

TRADEMARK SEARCH SERVICES

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 somebody else's rights 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 TRADEMARK SEARCH SERVICES AND RELATED COSTS

Type of service	Costs (HRK)	
1.	Searches of trademarks of the particular owner/applicant - per request	400,00 HRK
	Searches of trademarks at regular intervals by the same query (monitoring)	
1.1.	2.1.1 request for 3 months in the row	900,00 HRK
	2.1.2 quarterly request	1.300,00 HRK
	2.1.3 semiannual request	600,00 HRK
2.	Searches of trademarks confusingly similar to the specified verbal sign, up to three classes – per request	400,00 HRK
	Searches of trademarks at regular intervals by the same query (monitoring)	
2.1.	2.1.1 request for 3 months in the row	900,00 HRK
	2.1.2 quarterly request	1.300,00 HRK
	2.1.3 semiannual request	600,00 HRK
3.	Searches of trademarks confusingly similar to the specified figurative sign (comprises similarity searches of only figurative elements), up to three classes – per request	400,00 HRK
	Searches of trademarks at regular intervals by the same query (monitoring)	
3.1.	3.1.1 request for 3 months in the row	900,00 HRK
	3.1.2 quarterly request	1.300,00 HRK
	3.1.3 semiannual request	600,00 HRK
4.	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	600,00 HRK

4.1.	Searches of trademarks at regular intervals by the same query (monitoring)	
	4.1.1 request for 3 months in the row	1.500,00 HRK
	4.1.2 quarterly request	2.100,00 HRK
	4.1.3 semiannual request	1.000,00 HRK
5.	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	40,00 HRK
6.	Searches of Internet domain names based on a given verbal sign or a verbal element of a figurative sign - per request	200,00 HRK
7.	Searches based on a specifically defined request	to be charged on the actual costs basis
8.	A printout of bibliographic data for a particular trademark, as a separate service (not included in a search service) – per document	30,00 HRK
9.	Storage of search report on CD-ROM and delivery, upon the client's request	100,00 HRK

(the above costs are VAT-free)

The indicated costs (under points 1 - 6) shall be increased by 50 % if an urgent delivery of searching results (within three working days) is requested. The costs are payable at the moment of filing an search request.

INFORMATION SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS

Our specialists carry out searches of the trademark databases and domain names databases 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 names databases). A particular searching is conducted upon a written request containing information on the applicant of the request, the requested verbal and/or figurative sign, or the Internet domain name, the classes specified according to the Nice classification of goods and services, appearance of the sign or information on the applicant/owner of the trademark.

After the search is 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 (sign appearance, title, the registration number, the application number, class(es) according to the Nice classification of goods and services 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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