminars were also held in Mexico and contact was made with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to enhance cooperation with the possible signature of a memorandum of understanding.

Africa: A memorandum of understanding was signed in June with the African Regional Industrial Property Organisation (ARIPO), which comprises of 14 English-speaking African countries.

In the framework of the 23rd meeting of ARIPO's Administrative Board, WIPO and ARIPO organised a seminar at which the OHIM gave a presentation on the Community trade mark.

Furthermore, the OHIM has just established links with the 'Organisation africaine pour la propriété intellectuelle' (African Intellectual Property Organisation) (OAPI), which comprises 15 French-speaking African countries. The links have so far consisted in an exchange of letters and the provision of information by the OHIM. It is hoped that this relationship will also be formalised through the signature of a memorandum of understanding next year.

Asia: in view of the success of the cooperation programme with Vietnam, which began at the end of 1996, an extension for a period of 18 months was approved. Activities this year included an 'on-the-job' training session on trade marks in Alicante. A course on trade marks and another on design took place in Hanoi. The course on design was given by an



expert of the UK Patent Office which also supported the event. Two seminars were also held, one in Hanoi and the other in Ho-Chi-Minh City, along with the ordinary meeting of the programme's Advisory Committee.

With regard to the ASEAN countries, the second phase of the already successful ECAP cooperation programme should be implemented early next year. A study visit by representatives of the intellectual property offices of the member countries has takes place in connection with this programme.

As far as China is concerned, an agreement was signed in Peking in October. Earlier in June, seven senior representatives visited the OHIM accompanied by a representative from the European Patent Office (EPO), which initiated the meeting. In addition, the Community cooperation programme, the details of which have been under discussion with officials from the Commission in Brussels throughout the year, should be approved shortly.

An OHIM examiner undertook a study visit to Japan in April. This visit was followed by the first examiners' meeting between the OHIM and the Japanese Trade Marks Office, which was held in Tokyo in September.

Links with Korea are being developed further on the basis of the memorandum of understanding signed last year. Three visits to the OHIM by Korean representatives were followed by a meeting of the Offices with the aim of coordinating future activities.

The text of a memorandum of understanding with Taiwan, the content of which is finalised, will be signed shortly by an exchange of letters. Finally, the 'European Business Information Centre' organised seminars in Thailand and Malaysia, at which officials from the Division provided presentations on the Community trade mark.

6.3

Technical cooperation with the European Patent Office (EPO)

The fact that the Presidents of each organisation attended one another's Administrative Board meetings consolidated their already close cooperation at the highest level.

The EPO and the OHIM work closely together in implementing the majority of the European Community assistance programmes to third countries, in relation to industrial property (see Section 6.2.). Numerous contacts and meetings take place to coordinate the activities of the programmes which are either close to being introduced or have already been introduced in certain countries, such as Argentina, Chile, India, Vietnam, the ASEAN countries and southern Asia.

This year the OHIM again attended Patlib '99. This event, organised by the EPO and held in Lucerne in May, was aimed at promoting the dissemination of information on industrial property.



6.4

Technical cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

There are close links between the Office and WIPO. In 1999, the Technical Cooperation Division played an active role within the Standing Committee on Information Technology (PCIT), both at the plenary sessions (February, June and December) and in the working parties (December).

The division presented various papers at informative seminars organised by WIPO. It also took part in events set up by WIPO in collaboration with other organisations or offices working in the domain of intellectual property. At WIPO's regional seminar on modern techniques for managing intellectual property in Latin America, which was held in Punta Cana (Dominican Republic), the division addressed the issue of the invaluable support of new information technology in the efficient operation of an intellectual property office.

In addition, WIPO organised six study visits to the OHIM in 1999.



Visits

The Technical Cooperation Division organised 46 visits in 1999 which included over 300 people from 30 different countries, all wishing to familiarise themselves with the Community trade mark system and the Office's operations. Most of the visitors were staff members from national industrial property offices in non-member countries, such as Brazil, Brunei, Burma, China, Cuba, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Slovenia, Switzerland, Thailand, Uruguay, Vietnam and ARIPO.

There were also a number of visits by students and lecturers from Spanish universities. In addition, 40 students came from the Faculty of Economic Science and Business Management at the Fachhochschule in Hof (Germany). The fact that firms of lawyers and representatives from the commercial sector also visited is evidence of their interest in this issue.



HUMAN AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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7.1 / Recruitment and Personnel Management Sector

The Recruitment and Personnel Management Sector continued its various tasks:

- managing a workforce which grew from 407 regular staff members (officials and temporary staff), 58 auxiliary staff members and one local staff member at the end of 1998, to 499 regular staff members and 54 auxiliary staff members at the end of 1999;
- managing agency staff: 58 new files for a monthly average of 30 people;
- ensuring the professional competence of staff by organising language and information technology courses;
- managing human resources on a day-today basis using established methods and procedures: training reports, grading and promotion.

Recruitment

The work of recruitment, which consists of organising selection procedures, processing applications, interviews (particularly as part of the work of the selection boards) included the following activities in 1999:

- 11 new selection procedures started during the year in the following fields:
 - processing trade mark applications (examination — cancellation — opposition);
 - administration (General Services, Financial Service and the Technical Cooperation Division);

- Six selection procedures from previous years were finalised during 1999.
- The sector organised and managed competitive recruitment based on qualifications and written or oral tests, including assisting the selection boards.
- There were 14 transfers, 13 of which were from Community institutions.

Statistics:

- 2 883 applications were processed in 1999, through 24 notices in the press and in the European institutions, concerning 43 vacancies;
- 47.2 % of the applications processed in 1999 were conducted through selection and recruitment procedures and 52.8 % were speculative;
- 59 % of appointments were in the sphere of trade mark processing and 41 % were on the legal and administrative side.

Training

Some 696 individual training courses were provided during 1999, 50 % of which were in the field of information technology (Frontpage, ATM, Internet, Word, Excel, Access, Soroll, Office+ Windows 97, SQL, Powerpoint, Corelldraw, Global Security 99, Dreamweaver).

With the exception of four specific training courses, the other half of the individual training courses were on language training. In accordance with need and demand, Spanish, French, German and Italian were taught at four levels and English at six.

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7.1

2 Social administration

 Management of staff selection, recruitment, career development and personnel rights and obligations

Around 845 gradings were carried out in 1999, and 730 other actions (recommendations by the Grading Committee, job offers, reports, appointments, assignments to posts, contracts and contract amendments) were carried out in connection with the recruitment procedures. In addition, around 1 892 decisions and other actions (organising and changing place of origin, granting benefits and allowances, house removals, promotions, etc.) were carried out in the context of individual rights. There were 114 new residence permits processed.

There were 380 travel and visit files processed during 1999 and there were refunds of expenses in connection with seven meetings: Administrative Board and Budget Committee meetings and liaison meetings with national experts. The management of minimum staff presence, holidays and absences involved over 6 000 actions, to which 53 files on transfers of pension rights must be added, as well as the daily task of verifying working hours, which had increased considerably compared with 1998.

• Medical service

321 members of staff had annual medical check-ups in 1999, 125 had medical check-ups prior to appointment and 452 other consultations and check-ups took place in line with the staff medical care programme. 65 staff members and 46 members of their families received preventive care. 102 new health insurance files were opened. An invitation to tender was launched for the provision of nursing services.

Social service

Social service activities increased throughout 1999 in connection with induction and social relations as a result of the increase in the Office's personnel, also in connection with catering and the start of a project to open a new Office day nursery.

• Induction and social relations

An initiative was undertaken to update on a daily basis all information which may assist new arrivals in Alicante (116 in 1999). 1 300 various requests for information were dealt with during the year. 243 pages of information in the form of a staff bulletin (Petites Annonces) were printed and distributed to the personnel. Posters in the Office buildings displayed 350 items of interinstitutional information, notices of job vacancies and other information of interest to staff.

At the end of 1999 the Millennium photograph was organised of 505 staff members for the Office Yearbook.

Gatering

The canteen for the Office's personnel which was opened in 1998 and is the responsibility of the Social Service made 17 284 sales during 1999, with an average of 80 reservations per month, and restaurant services were supplied 36 times for meetings organised at the Office. The work of fitting out the social centre and the canteen, as well as decorating it and purchasing equipment was carried out during the year. A survey conducted amongst all the personnel revealed a satisfaction level of 72 %.

With regard to the restaurant in the permanent headquarters, the social service is responsible for purchasing the necessary equipment and taking part in the launch of an invitation to tender for its operation.

• Day Nursery and Child-Care Centre

An open child-care centre was organised for the first time in 1999, during the months of July and August to provide the Office's personnel with child-care during the school holidays. Forty-three children attended. A survey conducted amongst the parents by the social service revealed that this scheme had been a great success (90 % in favour).

The Service also started on a project for a day nursery in the permanent headquarters. This is intended to provide child-care for the children of Office personnel (infants from 0 to 3 years).

7.2 General administration

The General Services' workload increased heavily during the year. In addition to their current administration tasks, they took part in the preparation and monitoring of the building and fitting out of the Office's permanent site.

7.2 / Administration of procurements

The administration of procurements and contracts for work, services and supply resulted in 1 510 financial documents, 224 contracts, 82 reports and information memos to the Advisory Committee on Procurement and Contracts (ACPC) and 33 invitations to tender. In all, 2 850 invoices were processed. This represented a 12 % increase in workload compared with 1998.

Breakdown of personnel

By administrative status, category and grade

	nporary sta 1 officials (Auxiliary members	staff	
Cate	egory	Numbe	er	Category	Number	
<u>A</u> 1		1		A III	1	
<u>A 2</u>	2	2		ΒV	4	
A 3	5	11		C VII	48	
A 4	ł	6		D VIII	1	
A 5	5	9		Total	54	
Ae	5	9				
Α7	7	76				
A٤	3	2				
		116	category	A		
LA	5	1				
LA	7	3				
		4	category	LA		
B 1		7				
B 2		7				
В З		32				
B 4		12				
B 5		50				
		108	category	В		
C 1		8				
C 2	2	8				
C 3	5	43				
C 4	ł	22				
C 5	5	126				
		207	category	С		
<u>D</u> 1	I	2				
D 3	3	8				
		10	category	D		
Tot	al	445				

^{(*) 184} temporary agents and 261 officials.



7.2 2 Buildings administration

• Permanent seat

Construction of the first phase of the Office's permanent headquarters continued in 1999 in cooperation with the COSOAMI, an organisation set up by the Spanish government and the building developer.

As a result of the progress made on the work, the Office inspected the building in November. By the end of the year, the building was in the process of having faults noted during this inspection corrected.

Since the Office will have to carry out certain additional fitting-out work in the premises after receiving the keys, it is anticipated that the building will be occupied in mid-2000.

Also, considering the limited capacity of the permanent building in its initial phase (it is not large enough to house the OHIM's present workforce), the Office's Budget Committee approved the launch of an invitation to tender for the architectural planning of the second phase. This was launched in December.

• Jemporary seat

During the year, the temporary site reached its maximum occupation level: 600 employees divided between five buildings (Aguilera 20, Castelar 3, Eusebio Sempere 11, Dr Just 11-13 and P. Explanada 13), with 11 600 sq. metres office space and 6 000 sq. metres garage space. The procedure for leasing a sixth building to house 35 employees started at the end of the year.

7.2 3 Library and Archives Section

The library's computer system, DocuMarc, was considerably improved by the addition of new functions enabling multilingual descriptor searches to be carried out. 777 new books were purchased and 225 000 new documents were added to the archives. There were 2 300 loan requests.



Administrative translations

Over 7 000 pages of translation were processed (sent to and received from the Translation Centre in Luxembourg), an increase of 25 % over 1998.



Informatics

The following new equipment was installed:

Personal computers
Laptop computers
Servers
Network printers
Local printers
48

7.3 1 User support and assistance

Assistance was provided on 16 195 occasions, two thirds of which was for the Vice-Presidency for Legal Affairs. Over 46.5 % of assistance related to the use of Euromarc and the average time taken to solve problems was 42 minutes 18 seconds.

7.3 2 Consolidation of operations

• Euromarc

There were 329 000 faxes sent through the Euromarc system (compared with 246 000 in 1998 and 24 000 in 1997). The total number of documents entered in the system in 1999 amounted to over 1 900 000 (1 400 000 monochrome pages, 20 000

colour pages and 9 000 cheques). The total number of electronic documents was therefore in the region of 4 800 000.

The use of e-mail continued to increase strongly, with 2 300 000 messages exchanged in 1999 (against 1 220 000 in 1998 and 200 000 in 1997). Some 500 000 e-mails went via the Internet, 30 000 via X400 and there were around 1 800 000 internal e-mails.

The number of visits to the Internet site amounted to over 14 800 per month (10 000 in 1998 and 4 000 in 1997). At the same time the number of people using our site exceeded 74 000 during 1999.

• RESMA

The RESMA system was used exclusively with the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union. More than 32 000 requests for translations of trade marks were sent via this system.

• Prior registration search system

The prior registration search system was consulted more than 40 000 times during 1999: 27 000 word searches, 2 000 figurative searches and 11 000 combined searches.

7.3 3 Administration

In 1999, the number of files on the conclusion and renewal of information technology contracts regarding information technology increased to 169, 29 of which were submitted to the ACPC and 10 of which resulted in the publication of an invitation to tender in the Official Journal of the European Communities. 7.3 4

Developments

and new activities

• Euromarc

Development work in 1999 was aimed at initiating management of the work of the Boards of Appeal and the Cancellation Division.

In addition, the service developed a management module for entries in the Register and improved the accounts module to ensure a higher level of compatibility with the General Accounts Sector.

• CTM-Online

This system, which allows research and detailed consultation of applications for Community trade marks on the Internet, was developed throughout 1999. It was made available to the public in November and it was consulted more than 12 000 times during December.

CTM-Download

The development and introduction of this system for disseminating information on the Community trade mark through the Internet was completed in 1999. At present, the national Offices and 25 private subscribers are the main users of this system.

• CTM-Agent

This new system for search and detailed consultation via the Internet relating to professional representatives and associations of professional representatives registered with the OHIM, was developed and introduced during 1999. Information was sought on over 6 800 representatives by means of this system during the year.



7.4 Budget and finances

7.4 [/ Implementation of the budget

Revenue amounted to EUR 88 237 405, mainly from the receipt of fees and the balance of EUR 20 734 711 from the previous year.

During the financial year, the Office entered into the accounts 38 898 application fees, 21 266 supplementary class fees, 4 739 opposition fees, 33 873 registration fees, 733 appeal fees, 55 cancellation fees and miscellaneous fees, totalling EUR 85 861 171.

In 1999, the Office also received EUR 727 597 from the sale of publications. Interest totalling EUR 1 648 637 was received.

Actual expenditure amounted to EUR 33 021 833 for staff in active employment, EUR 30 979 913 for buildings, equipment and other miscellaneous operating expenditure and EUR 28 238 409 for expenditure during the financial year on specific operations. The balance of the financial year of EUR 16 699 191 corresponds to the provision made to enable the OHIM to reach 2006 (the year when the Office will receive the first trade mark renewal fees) without having to apply for a Community subsidy.

In 1999, the Office was self-financing for the third year running.

7.4 2 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 during the year in drawing up two Supplementary and Amending Budgets for 1999, as well as preparing the budget for 2000. The SAP-ISPS accounts and budget system was in operation for the first time in 1999. The Sector was particularly occupied with improving the system and putting it into operation.

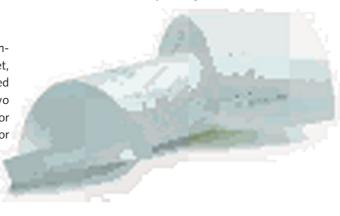
Seneral Accounts Sector

This Sector receives fees and pays suppliers. Reorganisation proved to be necessary in view of the increase in its workforce. This led to the creation of four sections within the sector (suppliers, banks, customer accounts and payment of fees).

As far as the suppliers section was concerned, the number of invoices processed increased in 1999 to 3 500 (20 % higher than 1998). In 1999 the section was given responsibility for checking and collecting debts not connected with fees received, as well as for processing depreciation of the Office's assets.

The activity of the other sections (banks, payment of fees and customer accounts), which are directly connected with the trade mark procedure, increased in proportion to the number of trade marks filed (almost 40 000 fees). This was in addition to the entering into the accounts of registration fees (approximately 34 000), opposition fees (approximately 4 700), appeal fees (approximately 700) and a considerable number of other fees.

Entering the revenue from the opposition fee for the cooling-off period and the fee for subsequent repayment into the accounts has involved a very significant workload. It should be noted that the entry was still carried out semi-manually during 1999.



Refunds of fees increased significantly compared with 1998: +150 % in terms of number, +55 % in terms of volume.

Customer account management was improved during the year by creating a special Financial Service Section on the Office's Internet site, and by introducing a new statement design.

The Service's other work

Concerning information technology, two large scale projects were implemented in conjunction with the Information Technology Service during 1999:

- updating the SAP to Version 4.0 B,

- the introduction of Euromarc Version 3.

Concerning VAT, the Financial Service began a procedure, through its suppliers, to recover sums paid in error during the transition period which immediately followed the entry into force of the provisions applying the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Communities to Spain.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OFFICE'S BUDGET FROM 1996 TO 1999
(ECU/EUR)

			YEAR		
REVENUE	1996	1997	1998		1999
Revenue from the Office's operations	13 430 035	55 258 414	68 741 221	8	8 237 405
European Community subsidy	8 291 000				
Balance from the previous year			3 111 252	2	0 734 711
Total	21 721 035	55 258 414	71 852 473	10	8 972 116
EXPENDITURE	1996	1997	1998		1999
Expenditure on staff in active employment	9 304 693	14 602 004	20 329 914	3	3 021 833
Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous operating expenditure	11 551 402	21 223 885	20 060 401	3	0 979 913
Expenditure arising from trade mark processing and from publications	5 931 632	16 378 731	12 229 513	2	8 238 409
Provision for future expenditure (*)	- 5 066 692	3 053 794	19 232 645	1	6 731 961
Total	21 721 035	55 258 414	71 852 473	10	8 972 116

(*) In 1996, the Office had not received a part of the European Community subsidy, amounting to ECU 6 289 000.



7.5

Logistical support for trade mark processing

This Service, which was given responsibility for carrying out a series of administrative tasks directly connected with the trade mark registration procedure, acts as a link between the Office and its external counterparts.

7.5 / Interface with the National Offices with regard to the production of national search reports

Over 44 000 trade mark applications were forwarded to the 10 central industrial property offices so that they could provide search reports within a period of three months, as provided for in Article 39 (3) of the CTMR.

7.5 2 Relations with the Translation Centre

The Office received over 40 000 translations from the Translation Centre in 1999, which represented some 120 000 pages, each containing 1 500 characters. Translations concerning trade marks represent the bulk of the work carried out by the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union in Luxembourg.

7.5 3 Relations with the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities (EUR-OP)

All official publications and almost all information publications are published by the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities in Luxembourg (see Sections 5.1 and 5.2.3).



Relations with the public

In addition to receiving the public at the Office, providing information by telephone or e-mail and sending documentation by post, the Service also takes responsibility for receiving and scanning all documents concerning trade marks (170 new applications and 45 oppositions are received each working day). In 1999, approximately 1 400 000 pages were received, scanned and entered in Euromarc.

The Service also takes responsibility for forwarding national and Community search reports to applicants and/or their representatives. Over 40 000 reports were forwarded to applicants and/or their representatives in 1999, which represents a volume of 1 400 000 pages, with an average of 35 pages forwarded each time.

The Trade Marks Logistics Service also produced and forwarded 40 000 registration certificates to applicants and/or their representatives in 1999.

Statistics from the Office are centralised in order that a wide range of tables and graphs on all trade mark activities can be supplied in all five languages.

7.5 J Euronice

The Euronice system started up on 8 March 1999 after two months of tests. It is a database containing lists of goods and services already translated by the Translation Centre into the 11 official languages. Euronice is used before the trade marks are sent for translation. Savings in terms of translation costs are made by storing and reusing translations already carried out by the Centre. The database now contains over 6 700 terms (comprising one or several words) per language. Of the 36 767 translation requests in 1999, Euronice translated 4 212 in full, namely 11.5 %. With regard to the other requests, 14 427 (39 %) had to be sent in full to the Translation Centre, whilst of the remaining 18 128 (49.5 %), Euronice was able to translate some of the terms contained in its list of goods and services.

Euronice translated in full 184 715 terms out of the total of 410 092 terms used in the 36 767 trade mark applications sent for translation.

This database, which is for internal use, may be made available to the public in the long term for electronic filing. An invitation to tender was launched in 1999 to provide Euronice with software to assist with encoding and to assist in classifying the goods and services.





Mail Dispatch and Trade Mark File Documentation Service

This service was created recently. It was created and gradually expanded during 1999. For this reason sufficiently reliable statistics on its volume of activity will be available only after 2000.



Procedures and Legal Support Service

This service came into operation at the beginning of 1999. It has four members of staff and is principally responsible for providing support to the Vice-Presidency for Technical and Administrative Affairs in various spheres of activity: statutory issues relating to the management of personnel and early stages of disputes, questions relating to the implementation of the budget and the procedures for awarding contracts.

The service also takes part in the preparatory work for meetings of the Office's Administrative Board and Budget Committee.

With regard to procedures, the service is responsible for studying solutions which are appropriate to the specific nature of the Office's activity and structure, in order to improve the administrative machinery. Since the service has only had a full workforce since the middle of the year, it does not have sufficiently meaningful statistics for 1999. During the second half of 1999, it carried out an evaluation of the way in which the entire procurement procedure was entered into the SAP system and designed the structure of the Intranet system for the Office as a whole. SERVICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD, THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENTS AND CONTRACTS

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This service is linked directly to the Vice-Presidency for Jechnical and Administrative Affairs and is responsible for providing secretarial support to the Administrative Board, the Budget Committee and the Advisory Committee on Procurements and Contracts.



In 1999, the Service successfully organised the following meetings: the 13th, 14th and 15th meetings of the Office's Administrative Board, which were held respectively in April, June and October and the 13th, 14th and 15th meetings of the Budget Committee, which were held respectively in March, June and November.

The June meeting was a joint meeting of the two bodies during which the Office's permanent site was inaugurated. In connection with these meetings, over 1 400 individual letters were sent to the members and observers of the two bodies. The total volume of correspondence sent out (invitations, agendas, information, working documents, minutes of meetings, etc.) was close to 81 000 pages. In addition, over 700 documents were sent by fax, with an average of seven pages per transmission.

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 (1 250 internal mailings), the updating of files, archive management and entering lists of the members of the Administrative Board and the Budget Committee, summaries of decisions taken during the meetings, budgets adopted during the meetings and the management of information to be put on OAMI-Online.

In collaboration with the Finance, Budget and Accounts Service, the Service also worked on the five language versions of the four budget documents which were submitted to the members of the Budget Committee for approval. These consisted of two Supplementary and Amending Budgets for 1999, an estimate of revenue and expenditure for 2000 and a budget for 2000. A set of these four documents in the Office's five languages amounts to approximately 2 400 pages. The two Supplementary and Amending Budgets and the 2000 budget were published in the Office's five languages in the OHIM's Official Journal and on OAMI- Online. Documents summarising the budget by title, chapter, article and item were also published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*, in the 11 official languages (OJ L 92, L 235 and L 330). The Service prepared camera-ready manuscripts for these various forms of publication, which ran, all languages combined, to 1 066 pages.

In 1999, the Service successfully organised 10 meetings of the Advisory Committee on Procurements and Contracts (APCP) and five written procedures. It carried out a formal check of 68 reports which the Office submitted to the APCP for its opinion. These reports mainly related to contracts connected with the construction, fitting out and occupation of the permanent seat, the renewal of various contracts relating to the five premises occupied by the Office at present, the purchase or lease of technical and computer equipment and installation and the provision of IT services. The Service organised these meetings, drafted and forwarded ACPC reports and opinions to the members of the ACPC and the relevant Office services. A total of 181 pages of reports and opinions were prepared and 450 mailings were sent.

The Service also produced a revised version of the terminology glossary. 154 copies were distributed within the Office, upon the request of various services and 21 copies were sent to the Joint Interpreting and Conference Service and the Translation Centre, which also received an electronic version of the terms contained in the glossary.



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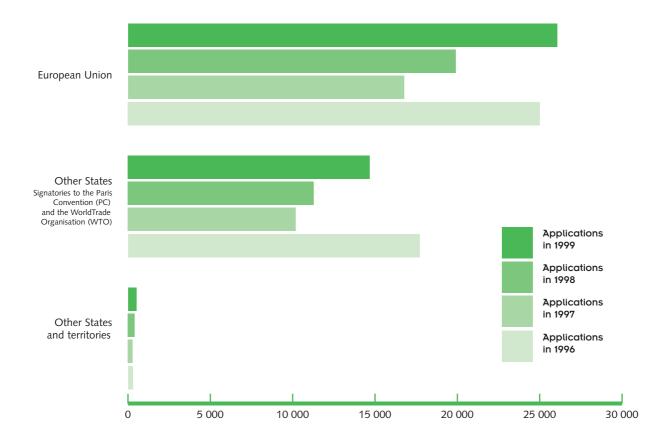
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Breakdown of applications by origin

Origin	Applications (1996–98)	% world	Applications in 1999	% world	Total	% world
European Union	61 656	60.55	26 059	63.19	87 715	61.31
Other States Signatories to the Paris Convention (PC) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO)	39 204	38.50	14 675	35.58	53 879	37.66
Other States and territories	957	0.94	508	1.23	1 465	1.02
Stateless and refugee status	3	0.00	0	0.00	3	0.00
Total	101 820	100	41 242	100	143 062	100







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Breakdown by European Union country

Member States	Application (1996–98)	s % EU	% World	Applications in 1999	% EU	% World	Total	% EU	% World	
BELGIUM	1 623	2.63	1.59	574	2.20	1.39	2 197	2.50	1.54	в
DENMARK	1 705	2.77	1.67	621	2.38	1.51	2 326	2.65	1.63	DK
GERMANY	16 436	26.66	16.14	7 040	27.02	17.07	23 476	26.76	16.41	D
GREECE	228	0.37	0.22	111	0.43	0.27	339	0.39	0.24	EL
SPAIN	6 227	10.10	6.12	2 609	10.01	6.33	8 836	10.07	6.18	E
FRANCE	5 632	9.13	5.53	2 735	10.50	6.63	8 367	9.54	5.85	F
IRELAND	788	1.28	0.77	436	1.67	1.06	1 224	1.40	0.86	IRL
ITALY	6 659	10.80	6.54	3 263	12.52	7.91	9 922	11.31	6.94	I
LUXEMBOURG	397	0.64	0.39	227	0.87	0.55	624	0.71	0.44	L
NETHERLANDS	2 854	4.63	2.80	994	3.81	2.41	3 848	4.39	2.69	NL
AUSTRIA	1 608	2.61	1.58	615	2.36	1.49	2 223	2.53	1.55	А
PORTUGAL	576	0.93	0.57	274	1.05	0.66	850	0.97	0.59	Р
FINLAND	970	1.57	0.95	387	1.49	0.94	1 357	1.55	0.95	FIN
SWEDEN	2 355	3.82	2.31	870	3.34	2.11	3 225	3.68	2.25	5
UNITED KINGDOM	13 598	22.05	13.35	5 303	20.35	12.86	18 901	21.55	13.21	ШΚ
Total	61 656	100	60.55	26 059	100	63.19	87 715	100	61.31	



3 Other States — Signatories to the Paris Convention (CP) or the World Trade Organisation (WTO)

	(1996–98)	%	% World	Applications in 1999	%	% 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]	72	0.18	0.07	36	0.25	0.09	108	0.20	0.08
ARMENIA [AM]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
AUSTRALIA [AU]	830	2.12	0.82	411	2.82	1.00	1 241	2.31	0.87
AZERBAIJAN [AZ]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
BAHAMAS [BS]	110	0.28	0.11	36	0.25	0.09	146	0.27	0.10
BAHRAIN [BH]	7	0.02	0.01	1	0.01	0.00	8	0.01	0.01
BANGLADESH [BD]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
BARBADOS [BB]	38	0.10	0.04	24	0.16	0.06	62	0.12	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	2	0.01	0.00	3	0.01	0.00
BENIN [BJ]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
BOLIVIA [BO]	2	0.01	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	2	0.00	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]	170	0.44	0.17	60	0.41	0.15	230	0.43	0.16
BRUNEI [BN]	8	0.02	0.01	0	0.00	0.00	8	0.01	0.01
BULGARIA [BG]	5	0.01	0.00	3	0.02	0.01	8	0.01	0.01
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]	1 215	3.11	1.19	510	3.49	1.24	1 725	3.21	1.21
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]	57	0.15	0.06	48	0.33	0.12	105	0.20	0.07
CHINA [CN]	112	0.29	0.11	50	0.34	0.12	162	0.30	0.11
COLOMBIA [CO]	49	0.13	0.05	11	0.08	0.03	60	0.11	0.04
CONGO [CG]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
COSTA RICA [CR]	10	0.03	0.01	3	0.02	0.01	13	0.02	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	2	0.01	0.00	3	0.01	0.00
CUBA [CU]	8	0.02	0.01	11	0.08	0.03	19	0.04	0.01
CYPRUS [CY]	41	0.10	0.04	24	0.16	0.06	65	0.12	0.05
CZECH REPUBLIC [CZ]	10	0.03	0.01	10	0.07	0.02	20	0.04	0.01
	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]	16	0.04	0.02	9	0.06	0.02	25	0.05	0.02



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Signatory States	Applications (1996–98)	%	% World	Applications in 1999	%	% World	Total	%	% World
ECUADOR [EC]	22	0.06	0.02	4	0.03	0.01	26	0.05	0.02
EGYPT [EG]	8	0.02	0.01	0	0.00	0.00	8	0.01	0.01
EL SALVADOR [SV]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
ESTONIA [EE]	2	0.01	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	2	0.00	0.00
FJ]	1	0.00	0.00	2	0.01	0.00	3	0.01	0.00
FRENCH POLYNESIA [PF]	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]	9	0.02	0.01	10	0.07	0.02	19	0.04	0.01
GUINEA [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	1	0.01	0.00	1	0.00	0.00
HAITI [HT]	1	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	1	0.00	0.00
HONDURAS [HN]	4	0.01	0.00	2	0.01	0.00	6	0.01	0.00
HONG KONG [HK]	365	0.93	0.36	124	0.84	0.30	489	0.91	0.34
HUNGARY [HU]	39	0.10	0.04	5	0.03	0.01	44	0.08	0.03
ICELAND [IS]	13	0.03	0.01	2	0.01	0.00	15	0.03	0.01
INDIA [IN]	70	0.18	0.07	33	0.22	0.08	103	0.19	0.07
INDONESIA [ID]	39	0	0	12	0	0	51	0	0
IRAN [IR]	6	0.02	0.01	5	0.03	0.01	11	0.02	0.01
IRAQ [IQ]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
ISRAEL [IL]	373	0.95	0.37	177	1.21	0.43	550	1.02	0.38
JAMAICA [JM]	19	0.05	0.02	5	0.03	0.01	24	0.04	0.02
JAPAN [JP]	2 906	7.41	2.85	955	6.51	2.32	3 861	7.17	2.70
JORDAN [JO]	5	0.01	0.00	6	0.04	0.01	11	0.02	0.01
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	0.00	0.00
KUWAIT [KW]	12	0.03	0.01	4	0.03	0.01	16	0.03	0.01
KYRGYZSTAN [KG]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
LATVIA [LV]	0	0.00	0.00	2	0.01	0.00	2	0.00	0.00
LEBANON [LB]	12	0.03	0.01	10	0.07	0.02	22	0.04	0.02
LESOTHO [LS]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
LIBERIA [LR]	8	0.02	0.01	0	0.00	0.00	8	0.01	0.01
LIBYA [LY]	1	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	1	0.00	0.00
LIECHTENSTEIN [LI]	113	0.29	0.11	49	0.33	0.12	162	0.30	0.11



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Signatory States	Applications (1996–98)	%	% World	Applications in 1999	%	% World	Total	%	% World
LITHUANIA [LT]	1	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	1	0.00	0.00
MACAU [MO]	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]	46	0.12	0.05	34	0.23	0.08	80	0.15	0.06
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]	18	0.05	0.02	7	0.05	0.02	25	0.05	0.02
MAURITANIA [MR]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MAURITIUS [MU]	18	0.05	0.02	17	0.12	0.04	35	0.06	0.02
MEXICO [MX]	198	0.51	0.19	91	0.62	0.22	289	0.54	0.20
MOLDOVA [MD]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MONACO [MC]	65	0.17	0.06	49	0.33	0.12	114	0.21	0.08
MONGOLIA [MN]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
MOROCCO [MA]	4	0.01	0.00	2	0.01	0.00	6	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]	2	0.01	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	2	0.00	0.00
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES [AN]	146	0.37	0.14	40	0.27	0.10	186	0.35	0.13
NEW ZEALAND [NZ]	158	0.40	0.16	82	0.56	0.20	240	0.45	0.17
NICARAGUA [NI]	1	0.00	0.00	8	0.05	0.02	9	0.02	0.01
NIGER [NE]	0	0.00	0.00	1	0.01	0.00	1	0.00	0.00
NIGERIA [NG]	1	0.00	0.00	2	0.01	0.00	3	0.01	0.00
NORTH KOREA [KP]	2	0.01	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	2	0.00	0.00
NORWAY [NO]	224	0.57	0.22	92	0.63	0.22	316	0.59	0.22
PAKISTAN [PK]	8	0.02	0.01	4	0.03	0.01	12	0.02	0.01
PANAMA [PA]	26	0.07	0.03	19	0.13	0.05	45	0.08	0.03
PARAGUAY [PY]	3	0.01	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	3	0.01	0.00
PERU [PE]	11	0.03	0.01	0	0.00	0.00	11	0.02	0.01
PHILIPPINES [PH]	22	0.06	0.02	2	0.01	0.00	24	0.04	0.02
POLAND [PL]	28	0.07	0.03	4	0.03	0.01	32	0.06	0.02
QATAR [QA]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
ROMANIA [RO]	2	0.01	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	2	0.00	0.00
RUSSIA [RU]	13	0.03	0.01	13	0.09	0.03	26	0.05	0.02
RWANDA [RW]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS [KN]	5	0.01	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	5	0.01	0.00
SAINT LUCIA [LC]	0	0.00	0.00	1	0.01	0.00	1	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



Signatory States	Applications (1996–98)	s %	% World	Applications in 1999	%	% World	Total	%	% World
SAMOA [WS]	0	0.00	0.00	1	0.01	0.00	1	0.00	0.00
SAN MARINO [SM]	7	0.02	0.01	7	0.05	0.02	14	0.03	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]	193	0.49	0.19	67	0.45	0.16	260	0.48	0.18
SLOVAKIA [SK]	7	0.02	0.01	0	0.00	0.00	7	0.01	0.00
SLOVENIA [SI]	2	0.01	0.00	7	0.05	0.02	9	0.02	0.01
South Africa [ZA]	143	0.37	0.14	79	0.54	0.19	222	0.41	0.16
SOUTH KOREA [KR]	128	0.33	0.13	71	0.49	0.17	199	0.37	0.14
SRI LANKA [LK]	4	0.01	0.00	6	0.04	0.01	10	0.02	0.01
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	1	0.01	0.00	1	0.00	0.00
SWITZERLAND [CH]	1 958	4.96	1.92	705	4.76	1.71	2 663	4.91	1.86
SYRIA [SY]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
TAJIKISTAN [TJ]	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
THAILAND [TH]	27	0.07	0.03	34	0.23	0.08	61	0.11	0.04
TOGO [TG]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO [TT]	10	0.03	0.01	0	0.00	0.00	10	0.02	0.01
TUNISIA [TN]	7	0.02	0.01	5	0.03	0.01	12	0.02	0.01
TURKEY [TR]	307	0.78	0.30	35	0.24	0.08	342	0.63	0.24
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]	6	0.02	0.01	0	0.00	0.00	6	0.01	0.00
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES [AE]	31	0.08	0.03	13	0.09	0.03	44	0.08	0.03
UNITED STATES [US]	28 540	72.80	28.03	10 504	71.58	25.47	39 044	72.47	27.29
URUGUAY [UY]	6	0.02	0.01	4	0.03	0.01	10	0.02	0.01
UZBEKISTAN [UZ]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
VATICAN CITY [VA]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
VENEZUELA [VE]	29	0.07	0.03	6	0.04	0.01	35	0.06	0.02
VIETNAM [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
ZAMBIA [ZM]	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
ZIMBABWE [ZW]	2	0.01	0.00	2	0.01	0.00	4	0.01	0.00
Total	39 204 ^	100	38.50	14 675 1	00	35.58	53 879	100	37.66



Breakdown per country — non-CP/WTO members

Other countries and territories	Applications (1996–98)	5 %	% World	Applications in 1999	s %	% World	Total	%	% World
ANDORRA [AD]	24	2.51	0.02	6	1.18	0.01	30	2.05	0.02
ANGUILLA [AI]	2	0.21	0.00	1	0.20	0.00	3	0.20	0.00
ARUBA [AW]	1	0.10	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	1	0.07	0.00
BERMUDA [BM]	114	11.91	0.11	14	2.76	0.03	128	8.74	0.09
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS [VG]	117	12.23	0.11	45	8.86	0,11	162	11.06	0.11
CAYMAN ISLANDS [KY]	33	3.45	0.03	17	3.35	0.04	50	3.41	0.03
CHANNEL ISLANDS	40	4.18	0.04	38	7.48	0.09	78	5.32	0.05
COOK ISLANDS [CK]	1	0.10	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	1	0.07	0.00
FAEROE ISLANDS [FO]	3	0,31	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	3	0.20	0.00
GIBRALTAR [GI]	31	3.24	0.03	15	2.95	0.04	46	3.14	0,03
GREENLAND [GL]	1	0.10	0.00	1	0.20	0.00	2	0.14	0.00
NEW CALEDONIA [NC]	3	0.31	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	3	0.20	0.00
PUERTO RICO [PR]	8	0.84	0.01	18	3.54	0.04	26	1.77	0.02
SAUDI ARABIA [SA]	14	1.46	0.01	12	2.36	0.03	26	1.77	0.02
SEYCHELLES [SC]	1	0,10	0.00	0	0.00	0,00	1	0.07	0.00
TAIWAN [TW]	558	58.31	0.55	341	67.13	0.83	899	61.37	0.63
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS [TC]	2	0.21	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	2	0.14	0.00
US VIRGIN ISLANDS [VI]	4	0.42	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	4	0.27	0.00
Total	957 ·	100	0.94	508 ⁻	100	1.23	1 465	100	1.02



5 Breakdown by country — Top 30

Country	Applications (1996–98)	% World	Country	try Applications % in 1999 World		Country	Total	% World	
UNITED STATES (US)	28 540	28.03	UNITED STATES (US)	10 504	25.47	UNITED STATES (US)	39 044	27.29	1
GERMANY (D)	16 436	16.14	GERMANY (D)	7 040	17.07	GERMANY (D)	23 476	16.41	2
UNITED KINGDOM (UK)	13 598	13.35	UNITED KINGDOM (UK)	5 303	12.86	UNITED KINGDOM (UK)	18 901	13.21	3
ITALY (I)	6 659	6.54	ITALY (I)	3 263	7.91	ITALY (I)	9 922	6.94	4
SPAIN (E)	6 227	6.12	FRANCE (F)	2 735	6.63	SPAIN (E)	8 836	6.18	5
FRANCE (F)	5 632	5.53	SPAIN (E)	2 609	6.33	FRANCE (F)	8 367	5.85	6
JAPAN (JP)	2 906	2.85	NETHERLANDS (NL)	994	2.41	JAPAN (JP)	3 861	2.70	7
NETHERLANDS (NL)	2 854	2.80	JAPAN (JP)	955	2.32	NETHERLANDS (NL)	3 848	2.69	8
SWEDEN (S)	2 355	2.31	SWEDEN (S)	870	2.11	SWEDEN (S)	3 225	2.25	9
SWITZERLAND (CH)	1 958	1.92	SWITZERLAND (CH)	705	1.71	SWITZERLAND (CH)	2 663	1.86	10
DENMARK (DK)	1 705	1.67	DENMARK (DK)	621	1.51	DENMARK (DK)	2 326	1.63	11
BELGIUM (B)	1 623	1.59	AUSTRIA (A)	615	1.49	AUSTRIA (A)	2 223	1.55	12
AUSTRIA (A)	1 608	1.58	BELGIUM (B)	574	1.39	BELGIUM (B)	2 197	1.54	13
CANADA (CA)	1 215	1.19	CANADA (CA)	510	1.24	CANADA (CA)	1 725	1.21	14
FINLAND (FIN)	970	0.95	IRELAND (IRL)	436	1.06	FINLAND (FIN)	1 357	0.95	15
AUSTRALIA (AU)	830	0.82	AUSTRALIA (AU)	411	1.00	AUSTRALIA (AU)	1 241	0.87	16
IRELAND (IRL)	788	0.77	FINLAND (FIN)	387	0.94	IRELAND (IRL)	1 224	0.86	17
PORTUGAL (P)	576	0.57	TAIWAN (TW)	341	0.83	TAIWAN (TW)	899	0.63	18
TAIWAN (TW)	558	0.55	PORTUGAL (P)	274	0.66	PORTUGAL (P)	850	0.59	19
LUXEMBOURG (L)	397	0.39	LUXEMBOURG (L)	227	0.55	LUXEMBOURG (L)	624	0.44	20
ISRAEL (IL)	373	0.37	ISRAEL (IL)	177	0.43	ISRAEL (IL)	550	0.38	21
HONG KONG (HK)	365	0.36	HONG KONG (HK)	124	0.30	HONG KONG (HK)	489	0.34	22
TURKEY (TR)	307	0.30	GREECE (EL)	111	0.27	TURKEY (TR)	342	0.24	23
GREECE (EL)	228	0.22	NORWAY (NO)	92	0.22	GREECE (EL)	339	0.24	24
NORWAY (NO)	224	0.22	MEXICO (MX)	91	0.22	NORWAY (NO)	316	0.22	25
MEXICO (MX)	198	0.19	NEW ZEALAND (NZ)	82	0.20	MEXICO (MX)	289	0.20	26
SINGAPORE (SG)	193	0.19	South Africa (ZA)	79	0.19	SINGAPORE (SG)	260	0.18	27
BRAZIL (BR)	170	0.17	South Korea (Kr)	71	0.17	NEW ZEALAND (NZ)	240	0.17	28
NEW ZEALAND (NZ)	158	0.16	SINGAPORE (SG)	67	0.16	BRAZIL (BR)	230	0.16	19
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES (AN)	146	0.14	BRAZIL (BR)	60	0.15	South Africa (ZA)	222	0.16	20



Breakdown by language of filing

First language	Applications (1996–98)	%	Applications in 1999	%	Total	%
English	43 699	42.92	17 604	42.68	61 303	42.85
German	19 810	19.46	8 260	20.03	28 070	19.62
Dutch	10 802	10.61	3 131	7.59	13 933	9.74
French	7 339	7.21	3 357	8.14	10 696	7.48
Italian	6 675	6.56	3 328	8.07	10 003	6.99
Spanish	6 996	6.87	2 960	7.18	9 956	6.96
Swedish	2 631	2.58	1 065	2.58	3 696	2.58
Danish	2 029	1.99	784	1.90	2 813	1.97
Finnish	935	0.92	390	0.95	1 325	0.93
Portuguese	692	0.68	271	0.66	963	0.67
Greek	210	0.21	92	0.22	302	0.21
Irregularity (not defined)	2	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.00
Total	101 820	100	41 242	100	143 062	100

Breakdown by first language of filing

Breakdown by second language of filing

Second language	Applications (1996–98)	%	Applications in 1999	%	Total	%
English	53 222	52.27	21 812	52.89	75 034	52.45
French	29 618	29.09	11 880	28.81	41 498	29.01
Spanish	8 896	8.74	2 779	6.74	11 675	8.16
German	5 551	5.45	2 629	6.37	8 180	5.72
Italian	4 478	4.40	2 142	5.19	6 620	4.63
Irregularity (not defined)	55	0.05	0	0.00	55	0.04
Total	101 820	100	41 242	100	143 062	100



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Breakdown by class

Class	Applications (1996–98)	%	Applications in 1998	%	Total	%
1	6 217	2.49	1 989	1.81	8 206	2.28
2	2 087	0.83	684	0.62	2 771	0.77
3	7 947	3.18	3 167	2.88	11 114	3.09
4	1 640	0.66	600	0.55	2 240	0.62
5	8 827	3.53	3 602	3.28	12 429	3.45
6	4 896	1.96	1 935	1.76	6 831	1.90
7	7 282	2.91	2 546	2.32	9 828	2.73
8	2 487	0.99	897	0.82	3 384	0.94
9	29 227	11.69	13 135	11.95	42 362	11.77
10	4 723	1.89	1 942	1.77	6 665	1.85
11	5 620	2.25	2 020	1.84	7 640	2.12
12	5 082	2.03	1 862	1.69	6 944	1.93
13	334	0.13	153	0.14	487	0.14
14	3 838	1.53	1 529	1.39	5 367	1.49
15	553	0.22	228	0.21	781	0.22
16	17 895	7.16	7 373	6.71	25 268	7.02
17	3 360	1.34	1 107	1.01	4 467	1.24
18	6 224	2.49	2 414	2.20	8 638	2.40
19	3 380	1.35	1 338	1.22	4 718	1.31
20	4 672	1.87	1 949	1.77	6 621	1.84
21	4 283	1.71	1 728	1.57	6 011	1.67
22	1 056	0.42	430	0.39	1 486	0.41
23	540	0.22	212	0.19	752	0.21
24	3 594	1.44	1 415	1.29	5 009	1.39
25	14 190	5.68	5 159	4.69	19 349	5.38
26	1 176	0.47	441	0.40	1 617	0.45
27	1 129	0.45	512	0.47	1 641	0.46
28	6 807	2.72	2 777	2.53	9 584	2.66
29	6 021	2.41	2 199	2.00	8 220	2.28
30	7 190	2.88	2 599	2.36	9 789	2.72
31	3 123	1.25	1 219	1.11	4 342	1.21
32	4 448	1.78	1 647	1.50	6 095	1.69
33	3 952	1.58	1 651	1.50	5 603	1.56
34	1 398	0.56	484	0.44	1 882	0.52
35	10 014	4.00	6 673	6.07	16 687	4.64
36	5 953	2.38	3 408	3.10	9 361	2.60
37	5 502	2.20	2 457	2.24	7 959	2.21
38	6 473	2.59	4 626	4.21	11 099	3.08
39	4 926	1.97	2 514	2.29	7 440	2.07
40	1 873	0.75	906	0.82	2 779	0.77
41	10 269	4.11	5 445	4.95	15 714	4.37
42	19 560	7.82	10 853	9.87	30 413	8.45
Irregularity (not defined)	275	0.11	100	0.09	375	0.10
Total	250 043	100	109 925	100	359 968	100



B Breakdown by number of classes per application

Quantity	Applications (1996–98)	%	Applications in 1999	%	Total	%
1	43 091	42.32	15 299	37.10	58 390	40.81
2	16 703	16.40	6 882	16.69	23 585	16.49
3	27 474	26.98	11 957	28.99	39 431	27.56
4	5 721	5.62	2 871	6.96	8 592	6.01
5	3 085	3.03	1 532	3.71	4 617	3.23
6	1 830	1.80	987	2.39	2 817	1.97
7	1 038	1.02	520	1.26	1 558	1.09
8	695	0.68	299	0.72	994	0.69
9	384	0.38	176	0.43	560	0.39
10	268	0.26	135	0.33	403	0.28
11	291	0.29	93	0.23	384	0.27
12	190	0.19	52	0.13	242	0.17
13	130	0.13	60	0.15	190	0.13
14	111	0.11	38	0.09	149	0.10
15	97	0.10	38	0.09	135	0.09
16	55	0.05	41	0.10	96	0.07
17	64	0.06	24	0.06	88	0.06
18	55	0.05	25	0.06	80	0.06
19	36	0.04	35	0.08	71	0.05
20	48	0.05	22	0.05	70	0.05
21	34	0.03	7	0.02	41	0.03
22	24	0.02	3	0.01	27	0.02
23	26	0.03	4	0.01	30	0.02
24	29	0.03	15	0.04	44	0.03
25	10	0.01	11	0.03	21	0.01
26	16	0.02	10	0.02	26	0.02
27	6	0.01	1	0.00	7	0.00
28	16	0.02	0	0.00	16	0.01
29	5	0.00	1	0.00	6	0.00
30	4	0.00	4	0.01	8	0.01
31	2	0.00	5	0.01	7	0.00
32	11	0.01	1	0.00	12	0.01
33	2	0.00	4	0.01	6	0.00
34	4	0.00	5	0.01	9	0.01
35	1	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.00
36	7	0.01	29	0.07	36	0.03
37	2	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.00
38	8	0.01	2	0.00	10	0.01
39	2	0.00	5	0.01	7	0.00
40	2	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.00
41	2	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.00
42	91	0.09	39	0.09	130	0.09
Irregularity (not defined)	150	0.15	10	0.02	160	0.11
Total	101 820	100	41 242	100	143 062	100



9 Breakdown by type of trade mark

Type of trade mark	Applications (1996–98)	%	Applications in 1999	%	Total	%
World	65 099	63.94	26 552	64.38	91 651	64.06
Figurative	34 857	34.23	14 185	34.39	49 042	34.28
Three-dimensions	1 013	0.99	371	0.90	1 384	0.97
Other	851	0.84	134	0.32	985	0.69
Total	101 820	100	41 242	100	143 062	100

Breakdown by priority

Number	Applications (1996–98)	%	Applications in 1999	%	Total	%
0	80 509	79.07	30 345	73.58	110 854	77.49
1	20 374	20.01	10 341	25.07	30 715	21.47
2	575	0.56	330	0.80	905	0.63
3	212	0.21	128	0.31	340	0.24
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14	1	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.00
20	1	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.00
22	0	0.00	1	0.00	1	0.00
24	1	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.00
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44	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	101 820	100	41 242	100	143 062	100



1 1 Breakdown by seniority

Number	Applications (1996–98)	%	Applications in 1999	%	Total	%
0	82 482	81.01	37 825	91.71	120 307	84.09
1	9 022	8.86	2 193	5.32	11 215	7.84
2	1 759	1.73	264	0.64	2 023	1.41
3	1 158	1.14	146	0.35	1 304	0.91
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5	758	0.74	94	0.23	852	0.60
6	849	0.83	111	0.27	960	0.67
7	1 030	1.01	108	0.26	1 138	0.80
8	628	0.62	93	0.23	721	0.50
9	484	0.48	57	0.14	541	0.38
10	501	0.49	45	0.11	546	0.38
11	443	0.44	59	0.14	502	0.35
12	370	0.36	39	0.09	409	0.29
13	352	0.35	41	0.10	393	0.27
14	202	0.20	12	0.03	214	0.15
15	156	0.15	10	0.02	166	0.12
16	117	0.11	8	0.02	125	0.09
17	80	0.08	3	0.01	83	0.06
18	87	0.09	4	0.01	91	0.06
19	78	0.08	3	0.01	81	0.06
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21	45	0.04	0	0.00	45	0.03
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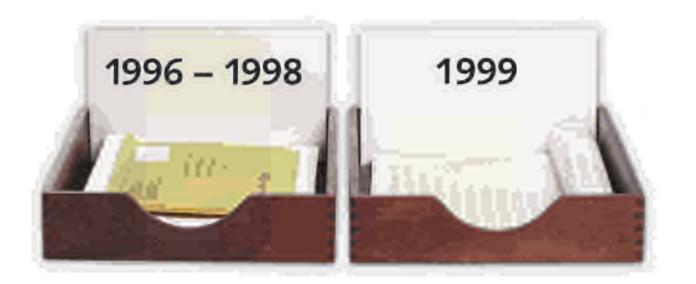
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44	2	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.00
45	2	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.00
46	4	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.00
48	4	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.00
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92	1	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.00
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236	1	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.00
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Breakdown by country

Origin	Trade marks registered (1996–98)	% World	Trade marks registered in 1999	% World	Total	% World
European Union	14 972	60.17	20 991	61.26	35 963	60.80
Other States Signatories to the Paris Convention (PC) or to the World Trade Organisation (WTO)	9 782	39.32	12 963	37.83	22 745	38.46
Other States and territories	127	0.51	312	0.91	439	0.74
Stateless and refugee status	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total	24 881	100	34 266	100	59 147	100





13 Detailed statistics on oppositions

	Total 1999	Total 1996–99
Oppositions received (1)	10 654	22 016
Oppositions resolved (2)	6 699	9 149
Where a case does not proceed to judgment Decision	5 632 1 067	7 969 1 180
% (²)	63 %	42 %
	Pending	12 867

14 Boards of Appeal

	Total 1999	Total 1996–99	
Appeal	881	1 132	
Interlocutory revision	36	63	
Cases closed without a formal decision	48	58	
Decisions	246	324	
Total	330	445	
	Pending	687	

15 Cancellation Division

	Total 1999	Total 1996–99
Application for invalidity	60	79
Applications concluded without a formal decision	3	1
Decisions	10	14
Total	13	25
	Pending	54



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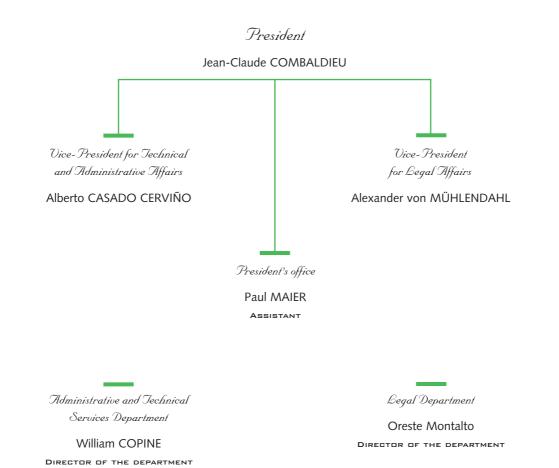
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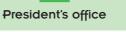
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