

TRADEMARKS SEARCHING

Confusingly similar trademarks, identical trademarks and/or trademarks of a particular applicant/owner

Information search services (not included in registration procedure)

PURPOSE

Why to search trademarks and how to make use of the results:

- To minimize the risk of claims for damages for the reasons of infringing others' right and to prevent eventual judicial proceedings
- As a preliminary search prior to applying for the registration of one's own trademark, or a free import of a particular trademark in Croatia
- To gain a better insight in the portfolio of registered trademarks and filed applications for the registration of competitor's application prior to make arrangements and conduct business transactions
- As a basis for risk assessment of the future investments in marketing of new products and services and identification of trends
- As a source of inspiration for creating one's own trademarks for new products and services

TYPES OF SEARCHING AND RELATED COSTS

1. Searches of trademarks of the particular owner/applicant - per request400 HRK
2. Searches of trademarks identical in writing to the specified verbal sign, up to three classes - per request.....100 HRK
3. Searches of trademarks confusingly similar to the specified verbal sign, up to three classes - per request.....400 HRK
4. Searches of trademarks confusingly similar to the specified figurative sign (comprises similarity searches of only figurative elements), up to three classes - per request.....400 HRK
5. Searches of trademarks confusingly similar to the specified figurative sign (comprises similarity searches of figurative elements and verbal elements), up to three classes - per request.....600 HRK
6. Searches of trademarks confusingly similar to the specified verbal sign, to the specified figurative sign or to the specified figurative sign with verbal elements, for over three classes for each additional class - per request.....40 HRK
7. Searches of Internet domain names based on a given verbal sign or a verbal element of figurative sign - per request.....200 HRK
- 8 a) Searches of trademarks at regular intervals (monthly, quarterly, biannually or annually) identical or confusingly similar to a specified verbal sign, up to three classes - per first request.....400 HRK

- 8 b) Searches of trademarks at regular intervals (monthly, quarterly, biannually or annually) confusingly similar to a specified figurative sign (comprises similarity searches of only figurative elements), up to three classes - per first request.....400 HRK
- 8 c) Searches of trademarks at regular intervals (monthly, quarterly, biannually or annually) confusingly similar to a specified figurative sign (comprises similarity searches of figurative elements and verbal elements), up to three classes - per first request.....600 HRK
- 8 d) Searches of trademarks at regular intervals (monthly, quarterly, biannually or annually) the costs indicated under points 8a) 8b) and 8c) are payable as follows:
 - monthly request50 % of the indicated amount
 - quarterly request.....60 % of the indicated amount
 - biannual request80 % of the indicated amount
 - annual request.....90 % of the indicated amount
- 9. Searches based on a specifically defined request.....to be charged on the actual costs basis
- 10. A printout of bibliographic data for a particular trademark, as a separate service, (not included in a search service) – per document.....30 HRK
- 11. Storage of search report on CD-ROM and delivery, upon the client’s request 100 HRK

(the above costs are VAT-free)

The indicated costs (except those under points 8, 9, 10 and 11) shall be increased by 50 % if an urgent delivery of searching results (within three working days) is requested. Specific categories of service users may be partly exempt from the payment of costs pursuant to corresponding request. The costs are payable at the moment of filing an application.

INFORMATION SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS

Our specialists carry out searching of trademark databases and Internet domains with effect in the Republic of Croatia (in the Trademark register of the Office and in accessible databases of international trademark registrations with effect in Croatia, or Internet domain databases). A particular searching is conducted upon a written request containing information on the applicant, the requested verbal and/or figurative sign, or the Internet domain name and the classes specified according to the Nice classification of goods and services) appearance of the sign and information on the applicant/owner.

Searching completed, the applicant is delivered a trademark search report, including as follows:

- The input data for searching as carried out based on a search request, the applicant/owner and the classes specified according to the Nice classification of goods and services if indicated in the request
- Databases used in searching, indicating the latest updating of databases
- Search report in the form of a list of relevant data concerning the trademarks as found (the registration number, title, class(es) according to the Nice classification of goods and services, sign appearance and applicant/owner).

SEARCH RESULTS DELIVERY

Search reports are normally delivered within 15 working days; however this term may be extended in case of a larger number of requests filed by the applicant. Upon request for an urgent search reports are delivered within three working days, subject to the payment of increased costs as indicated above. The search report with the final costs accounting is delivered by post mail or may be taken at the Office reception. Inland rates for regular post mail deliveries are included in the searching costs; however air mail deliveries abroad and special postal services are payable according to the actual costs.

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