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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the Patents Act, 1992, I have the honour to submit my Report to the Oireachtas for the year ended 31 December 2008 in respect of the execution of my statutory functions under the Patents Act, 1992, the Trade Marks Act, 1996; the Industrial Designs Act, 2001, the Statutory Rules and Regulations made under these Acts; and the European Communities (Supplementary Protection Certificate) Regulations.

Decisions under these Acts, Rules and Regulations rest with me in my statutory capacity, subject to certain rights of appeal to the High Court. I also have certain statutory functions under the Copyright and Related Rights Act, 2000 largely concerned with dispute resolution, copyright licensing schemes and with registration of licensing bodies. In addition, my Office makes information available on Industrial and Intellectual Property.

The Intellectual Property Unit of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment has responsibility for intellectual property policy and preparation of legislation in this field. My Office furnishes advice in these matters to the Department, including comments on the impact on its work of proposed legal or regulatory changes.

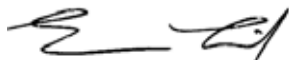
In my report, unless the context otherwise indicates, a reference to the 1963 Act means the Trade Marks Act, 1963, to the 1964 Act means the Patents Act, 1964, to the 1992 Act the Patents Act, 1992, to the 1996 Act the Trade Marks Act, 1996 and a reference to the 2001 Act means the Industrial Designs Act, 2001.

During 2008 the Office focussed on implementing our three year Strategy Statement with a view to continuing to improve efficiency and our service to our customers. It is worth pointing out that in 1997, prior to decentralisation of the Office, there were 88 staff working in the Office. At the 31st December 2008 the staff complement was 54.3 full time equivalents. This reduction in staff is due mainly to the innovation of staff and management in the Office and to their willingness to initiate and embrace change in work practices and technology.

The significant achievements during the year included: -

- The implementation of a new database system for the Office's administration systems, to provide improved performance and capacity.
- The closing of the Dublin information centre, which saved the exchequer €250K.
- A new system was implemented to facilitate online payment of patent grant fees and trade mark and design registration fees.
- All statutory forms were reviewed and redesigned with a view to electronic filing.
- To mark World Intellectual Property Day the Office held an Open Day and an art and essay competition for schools to raise awareness of innovation and the benefits of protecting IP.

In 2009 the Office will conduct a major review of its business processes and we aim to expand our online services and our use of electronic communications with our customers.



Eamonn Laird
Controller
Dated 29th May 2009

RÉAMHRÁ

Ag teacht le forálacha Ailt 103 d'Acht na bPaitinní, 1992, is onóir dom anois mo Thuarascáil a chur faoi bhráid an Oireachtais don Bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig 2008 maidir le comhlíonadh m'fheidhmeanna faoi Acht na bPaitinní, 1992, Acht na dTrádmharcanna, 1996; Acht Dearadh Tionsclaíoch, 2001, na Rialacha agus na Rialacháin Reachtúla a rinneadh faoi na hAchtanna seo; agus Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpacha (Deimhniú Cosanta Forlíontach).

Fúmsa i mo cháilíocht reachtúil atá déanamh cinntí faoi na hAchtanna, Rialacha agus Rialacháin seo faoi réir ag cearta áirithe achomhairc san Ard-Chúirt. Tá feidhmeanna áirithe agam faoin Acht Cóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar, 2000 go príomha maidir le réiteach conspóide, scéimeanna ceadúnúcháin cóipchirt agus le clárú comhlachtaí ceadúnúcháin. Chomh maith leis sin, cuireann m'Oifig eolas ar fáil ar Mhaoin Thionsclaíoch agus Intleachtúil.

Tá freagracht ar Aonad um Maoin Intleachtúil an Roinn Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta as polasaí um maoin intleachtúil agus as ullmhúchán reachtaíochta sa réimse seo. Soláthraíonn m'Oifig comhairle maidir leis na nithe seo don Roinn, ag áireamh nótaí tráchta ar an tionchar ar a cuid oibre ag athruithe dlíthiúla nó rialaithe a bheadh molta.

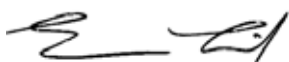
I mo thuarascáil, mura gcuireann an comhthéacs a mhalairt in iúl, ciallaíonn tagairt d'Acht 1963 Acht na dTrádmharcanna, 1963, ciallaíonn Acht 1964 Acht na bPaitinní, 1964, d'Acht 1992 Acht na bPaitinní, 1992, d'Acht 1996 Acht na dTrádmharcanna, 1996 agus ciallaíonn tagairt d'Acht 2001 Acht Dearadh Tionsclaíoch, 2001.

I gcaitheamh 2008 dhírigh an Oifig ar ár Ráitéis Stráitéise trí bliana a chur i bhfeidhm le súil le leanúint ar aghaidh le feabhas a chur ar éifeachtacht agus ar ár seirbhís dár gcustaiméirí. Is fiú a lua gur foireann de 88 a bhí ag obair san Oifig i 1997, roimh dhílárú na hOifige. Ag 31 Nollaig 2008 ba chomhionann líon na foirne agus 54.3 lán aimseartha. Is é is príomhchúis leis an laghdú foirne seo ná nuálaíocht na foirne agus na bainistíochta san Oifig agus a dtíolteanas chun athrú i nósanna imeachta oibre agus i dteicneolaíocht a ghlacadh chucu féin agus a thionscnamh.

Áiríodh ar na hathruithe suntasacha i gcaitheamh na bliana:-

- Córas bunachar sonraí nua do chórais riaracháin na hOifige a chur i bhfeidhm, chun feidhmiúchán agus cumas feabhasaithe a sholáthar.
- Lárionad faisnéise Bhaile Átha Cliath a dhúnadh, rud a shábháil €250k don Státchiste.
- Cuireadh córas nua i bhfeidhm chun íocaíocht ar líne a éascú do tháillí deonta paitinne agus do tháillí clárúcháin trádmhairc agus dearaidh.
- Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar na foirmeacha reachtúla uile agus athdhearadh iad d'fhonn iad a chomhdú go leictreonach.
- Chun Lá Domhanda do Mhaoin Intleachtúil a aithint thionóil an Oifig Lá Oscailte agus reachtáil sí comórtas ealaíne agus aistí do scoileanna chun feasacht ar núálaíocht agus ar na buntáistí a bhaineann le Maoin Intleachtúil a chosaint a ardú.

I 2009 déanfaidh an Oifig athbhreithniú mór ar a gcuid próiseas gnó agus ta sé mar aidhm againn ár seirbhísí ar líne agus úsáid cumarsáide leictreonaigh lenár gcustaiméirí a leathnú.



Eamonn Laird
Ceannasaí
Arna dhátú 29ú Bealtaine 2009

GENERAL

The Patents Office is responsible for the grant and registration of patent, trade mark and design rights in Ireland. These rights play a key role in fostering innovation and competitiveness and are governed by a complex framework of national and international law. Through the provision and administration of these rights, the Office assists Irish business, industry and individual entrepreneurs to optimise the economic potential of their intellectual property.

In December 2007, the Office produced a new Statement of Strategy for the period 2008 to 2010. The aim of this strategy, which is delivered through annual business plans, is to facilitate an environment in Ireland where individuals are able to achieve their rights and entitlements under the various pieces of IP legislation to the greatest extent possible and according to their needs. The following commentary and accompanying statistical report considers the activities of the Office during 2008 in the context of the 6 main objectives in the strategy statement, which are seen as central to the operational efficiency of the Office.

Objective (1)

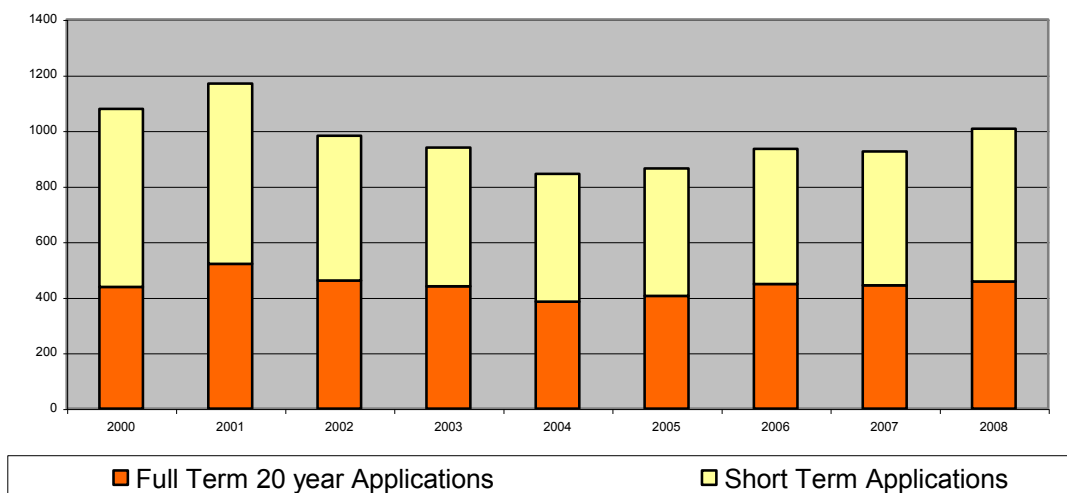
To grant and maintain patents, to register and maintain trademarks and designs and to carry out the statutory functions under the Copyright legislation, transparently and accountably, based on international best practice.

There were some variations in business volumes during 2008. The number of patent applications increased by 9% to 1007 applications. This is the first time the Office has received more than 1000 patent applications since the year 2001. Applications for the registration of industrial designs, which had seen a steady decline since 2003 with the availability of a Community Design registration, increased by 47% on 2007. However, applications for Supplementary Protection Certificates decreased by 46%, applications for national trade marks decreased by 11% and there was a drop of almost 15% in the number of applications for international trade mark registrations designating Ireland which were received during the year.

Notwithstanding these variations, the tables below show a marked stability in the levels of national applications for patents, industrial designs and trademarks since 2003. The fluctuations in business volumes may, to an extent, reflect some of the global economic turmoil and the uncertainty which began to affect business in Ireland and elsewhere during 2008.

More detailed information can be found in the Business Statistics Section of the report.

National Patent Applications 2000-2008



GINEARÁLTA

Tá Oifig na bPaitinní freagrach as deonadh agus clárú cearta paitinne, trádmhairc agus deartha i nÉirinn. Tá ról lárnach ag na cearta seo i núalaíocht agus iomíochas a chothú agus tá siad faoi réir chreat casta dhlí na tíre agus idirnáisiúnta. Trí sholáthar agus riarachán na gcearta seo, cuidíonn an Oifig le gnóthas, tionsclaíocht agus fiontraíthe indibhidiúla na hÉireann an leas is mó a bhaint as acmhainn eacnamaíochta a gcuid maoine intleachtúla.

I Nollaig 2007, tháirg an Oifig Ráiteas Straitéise nua don tréimhse 2008 go 2010. Tá sé mar aidhm ag an straitéis seo, arna seachadadh trí phleananna bliantúla gnó, timpeallacht a chothú in Éirinn ina bhféadann daoine aonair a gcuid cearta agus teidlíochtaí a bhaint amach chomh fada agus is féidir agus de réir a riachtanas faoi na píosaí éagsúla reachtaíochta um Maoin Intleachtúil. Déanann an tráchttaireacht seo a leanas agus an tuairisc staitisticiúil a ghabhann léi measúnú ar ghníomhaíochtaí na hOifige i gcaitheamh 2008 i gcomhthéacs an 6 príomhspríoc sa ráiteas straitéise, a mheastar iad a bheith lárnach d'eifeachtacht feidhme na hOifige.

Cuspóir (1)

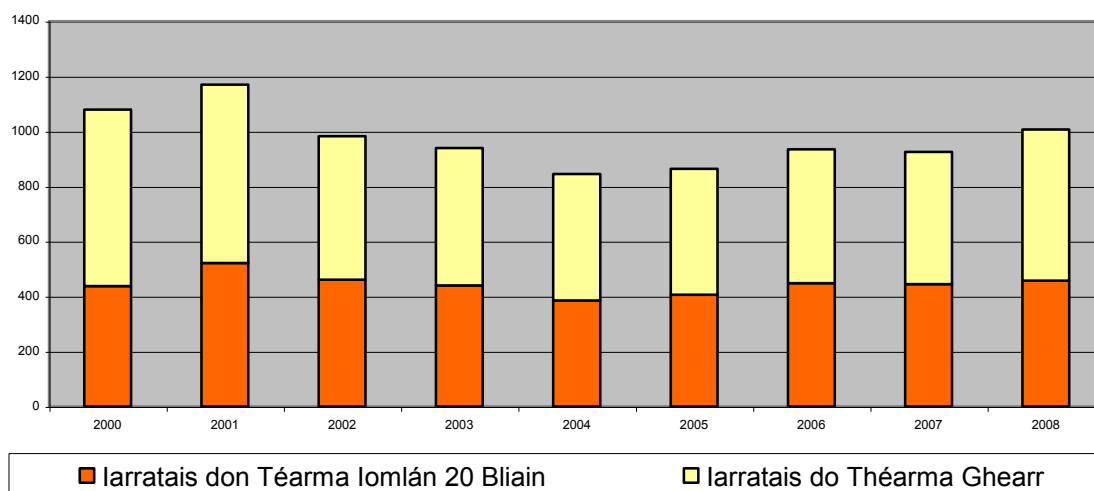
Paitinní a dheonadh agus a chaomhnú, trádmharcanna agus dearáí a chlárú agus a chaomhnú agus na feidhmeanna reachtúla a chur i gcrích faoin reachtaíocht Cóipcheart, go trédhearcach agus go cuntasach, bunaithe ar an gcleachtas idirnáisiúnta is fearr.

Bhí athruithe éigin ar mhéideanna an ghnó i gcaitheamh 2008. Bhí méadú de 9% go 1007 iarratas ar líon na n-iarratas ar phaitinní. Seo an chéad uair ón bhliain 2001 a bhfuil níos mó na 1000 iarratas ar phaitinní faighte ag an Oifig. Tháinig ardú de 47% ó 2007 ar iarratais ar chlárú dhearaí tionsclaíochta, a raibh titim leanúnach orthu ó 2003 agus fáil ar chlárúchán Dearadh Pobail. Bhí laghdú de 46% ar iarratais ar Dheimhnithe Cosanta Forlíontacha, áfach, bhí laghdú de 11% ar iarratais ar thrádmharcanna náisiúnta agus bhí titim de bheagnach 15% ar líon na n-iarratas a fuarthas i gcaitheamh na bliana ar chlárúcháin thrádmhairc idirnáisiúnta ag ainmniú Éireann.

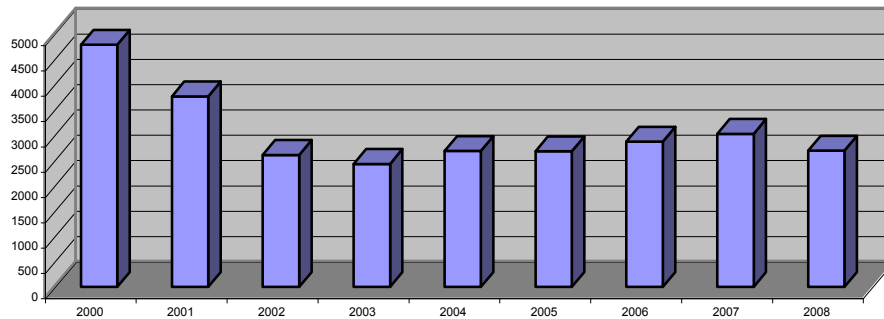
D'ainneoin na n-athruithe sin, leiríonn na táblaí thíos cobhsaíocht shuntasach i leibhéil na n-iarratas náisiúnta ar phaitinní, dearáí tionsclaíocha agus trádmharcanna ó 2003. Féadfaidh go léiríonn na hathruithe ar mhéideanna gnó, go pointe, cuid den anord agus den neamhchinnteacht gheileagrach domhanda a thosaigh ag dul i bhfeidhm ar ghnó in Éirinn agus in áiteanna eile i gcaitheamh 2008.

Tá faisnéis níos mionsonraithe ar fáil i Rannán Staitisticí Gnó den tuarascáil.

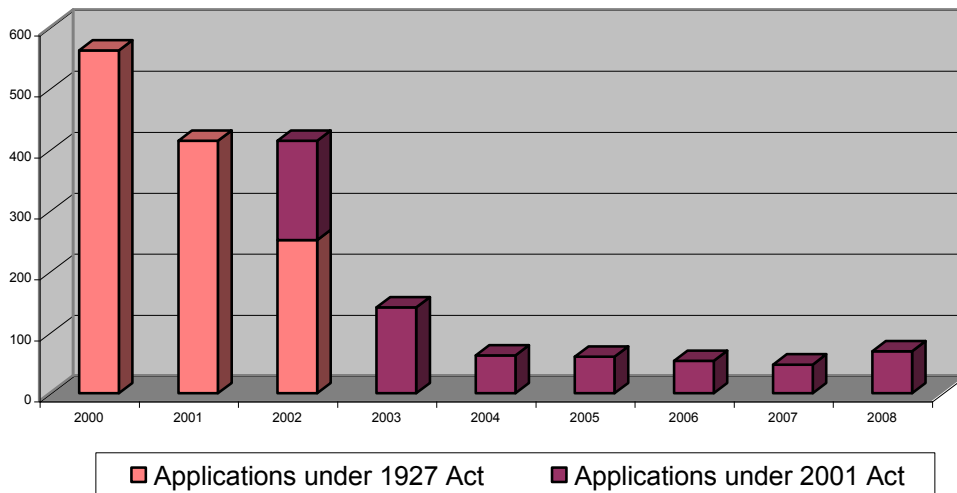
Iarratais Náisiúnta ar Phaitinní 2000-2008



National Trade Mark Applications 2000-2008

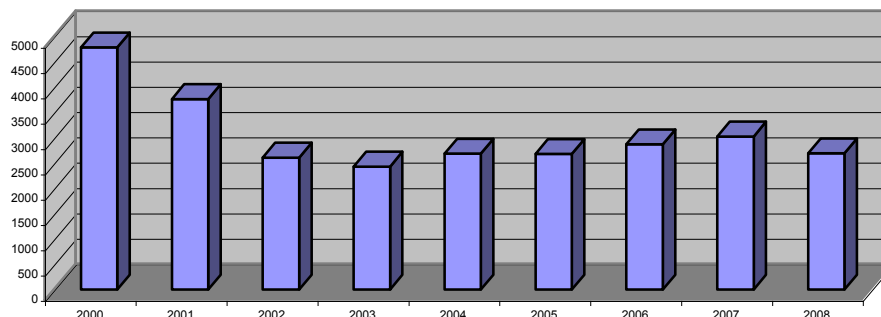


National Design Applications 2000 - 2008

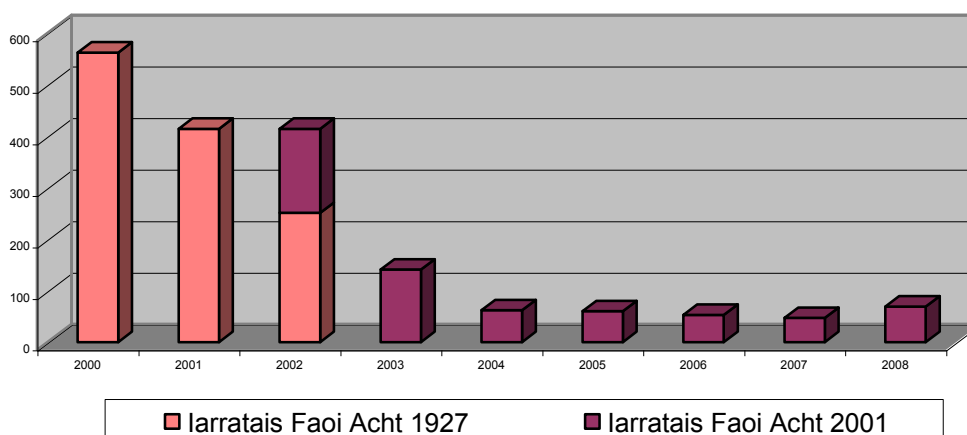


The Office's Customer Service Action Plan for the period 2006 to 2009 emphasised the promotion and development of a strong customer service ethos in the carrying out of the Controller's statutory functions. The Plan sets out a series of customer service targets against which performance is monitored during the year. The level of performance against specific customer service targets achieved during 2008 is reported on in some detail later in this report. Performance was generally satisfactory overall; in many cases the targets set were met fully. Performance against several targets mainly associated with the initial processing stages of applications which had dropped in the latter quarter of 2007, was improved in 2008, despite staff having to dedicate considerable time to extensive and repeated user acceptance testing of a new version of the Office's PTOLEMY administration system and notwithstanding the transfer of a significant amount of data entry work and general IP queries to Kilkenny, consequent on the closure of the Dublin information centre.

Iarratais Náisiúnta ar Thrádmharcanna 2000-2008



Iarratais Náisiúnta ar Dhearaí 2000 - 2008



Leag Plean Gníomhaíochta na hOifige do Sheirbhís do Chustaiméirí don tréimhse 2006 go 2009 béim ar chur chun cinn agus ar fhorbairt éiteas láidir um sheirbhís do chustaiméirí i chur i gcrích feidhmeanna reachtúla an Cheannasaí. Leagann an Plean sraith spriocanna um sheirbhís do chustaiméirí amach ar a ndéantar measúnú ar fheidhmíocht i gcaitheamh na bliana. Déantar miontuairisciú anonn sa tuarscáil seo ar an leibhéal feidhmíochta de réir sainspriocanna seirbhíse do chustaiméirí a baineadh amach i gcaitheamh 2008. San iomlán bhí feidhmíocht sásúil i gcoitine: i mórán cás baineadh na spriocanna a leagadh síos amach ina n-iomlán. I 2008 cuireadh feabhas ar fheidhmíocht de réir roinnt spriocanna a bhain den chuid is mó leis na céimeanna tosaigh próiseála iarratas a bhí laghdaithe sa raithe dheireanach de 2007 in ainneoin go raibh ar an fhoireann cuid mhór ama a thabhairt do thástáil fhairsing ghlacacht an úsáideora arís is arís eile ar leagan nua de chóras riaracháin PTOLEMY na hOifige d'ainneoin gur aistríodh méid suntasach obair iontrála sonraí agus gnáthiarratas IP go Cill Ceannaigh i ndiaidh dhúnadh ionad faisnéise Bhaile Átha Cliath.

Objective (2)

To recognise staff as a key asset and to have a well-trained, flexible and customer-focused team.

Ten years on from the decentralisation of the Office to Kilkenny, a great deal of success has been achieved in making the Office more efficient and more customer focused through the use of business planning and management strategies and through the innovative use of ICTs. The volume of work being handled by the Office has increased in certain areas mainly as a result of new legislation which has given new and additional functions and responsibilities to the Controller. In 1997, prior to decentralisation, the Office had a complement of 88 full time staff. As of 31 December 2008, the Office operated with 63 authorised posts, which, when career breaks, worksharing and other family friendly working arrangements are taken into account, comes to 54.3 full time equivalents. More work is now being done by less staff and one of the main reasons why this has been achieved is because of the day-to-day willingness of staff, at all levels, not only to accept and implement new ideas and new technology, but to initiate change and to continue to improve work practices. I would like to commend all those working in the Patents Office for their continued commitment and dedication to improvement during the year.

During 2008, staff development continued with the aim of ensuring that all staff, including new staff obtained appropriate training in the skills and competencies required to undertake their job to the highest standard. In accordance with the Performance Management Development System (PMDS) operated in the Office, a development plan for training was drafted which took into account the various training needs which staff had identified in their personal development plans. The vast body of knowledge acquired by staff in the course of their work continued to be a much-valued element of the training programme of the Office. So as to exploit this knowledge to its fullest extent, a series of induction and support modules were developed for new and existing staff and delivered on two occasions during 2008. Outside of on-the-job training, staff in my Office undertook a total of 201 training days during 2008. Training was provided in areas such as telephone techniques, effective writing, report writing, staff management and leadership skills, clear and critical thinking, time management, languages and ICT.

Overall staff numbers were reduced by 2 posts from the 2007 total and one post remained unfilled at the end of 2008.

Objective (3)

To continuously review our processes, procedures and computer systems to improve our service to our customers.

Improving operational efficiency and enhancing the electronic delivery of services dominated the Office's business development during 2008. After a lengthy and often difficult testing and validation period, the Office finally migrated to a new version of its PTOLEMY Administration system in May 2008. The new system offers a less complex database structure, which allows for more efficient processing and speedier responses.

Once the new version of PTOLEMY became operational, a new system to allow online payment of patent grant fees and trade mark and design registration fees was implemented. In addition, 12 substantive enhancements to the Ptolemy Administration system were implemented, each of which either gave effect to a legislative requirement or improved the efficiency of a process.

Delays in addressing website security issues which were largely outside the control of the Office meant that interactive web pages were not available for several weeks during June. These interactive pages, which provide a variety of online services, are extensively used and their non-availability for any length of time is unacceptable. The Office is seeking to have alternative web hosting arrangements put in place so as to ensure 24 X 7 availability of the entire website for the future.

The implementation of a project to facilitate online access to published Irish patent specifications was deferred to 2009.

Cuspóir (2)

An fhoireann a aithint mar phríomhshóchmhainn agus buíon dea-oilte, solúbtha agus dírithe ar an gcustaiméar a bheith ann

Deich mbliana i ndiaidh don Oifig a dhílárú go Cill Ceannaigh, is mór a baineadh amach leis an Oifig a dhéanamh níos éifeachtaí agus níos dírithe ar an gcustaiméar trí straitéisí bainistíochta agus pleanáil gnó a úsáid agus trí húsáid núalach ICT. Tá méadú tagtha ar mhéid na hoibre a dhéanann an Oifig i réimsí áirithe de thoradh den chuid is mó ar reachtaíocht nua a thug feidhmeanna agus freagrachtaí nua agus breise don gCeannasaí. I 1997, roimh dhílárú bhí foireann de 88 lán aimseartha ag an Oifig. Amhail ar 31 Nollaig 2008, d'fheidhmigh an Oifig le 63 post údaraithe ar comhionann iad le 54.3 post lán aimseartha, nuair a chuirtear sosanna gairme, comhroinnt oibre agus socruithe oibre eile a thacaíonn le teaghlaigh san áireamh. Tá níos mó oibre anois á déanamh ag fóireann níos lú agus is ceann de na príomhchúiseanna ar baineadh seo amach é ná toilteanas na foirne ar bhonn laethúil, agus ag gach leibhéal, ní amháin chun glacadh le tuairimí nua agus teicneolaíocht nua agus iad a chur i bhfeidhm ach chun athrú a thionscnamh agus chun leanúint de nósanna oibre a fheabhsú. Ba mhaith liom iad uile atá ag obair in Oifig na bPaitinní a mholadh as a ndílseacht agus as a dtiomantas leantach i leith feabhsaithe i gcaitheamh na bliana.

I gcaitheamh 2008, leanadh d'fhorbairt foirne d'fhonn a chinntiú go bhfaigheadh an fhoireann uile, foireann nuabhaill foirne san áireamh, oiliúint chuí sna scileanna agus sna hinniúlachtaí ata riachtanach chun tabhairt foina gcúram ar an gcaighdeán is airde. Ag teacht leis an gCóras Bainistíochta agus Forbartha Gníomhúcháin (CBFG) a fheidhmítear san Oifig, dréachtadh plean forbartha traenála a chuir san áireamh na riachtanais éagsúla traenála a bhí aitheanta ag an bhfoireann ina gcuid pleananna forbartha pearsanta. Leanann an ollmhéid eolais ata faighte ag an bhfoireann de bheith ina mír luachmhar de chlár oiliúna na hOifige. Leis an leas is fearr a bhaint as an eolas sin, forbraíodh sraith modúl tacaíochta agus ionduchtaithe don fhoireann agus do nuabhaill foirne agus seachadadh ar dhá ócáid i gcaitheamh 2008 iad. Amach ón oiliúint ar an láthair oibre, thug an fhoireann i m'Oifig faoi iomlán de 201 lá oiliúna i gcaitheamh 2008. Cuireadh oiliúint ar fáil i réimsí mar theicnící teileafóin, scríobh éifeachtach, scríobh tuarascálacha, bhainistíocht foirne agus scileanna ceannaireachta, smaointeoireacht shoiléir chriticiúil, bhainistíocht ama, theangacha agus TFC.

Bhí laghdú de 2 post ar líon iomlán na foirne ón líon iomlán 2007 agus d'fhan post amháin gan líonadh ag deireadh 2008.

Cuspóir (3)

Athbhreithniú leanúnach a dhéanamh ar ár gcuid próiseas, nósanna imeachta agus córas ríomhaireachta le feabhas a chur ar ár seirbhís dár gcustaiméirí

Ba é éifeachtacht oibríochtúil a fheabhsú agus cur le seachadadh leictreonach seirbhísí a bhí go mór chun tosaigh i bhforbairt ghnó na hOifige i gcaitheamh 2008. I ndiaidh tréimhse fhada tástála agus bailiúcháin a bhí go minic deacair, d'aistrigh an Oifig go dtí leagan nua de chóras riaracháin PTOLEMY na hOifige i Bealtaine 2008. Tairgeann an córas nua struchtúr bonachar sonraí nach bhfuil chomh casta sin, a chumasaíonn próiseáil níos éifeachtúla agus freagraí níos tapúla. Ón uair a bhí an leagan de PTOLEMY ag feidhmiú, cuireadh córas nua i bhfeidhm d'fhonn íocaíocht ar líne a cheadú do tháillí dheonadh paitinne agus chlárúchán trádmhairc agus dearaidh. Ina theannta sin, cuireadh 12 feabhsú suntasach ar an gcóras Riaracháin PTOLEMY i bhfeidhm, a ndearna gach ceann acu cibé éifeacht a thabhairt do cheanglas reachtach nó éifeachtacht phróiseis a fheabhsú.

Ba de thoradh ar mhoilleanna ar dhul i ngleic le saincheisteanna slándála laithreáin ghréasáin nach raibh leathanaigh idir ghníomhacha gréasáin ar fáil ar feadh roinnt seachtainí i gcaitheamh Meithimh. Baintear an-úsáid as na leathanaigh idirghníomhacha seo, a sholáthraíonn réimse seirbhísí ar líne, agus níl sé inghlactha nach mbíonn siad ar fáil ar feadh acair ama ar bith. Tá an Oifig ag iarraidh go gcuirfí socruithe eile óstála láithreáin ghréasáin ar bun ionnas go gcinnteofar go mbeidh an láithreán gréasáin ina iomlán ar fáil 24x7 amach anseo.

Cuireadh cur i ngníomh tionscadail chun rochtain ar líne ar shonraíocht paitinne fhoilsithe na hÉireann siar go dtí 2009.

A review of statutory forms took place with a view to making them amenable to electronic communication. Arising from this review, revised forms were drafted for inclusion in the Patent and Trade Mark amendment rules which are currently in preparation. The Office set up and trained an in-house team to use the Office's database query tool with a view to developing a suite of monthly and annual management reports. The Office continued to accommodate University College students and Secondary School Transition Year students on work experience placements.

In 2009 we will continue to focus our efforts on reviewing business processes, achieving greater efficiencies and where possible expanding and improving online services including the drafting of a specification for the on-line filing of trade mark applications and developing facilities for the greater use of email in incoming and outgoing correspondence. The Government's decision to substantially cut expenditure on public services in 2009 will impact on the Office's ICT allocation. Despite these cuts, the Office is committed to improving its service to its customers and will maximise the financial resources allocated to it.

Objective (4)

To increase awareness of intellectual property.

During 2008 the Information Unit within the Office was re-organised and refocused and as part of the development of a new information delivery strategy it was decided to close the Dublin information centre. The decision to close the Dublin centre was taken in the context of a considerable drop in the number of persons calling to transact business at the Dublin centre. This was a consequence of our customers becoming more aware of possibilities afforded by the Office's website to obtain comprehensive information on applying for IP rights, to access and search patent, trade mark and design registers and the Patents Office Journal and also to pay certain fees online. The closure gave rise to cost savings in the region of €250,000 per annum.

For 2009, the information delivery strategy will, in addition to outreach activities, focus on further enhancement of the data in the Office's website, a review of the Office's publications, the establishment of an FAQ database to assist staff in dealing with queries from the public and the updating and re-compilation of an index of the contents of the Patents Office Library.

Aligned with the government's efforts to encourage innovation to Ireland's advantage, the Office continued with its outreach efforts towards the small business start up sector and students as we recognise that they are key to fostering growth and competition in the economy. During 2008 we have had a presence at a range of public events where we have availed of opportunities to disseminate information and raise awareness of the importance of IP and how to protect it. Staff gave talks on IP with an emphasis on trademarks to participants at "start your own business courses" organised by seven County Enterprise Boards and attended 3 Enterprise Day Exhibitions.

As in previous years, the Patents Office was an exhibitor at the National Ploughing Championships, the BT Small Business & Franchise Shows in both Dublin and Cork and the annual BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition. The Office sponsored a special award in the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition, which was won by Eoin Colgan from Abbey Christian Brothers Grammar School, Newry for his project, "Smart Bike".

A further event aimed at raising awareness of IP amongst primary and secondary school students was the holding of an Open Day at the Patents Office in conjunction with World Intellectual Property Day on 25 April. At the open day, which was attended by a large number of students, parents and teachers, prizes were presented to the winners of an art competition for primary school children and an essay competition for secondary school children who had contributed entries with the theme "Celebrate Innovation – it starts with an idea".

Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar na foirmeacha reachtacha d'fhonn iad a dhéanamh níos oscailte do chumarsáid leictreonach. Ag éirí as an athbhreithniú seo, dréachtaíodh foirmeacha leasaithe len iad a chur i Rialacha Paitinne agus Trádmhairc leasú atá á n-ullmhú faoi láthair. Bhunaigh an Oifig foireann inmheánach agus d'oil sí í le huirlis iarratais na hOifige a úsáid d'fhonn tacar de thuarascálanna bainistíochta bliantúla agus míosúla a fhorbairt. Lean an Oifig d'fhreastal a dhéanamh ar dháltaí Choláiste Ollscoile agus do dháltaí Meánscoile na hIdirbhliana agus iad ar shocrúcháin thaithí oibre.

I 2009 leanfaimid d'ár n-iarrachtaí a dhíriú ar athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar ár bpróiseis bhainistíochta, éifeachtachtaí níos mó a bhaint amach agus nuair is féidir seirbhísí ar líne a fheabhsú agus a leathnú lena n-áirítear dréachtú sonraíochtaí le haghaidh iarratais ar thrádmharc a chomhdú ar líne agus saoráidí a fhorbairt i leith úsáid níos fearr r-phoist i gcomhfhreagras isteach is amach. Beidh tionchar ag cinneadh an Rialtais caiteachas ar sheirbhísí poiblí a ghearradh go suntasach ar leithroinnt ICT na hOifige. D'ainneoin na gclorraithe seo, tá an Oifig tiomanta dá seirbhís dá cuid custaiméarí a fheabhsú agus bainfaidh sí an leas is fearr as na hacmhainní airgeadais a leithroinnfear uirthi.

Cuspóir (4)

Feasacht ar Mhaoin Intleachtúil a mhéadú.

I gcaitheamh 2008 rinneadh atheagrú agus athdhíriú ar an Aonad Faisnéise laistigh den Oifig agus mar chuid de straitéis seachadadh faisnéise nua glacadh an cinneadh chun aonad faisnéise Bhaile Átha Cliath a dhúnadh. Glacadh an cinneadh chun aonad Bhaile Átha Cliath a dhúnadh i gcomhthéacs laghdú suntasach ar líon na ndaoine a bhí ag teacht isteach chun gnó a dhéanamh in aonad Bhaile Átha Cliath. Tharla sé seo de thoradh ar ár gcuid custaiméirí ag eirí níos eolaí ar a bhféadfaí a dhéanamh ar láithreán gréasáin na hOifige chun faisnéis chuimsitheach a fháil ar iarratas a dhéanamh ar chearta IP, chun rochtain a fháil ar an Irisleabhar Oifig na bPaitinní agus ar chlár phaitinne, tradmhairc agus dearaidh agus chun iad a chuardach agus chun táillí áirithe a íoc ar líne chomh maith. Bhí an dúnadh ina chúis le coigilt chostais de thart ar €250,000 an bhliain.

Do 2009, mar aon le gníomhaíochtaí for-rochtana, díreoidh an straitéis sheachadadh faisnéise ar fheabhsú breise na sonraí ar láithreán gréasáin na hOifige, ar athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar fhoilseacháin na hOifige, ar bhunachar sonraí FAQ a bhunú chun cuidiú leis an fhoireann le déileáil le ceisteanna ón bpobal agus ar nuashonrú agus ationsú a dhéanamh ar innéacs ar a bhfuil i leabharlann Oifig na bPaitinní.

I dteannta iarrachtaí an rialtais chun nualaíocht a spreagadh chun leas na hÉireann, lean an Oifig dá hiarrachtaí for-rochtána ar an earnáil thionscnamh gnóthas beag agus ar scoláirí mar aithnímid gur gné ríthabachtach iad i gcothú fáis agus iomaíochta sa gheileagar. I gcaitheamh 2008 bhíomar i láthair ag reimse d'imeachtaí poiblí mar ar thapaíomar deiseanna chun faisnéis a chraobhscaoileadh agus chun feasacht ar thabhacht IP a ardú agus ar an dóigh len í a chosaint. Thug baill foirne cainteanna do rannphairtithe ar IP le béim ar thrádmharcanna ag “cúrsaí ar thionscain do ghnó féin” arna n-eagrú ag seacht mBord Fiontar Condae agus d'fhreastail sí ar 3 Taispeántas Lae Fiontair. Mar ab amhlaidh sna blianta a caitheadh, bhí Oifig na bPaitinní ina thaispeántóir ag an gComórtas Náisiúnta Treabhdóireachta, ag Seóanna Ghnó Bhig & Saincheadúnais i gCorcaí agus i mBaile Átha Cliath agus ag Taispeántas Bliantúil Eolaí Óg agus Teicneolaíochta BT. Rinne an Oifig urraíocht ar dhuais speisialta sa Taispeántas Bliantúil Eolaí Óg agus Teicneolaíochta BT agus bhuaigh Eoin Colgan as Scoil na Mainistreach, An tIúr dá thionscadal “Smart Bike”.

Bhí Lá Oscailte ann in Oifig na bPaitinní mar imeacht bhreise a bhí dírithe ar fheasacht ar IP a ardú i measc dháltaí bunscoile agus meánscoile i gcomhar le Lá Domhanda do Mhaoin Intleachtúil ar 25 Aibreán. Ag an lá oscailte, ar a raibh líon mór scoláirí, tuismitheoirí agus múinteoirí, bronnadh duaiseanna ar bhuaiteoirí chomórtas ealaíne do leanaí bunscoile agus chomórtas aistí do leanaí meánscoile a chuir iarratais isteach a raibh “Ceiliúr Nuálaíocht – tosaíon sí le smaoineadh” mar théama iontu.

Objective (5)

To continue to foster good relations with the Department and contribute to the development of legislation relating to Intellectual Property.

During 2008, the Office provided input to the Intellectual Property unit of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment in relation to the drafting of the following pieces of legislation:

- Draft Patent Amendment Rules
- Draft Trade Mark Amendment Rules
- Draft Fees Rules
- European Communities (Compulsory Licensing of Patents Relating to the Manufacture of Pharmaceutical Products For Export To Countries With Public Health Problems) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 408 of 2008)
- European Communities (Supplementary Protection Certificate) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 307 of 2008)
- Draft Copyright and Related Rights (Proceedings Before the Controller) Rules
- Copyright and Related Rights (Register of Licensing Bodies for Performers' Property Rights) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 306 of 2008).

In addition the Office provided extensive observations regarding compliance with the provisions of the Services Directive insofar as it applies to the regulated professions of patent and trade mark agent and to the registration of copyright licensing bodies.

In addition to ongoing regular contacts between the Patents Office and the Intellectual Property Unit on a range of IP issues, two formal liaison meetings were held during 2008 which were aimed at advancing cooperation, facilitating consideration of policy initiatives and exchanging information on international developments.

Objective (6)

To represent Ireland at international fora.

During 2008 we continued to raise Ireland's profile on the international scene through active participation in various international fora and meetings. Staff from the Office attended meetings with the EU Commission, the Administrative Council of the EPO and several of its Committees, OHIM and WIPO which dealt with various issues concerning intellectual property. These provide excellent opportunities to gather intelligence on best practices at the international level, to build understanding and to assess areas for further collaborative work with other national and international industrial property offices.

Cuspóir (5)

Leanúint de dhea-chaidreamh a chothú leis an Roinn agus leanúint de reachtaíochta maidir le Maoin Intleachtúil a fhorbairt.

I gcaitheamh 2008, sholáthair an Oifig ionchur chuig aonad Mhaoine Intleachtúil na Roinne Fiontair, Trádála agus Fostaíochta maidir leis na píosaí reachtaíochta seo a leanas a dhréachtú:

- Rialacha Paitinne (Leasú)
- Rialacha Trádmhairc (Leasú)
- Rialacha Táillí
- Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Ceadanú Eigeantach ar Phaitinní Maidir le Monarú Tairgí Cogaisíochta Lena n-Onnmhairiú Chuig Tíorthaí a bhfuil Fadhbanna Sláine Poiblí acu) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 408 de 2008)
- Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Deimhniú Cosanta Forlíontach) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 307 de 2008)
- Rialacha um Chearta Cóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar (Imeachtaí Faoi Bhráid an Cheannasaí)
- Rialacháin um Chóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar (Clár na gComhlachtaí Ceadúnaithe um Chearta Maoine Taibheoirí) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 306 de 2008)

Chomh maith leis sin sholáthair an Oifig a lán tuairimí maidir le comhlíonadh forálacha na Treorach um Sheirbhísí sa mhéid go mbaineann sí gairmeacha rialaithe gníomhaire paitinne agus trádmharcanna agus le clárúchán chomhlachtaí cheadúnaithe cóipchirt.

De bhreis ar na teagmhálacha rilata leantacha idir Oifig na bPaitinní agus an tAonad um Maoin Intleachtúil ar réimse shaincheisteanna IP, bhí dhá chruinniú foirmeálta idir chaidrimh ann i gcaitheamh 2008 a raibh mar aidhm acu comhar a chur chun cinn, breithniú ar thionscnaimh beartais a éascú agus faisnéis ar fhorbairtí idirnáisiúnta a mhalartú.

Cuspóir (6)

Ionadaíocht a dhéanamh d'Éirinn ag fóraim idirnáisiúnta

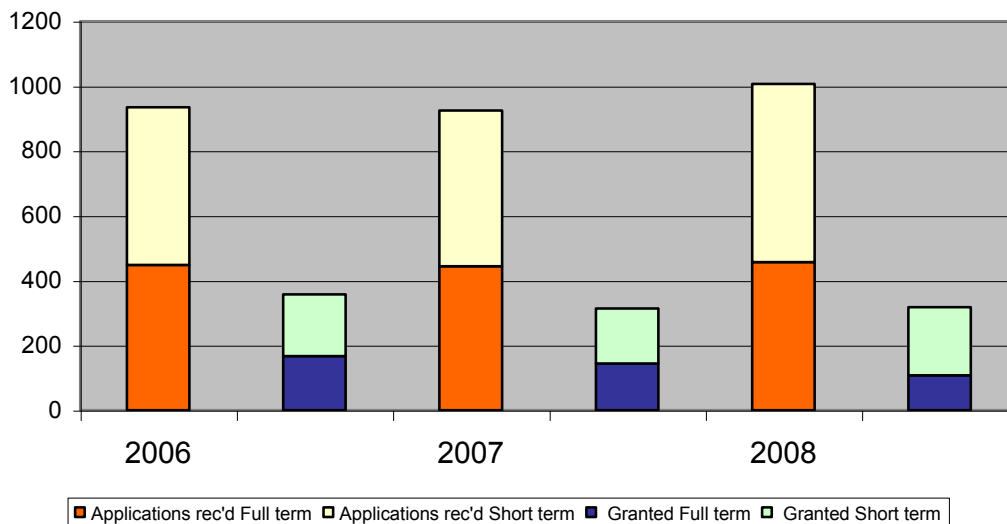
I gcaitheamh 2008 leanamar de phroifíl na hÉireann a ardú sa saol idirnáisiúnta trí rannphairtíocht i bhfóraim agus i gcruinnithe éagsúla idirnáisiúnta. I gcaitheamh 2008 d'fhreastail baill foirne ón Oifig ar chruinnithe le Coimisiún an AE, le Comhairle Riaracháin an EPE agus le roinnt dá chuid Coistí, OCMI agus EDMI a chuaigh i ngleic le saincheisteanna éagsúla a bhaineann le maoin intleachtúil. Cuireann siad seo deiseanna den scoth ar fáil chun faisnéis a bhailiú ar dhea-chleachtais ag leibhéal idirnáisiúnta, chun comhthuiscint a thógáil agus measúnú a dhéanamh ar réimsí le haghaidh breis comhair le hoifigí eile náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta maoine tionscail.

BUSINESS STATISTICS

PATENTS

YEAR	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED			PATENTS GRANTED		
	For Full 20 year Term	For Short Term (10 year)	TOTAL	For Full 20 year Term	For Short Term (10 year)	TOTAL
2006	448	487	935	167	190	357
2007	444	481	925	144	170	314
2008	457	550	1,007	108	210	318

PATENT APPLICATIONS AND GRANTS 2006 - 2008



As at 31 December 2008, there were a total of 2,212 pending applications on hand. Of these 842 applications were awaiting the submission of evidence of novelty.

The number of applications received from applicants in the State was 931 compared with 850 in 2007.

Patents granted in 2008 having effect in the State

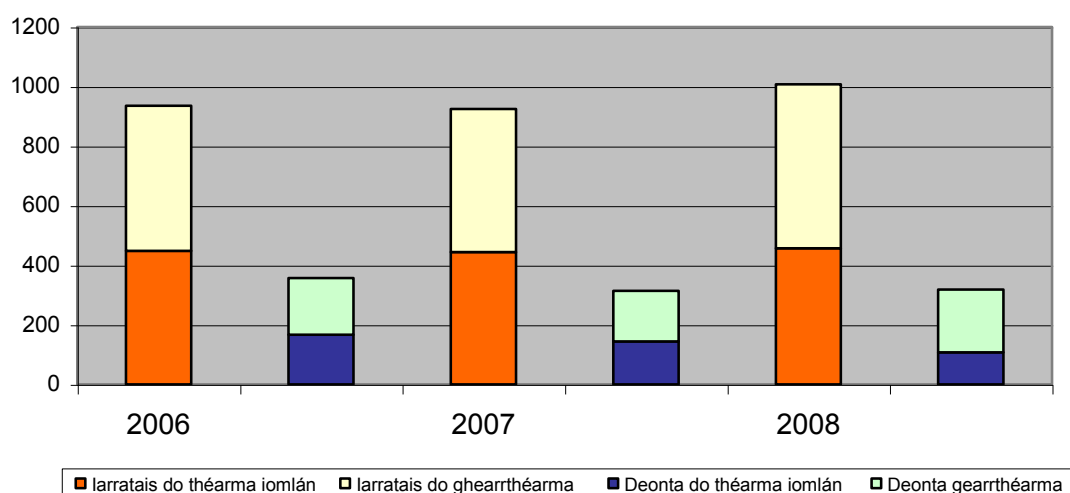
	Number	Number of patents granted to Applicants from within the State	% of patents granted to Applicants from within the State
Granted by Office	318	262	82.39%
Granted by EPO	36,824	115	0.31%
Total Grants	37,142	377	1.01%

STADREAMH GNÓ

PAITINNÍ

BLIAIN	IARRATAIS FAIGHTE			PAITINNÍ DEONTA		
	Do Théarma Iomlán 20 bliain	Do Ghearr Théarma (10 mbliana)	IOMLÁN	Do Théarma Iomlán 20 bliain	Do Ghearr Théarma (10 mbliana)	IOMLÁN
2006	448	487	935	167	190	357
2007	444	481	925	144	170	314
2008	457	550	1,007	108	210	318

IARRATAIS AR PHAITINNÍ AGUS DEONTAIS 2006-2008



Mar a bhí ar an 31 Nollaig 2008, bhí iomlán de 2,212 iarratas ar feitheamh idir lámha. Díobh seo, bhí 842 iarratas ag fanacht go gcuirfí isteach fianaise ar nuagacht.

Fuarthas 931 iarratas ó iarratasóirí sa Stát i gcomparáid le 850 in 2007.

Paitinní a deonadh in 2008 a raibh feidhm leo sa Stát

	Líon	Líon na bpaitinní a deonadh d'iarratasóirí ó laistigh den Stát	% na bpaitinní a deonadh d'iarratasóirí ó laistigh den Stát
Deonta ag an Oifig	318	262	82.39%
Deonta ag EPE	36,824	115	0.31%
Iomlán Deonta	37,142	377	1.01%

European applications designating Ireland (first arising in 1992) are not included in the above charts and amount to:

Year	Filings
1992	11,755
1993	35,762
1994	40,705
1995	44,161
1996	52,755
1997	41,875
1998	61,584
1999	65,708
2000	76,806
2001	103,659
2002	96,779
2003	104,529
2004	111,537
2005	117,096
2006	123,912
2007	129,890
2008	133,248

In 2008, the number of **granted** European patents designating Ireland was 36,822. These patents were entered in the National Register of Patents. They have the same legal status in Ireland as if they had been granted by my Office.

Other matters affecting the Register of Patents

	2006	2007	2008
Patents and patent applications the subject of assignments (Section 85 of the Patents Act 1992)	818	695	531
Patents revoked	1	1	0
Patents surrendered	0	2	0
Patents lapsed	17,286	18,339	20,191
Patents restored	19	13	19
Patents renewed	38,692	40,911	42,422
Patents expired	368	386	428
Patents in force	68,289	70,166	78,816

Requests for Supplementary Protection Certificates

A total of 35 requests for Supplementary Protection Certificates were received during the year under the European Communities (Supplementary Protection Certificates) Regulations, 1992 (medicinal) and 1996 (plant protection products). During the year, 33 certificates were granted (medicinal and plant protection). 9 requests were rejected. At the end of the year there were 70 requests pending.

Hearings & Miscellaneous Matters

	2006	2007	2008
Hearings	1	0	0
International Patent Co-operation Treaty (PCT) Applications received for transmission to WIPO	145	125	125
European Patent Applications received for transmission to the EPO	27	37	47

Register of Patent Agents

At the end of 2008, there were sixty-four individuals and five partnerships entered in the Register of Patent Agents.

Níl iarratais Eorpacha a rinne sainiú ar Éirinn (ag teacht i gceist den chéad uair in 1992) san áireamh sna cairteanna seo thuas agus tagann siad go:

BLIAIN	Comhadaithe
1992	11,755
1993	35,762
1994	40,705
1995	44,161
1996	52,755
1997	41,875
1998	61,584
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In 2008, **deonadh** 36,822 paitinn Eorpacha a rinne sainiú ar Éirinn. Iontráladh na paitinní seo i gClár Náisiúnta na bPaitinní. Tá an seasamh céanna dlíthiúil acu in Éirinn is a bheadh dá mbeidís deonta ag m'Oifig-se.

Nithe eile a bhaineann le Clár na bPaitinní

	2006	2007	2008
Paitinní agus iarratais ar phaitinní ina n-ábhar ag sainithe (Alt 85 d'Acht na bPaitinní 1992)	818	695	531
Paitinní cúlghairthe	1	1	0
Paitinní tugtha suas	0	2	0
Paitinní tite ar lár	17,286	18,339	20,191
Paitinní curtha ar ais	19	13	19
Paitinní athnuaite	38,692	40,911	42,422
Paitinní éagtha	368	386	428
Paitinní i bhfeidhm	68,289	70,166	78,816

Iarratais ar Dheimhnithe Cosanta Forlíontacha

Fuarthas iomlán de 35 iarratas ar Dheimhnithe Cosanta Forlíontacha i rith na bliana faoi Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpacha (Deimhnithe Cosanta Forlíontacha), 1992 (míochaineach) agus 1996 (táirgí cosanta plandaí). I rith na bliana, deonadh 33 deimhniú (cosaint míochaineach agus plandaí) Diúltaíodh do 9 n-iarratas. Ag deireadh na bliana bhí 70 iarratas ar feitheamh.

Éisteachtaí agus Ilnithe

	2006	2007	2008
Éisteachtaí	1	0	0
Iarratais Idirnáisiúnta um Comhoibriú Paitinne (CCP) a fuarthas le cur chuig EDM	145	125	125
Iarratais ar Phaitinní Eorpacha a fuarthas le cur chuig EPE	27	37	47

Clár na nGníomhairí Paitinne

Ag deireadh na bliana, bhí 64 duine aonair agus 5 comhpháirtíochtaí iontráilte i gClár na nGníomhairí Paitinne.

**CLASSIFICATION OF PATENTS GRANTED BY THE OFFICE IN YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008
ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASSIFICATION (IPC)**

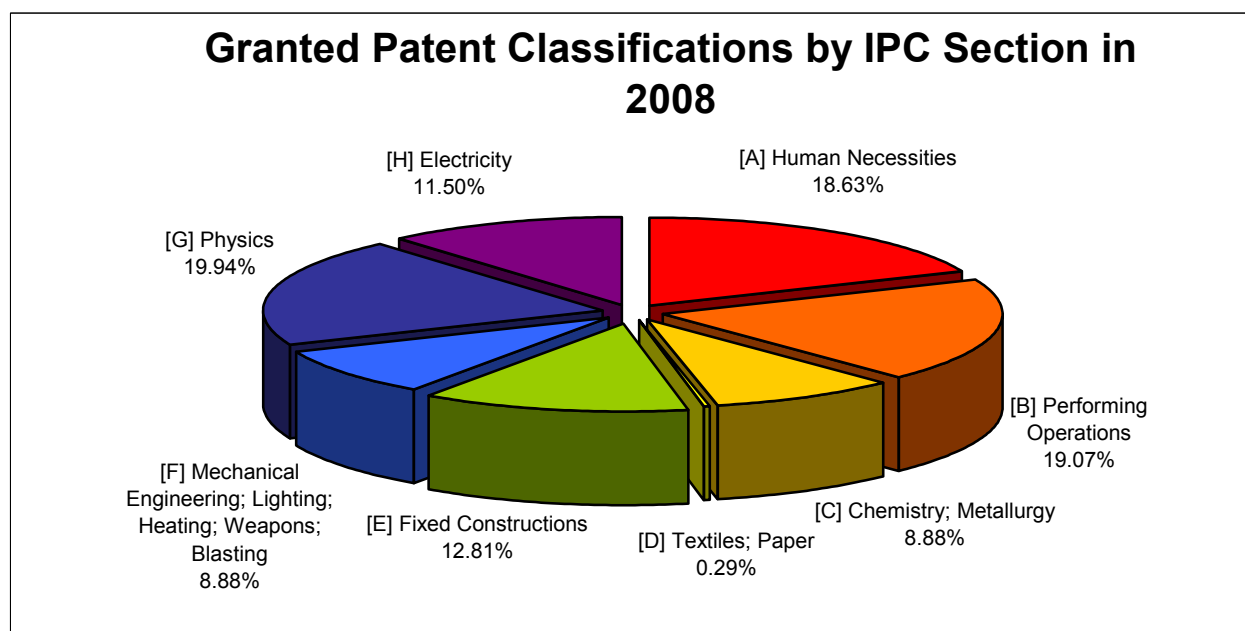
Note on Patent Classification

Patents are given classifications based on their technical content. Such classification allows retrieval of patents according to the nature of the inventions revealed therein. The International Patent Classification (IPC) is the standard system for patent classification. It consists of about 70,000 classification symbols divided between 8 basic sections (A to H), relating to different basic kinds of technology. In 2008, it was in its 8th edition (Int. Cl. (2006)). A classification code is given for each inventive thing in a patent. A patent may contain two or more inventions as long as they are sufficiently related; for instance, a new chemical compound and its use as a medicine or herbicide, or a new laser and its use in eye surgery or data readers. Accordingly, a patent may need a number of classification symbols to cover the whole of its content.

The accompanying table and graph collates the total number of classifications allocated to granted patents in 2008. Each individual classification represents an inventive thing disclosed in a patent, so this is akin to a tally of inventiveness. The classifications are grouped by IPC section.

CLASSIFICATION	No of grants in Classification *
A. HUMAN NECESSITIES: e.g. Foodstuffs, Health, Personal Articles	128
B. PERFORMING OPERATIONS; TRANSPORTING: e.g. Shaping, printing, vehicle technology.	131
C. CHEMISTRY; METALLURGY	61
D. TEXTILES; PAPER	2
E. FIXED CONSTRUCTIONS: e.g. Building, drilling, mining.	88
F. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING; LIGHTING; HEATING; WEAPONS; BLASTING	61
G. PHYSICS: e.g. Optics, computing, nuclear physics	137
H. ELECTRICITY: e.g. Electronic circuits, electricity generation and distribution	79

* Note:- Because it is possible that a granted patent may be classified in more than one technical field, the number of classifications into which these patents fall will exceed the total number of patents granted.



AICMIÚ AR NA PAITINNÍ A DHEONAIGH AN OIFIG SA BHLIAIN DAR CHRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2008

DAR LEIS AN AICMIÚ IDIRNÁISIÚNTA PAITINNE (AIP)

Nóta ar Aicmiú Paitinne

Déantar aicmiú ar phaitinní bunaithe ar a n-ábhar teicniúil. Ceadaíonn aicmiú den chineál sin aisghabháil paitinní de réir nádúr na n-aireagán a nochtar iontu. Is é an tAicmiú Idirnáisiúnta Paitinne (AIP) an córas caighdeánach do rangú paitinne. Tá sé comhdhéanta de thart ar 70,000 siombal aicmithe roinnte ar 8 rannóg bunúsacha (A go H), a bhaineann le cineálacha difriúla bunúsacha teicneolaíochta. I 2008 bhí sé ina 8ú eagrán (Int. Cl. (2006)).

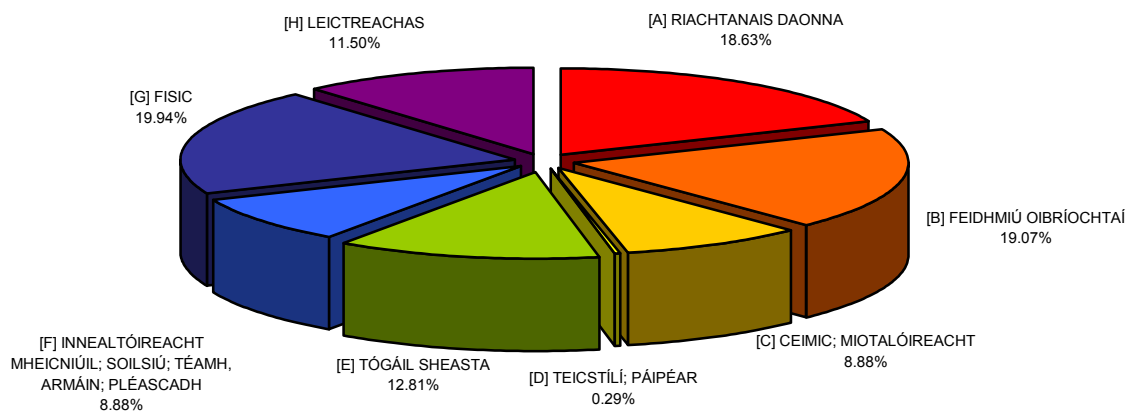
Tugtar cód aicmithe ar gach ní airgtheach i bpaitinn. Is féidir dhá aireagán nó níos mó a bheith i bpaitinn chomh fada is atá leorchaol eatarthu; mar shampla, comheascán nua ceimice agus a úsáid mar mhíochaine nó mar luibhicíd, nó léasar nua agus a úsáid do mháinliacht súl nó léamh sonraí. Dá réir sin, is féidir go dteastódh líon áirithe siombal aicmiúcháin lena ábhar ar fad a chlúdach.

Déanann an tábla agus an graf atá leis seo comhordú ar líon iomlán na n-aicmí a leithdháileadh do phaitinní in 2008. Seasann gach rangú ar leith do ní airgtheach a nochtar i bpaitinn, agus dá bhrí sin is ionann seo cuid mhaith agus cuntas scoir ar airgtheacht. Tá na haicmí curtha i ngrúpaí de réir rannóga AIP.

AICMIÚ	An líon deonuithe san Aicmiú *
A. RIACHTANAIS DAONNA m.sh. Ábhair bia, Sláinte, Nithe Pearsanta	128
B. FEIDHMIÚ OIBRÍOCHTAÍ; IOMPAR: m.sh. Teicneolaíocht múnlaíthe, priontála, feithicle.	131
C. CEIMIC; MIOTALÓIREACHT	61
D. TEICSTÍLÍ; PÁIPÉAR	2
E. TÓGÁIL SHEASTA: m.sh. Foirgníocht, druileáil, mianadóireacht.	88
F. INNEALTÓIREACHT MHEICNIÚIL; SOILSIÚ; TÉAMH, ARMÁIN; PLÉASCADH	61
G. FISIC: m.sh. Optaic, ríomhaireacht, fisic núicléach	137
H. LEICTREACHAS: m.sh. Ciorcaid leictreonacha, giniúint agus dáileadh leictreachais	79

- * Nóta:- Toisc gur féidir paitinn a dheontar a bheith aicmithe i níos mó ná réimse amháin teicneolaíochta, beidh líon na rangaithe ina mbeidh aireagáin níos mó ná líon na bpaitinní a dheontar.

Aicmithe de réir Choidanna IPC do Phaitinní Deonaithe in 2008



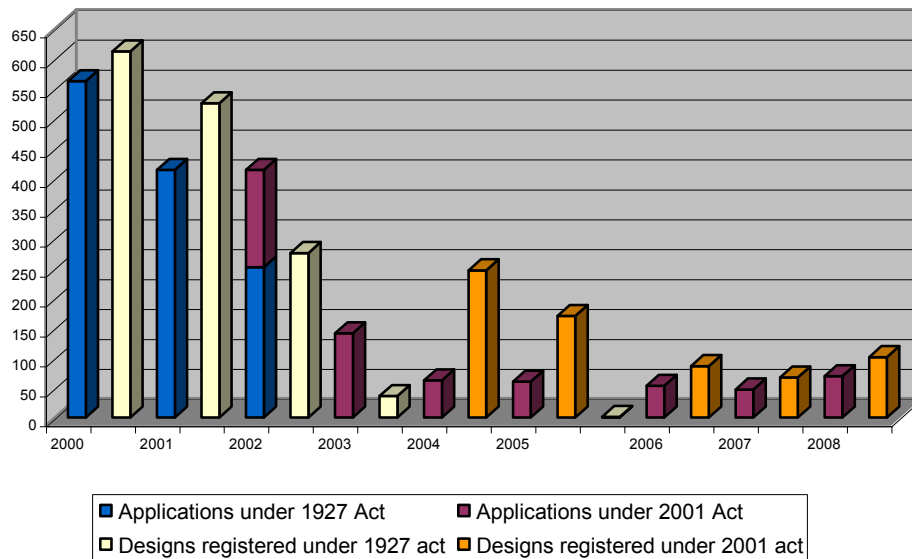
DESIGNS

Matters affecting the Register of Industrial Designs

	2006	2007	2008
Design Applications*	53	47	69
Number of designs applied for*	90	97	123
Designs registered	86	67	101
Designs lapsed	362	345	532
Designs renewed (1927 Act)	313	163	223
Designs renewed (2001 Act)	29	200	89
Designs in force (1927 Act)	2,125	1,781	1,545
Designs in force (2001 Act)	934	875	1,082

*Note-Rule 19 of the Industrial Designs Regulations 2002 provides that 2 or more designs subject to a maximum of 100 designs may be combined in one multiple application for registration of designs.

DESIGN APPLICATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS 2000-2008



	2006	2007	2008
Community Design Applications filed through the Patents Office and forwarded to the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (O.H.I.M).	10	20	13

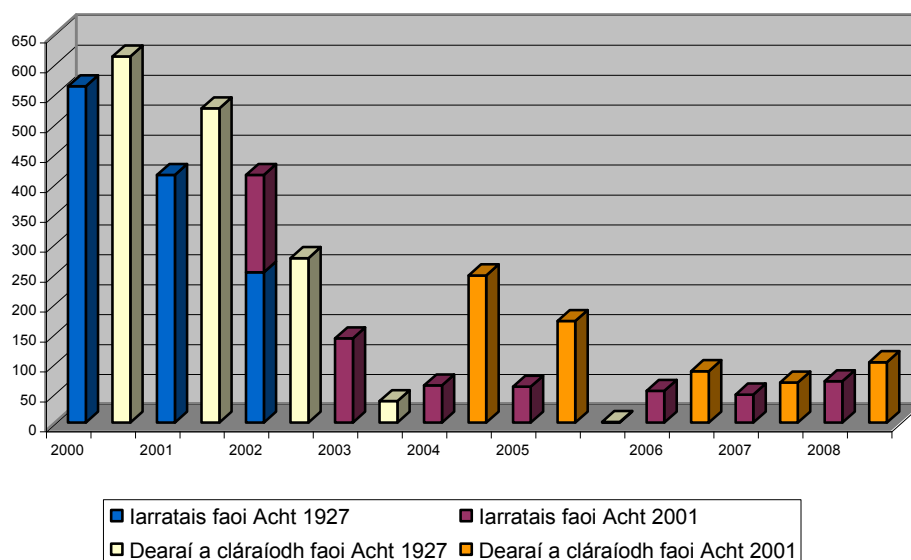
DEARAÍ

Nithe a bhaineann le Clár na nDearaí Tionsclaíocha

	2006	2007	2008
Iarratais ar Dhearaí*	53	47	69
Líon na ndearaí iarrtha*	90	97	123
Dearaí cláraithe	86	67	101
Dearaí tite ar lár	362	345	532
Dearaí athnuaite (Acht 1927)	313	163	223
Dearaí athnuaite (Acht 2001)	29	200	89
Dearaí i bhfeidhm (Acht 1927)	2,125	1,781	1,545
Dearaí i bhfeidhm (Acht 2001)	934	875	1,082

*Nóta- Déanann Rialí 19 de Rialacháin um Dhearadh Tionsclaíoch 2002 soláthar gur féidir 2 dhearadh nó níos mó faoi réir ag uaslíon de 100 dearadh a bheith comhcheangailte in aon ilarratas amháin ar chlárú dearaí.

Iarratais Dearaidh agus Clárúcháin 2000 - 2008



	2006	2007	2008
Iarratais Chomhphobail comhadaithe trí Oifig na bPaitinní agus a cuireadh ar aghaidh chuig an Oifig um Chomhchuibhiú sa Mhargadh Inmheánach (O.C.M.I.)	10	200	13

**DESIGNS REGISTERED UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS ACT, 2001 DURING THE YEAR
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008
LISTED ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION**

A multilateral treaty called “the Locarno Agreement Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs” established a classification system for industrial designs. The Locarno Classification comprises a list of 32 classes of goods in which industrial designs may be incorporated. The classification is administered by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and the current (ninth) edition has been in force since January 1, 2009.

Class	Classification	Designs Registered
1	Foodstuffs	
2	Articles of Clothing and Haberdashery	3
3	Travel Goods, Cases, Parasols and Personal Belongings, not elsewhere specified	1
4	Brushware	
5	Textile Piecegood Articles, Artificial and Natural Sheet Material	5
6	Furnishings	9
7	Household Goods, not elsewhere specified	23
8	Tools and Hardware	8
9	Packages and Containers for the Transport or Handling of Goods	7
10	Clocks and Watches and other Measuring Instruments, Checking and Signalling Instruments	
11	Articles of Adornment	8
12	Means of Transport or Hoisting	3
13	Equipment for Production, Distribution or Transformation of Electricity	
14	Recording, Communication or Information Retrieval Equipment	
15	Machines, not elsewhere specified	1
16	Photographic, Cinematographic and Optical Apparatus	
17	Musical Instruments	
18	Printing and Office Machinery	
19	Stationery and Office Equipment, Artists' and Teaching Materials	7
20	Sales and Advertising Equipment, Signs	
21	Games, Toys, Tents and Sports Goods	3
22	Arms, Pyrotechnic Articles, Articles for Hunting, Fishing and Pest Killing	
23	Fluid Distribution Equipment, Sanitary, Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning Equipment, Solid Fuel	7
24	Medical and Laboratory Equipment	1
25	Building Units and Construction Elements	13
26	Lighting Apparatus	1
27	Tobacco and Smokers' Supplies	
28	Pharmaceutical Products and Cosmetic Products, Toilet Articles and Apparatus	
29	Devices and Equipment Against Fire Hazards, for Accident Prevention and for Rescue	
30	Articles for the Care and Handling of Animals	1
31	Machines and Appliances for Preparing Food or Drink, not elsewhere specified	
99	Miscellaneous	
	TOTAL	101*
	*A Design maybe registered in more than one class, therefore the total number of designs in the classes exceeds the number of designs actually registered.	

**DEARAÍ A CLÁRAÍODH FAOI ACHT DEARADH TIONSCLAÍOCH, 2001 I GCAITHEAMH NA
BLIANA DAR CHRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2008
LIOSTÁILTE AG TEACHT LEIS AN AICMIÚ IDIRNÁISIÚNTA PAITINNE**

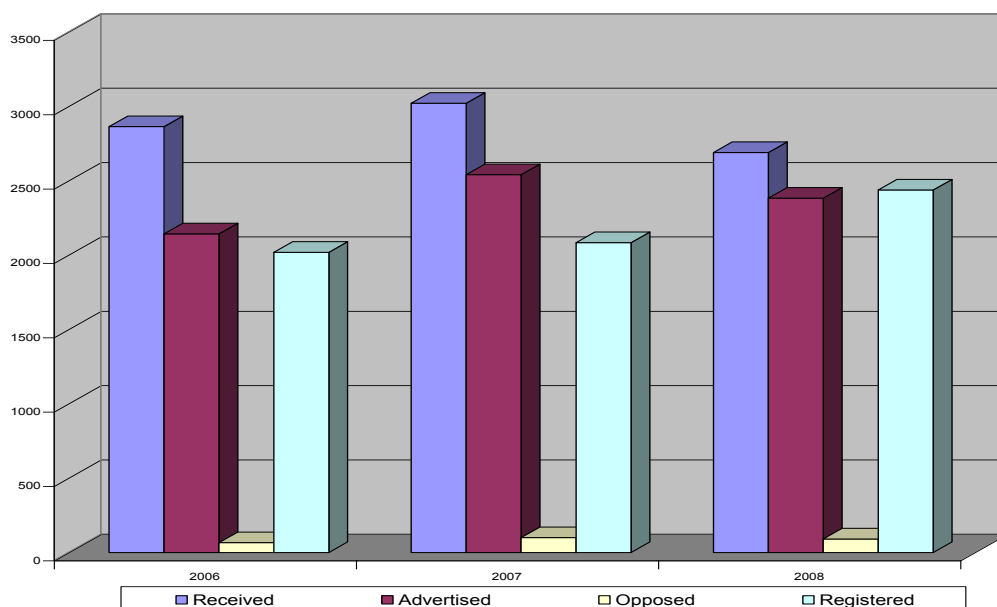
Bhunaigh conradh iltaobhach dá ngairtear “Comhaontú Locarnó ag bunú Aicmiúcháin Idirnáisiúnta do Dhearaí Tionsclaíocha” córas aicmiúcháin do dhearaí tionsclaíocha. Tá Aicmiú Locarnó comhdhéanta de liosta de 32 cineál earraí inar féidir dearaí tionsclaíocha a ionchorprú. Riarann An Eagraíocht Domhanda um Maoin Intleachtúil (EDMI) an t-aicmiúchán agus tá an t-eagrán reatha (an naoú ceann) i bhfeidhm ó Eanáir 1, 2009.

Rang	Aicmiúchán	Dearaí Cláraithe
1	Ábhair Bia	
2	Baill éadaigh agus Mionéadaí	3
3	Earraí Taistil, Cásanna, Parasóil agus Earraí Pearsanta, nach bhfuil sonraithe in áit eile	1
4	Earraí scuaibe	
5	Earraí Gréasáin Teicstíle, Leatháin Shaorga agus Nádúrtha	5
6	Feistis	9
7	Earraí Tí, nach bhfuil sonraithe in áit eile	23
8	Uirlisí agus Crua-earraí	8
9	Pacáistí agus Gabhdáin d'Iompar nó do Láimhseáil Earraí	7
10	Cloig, Uaireadóirí agus Ionstraimí eile Tomhais, Ionstraimí Seiceála agus Comharthaíochta	
11	Earraí Maisiúcháin	8
12	Modhanna Iompair nó Ardaithe	3
13	Trealamh do Tháirgeadh, Dáileadh nó Tarchur Leictreachais	
14	Trealamh chun Taifeadadh, Cumarsáide nó Aisghabháil Faisnéise	
15	Meaisíní, nach bhfuil sonraithe in áit eile	1
16	Gaireas Fótagrafaíochta, Cineamatagrafaíochta agus Optaice	
17	Uirlisí Ceoil	
18	Meaisíní Priontála agus Oifige	
19	Stáiseanóireacht agus Trealamh Oifige, Ábhair Ealaíontóirí agus Múinteoireachta	7
20	Trealamh Díolacháin agus Fógraíochta, Comharthaí	
21	Cluichí, Bréagáin, Pubail agus Earraí Spóirt	3
22	Airm, Earraí Piortheicniúla, Earraí chun Fiaigh, Iascaireachta agus Marú Lotnaidí	
23	Trealamh Dáilithe Leachta, Trealamh Sláintíochta, Téimh, Aerála agus Aerchóirithe, Breosla Soladach	7
24	Trealamh Míochaine agus Saotharlainne	1
25	Aonaid Foirgníochta agus Eilimintí Tógála	13
26	Fearas Soilsithe	1
27	Tobac agus Soláthairtí do Lucht Caite Tobac	
28	Táirgí Cógaisíochta agus Cosmaíde, Earraí agus Fearas Maisiúcháin	
29	Gléasanna agus Trealamh in aghaidh Guaise, do Chosc ar Thionóisc agus chun Tarrthála	
30	Earraí um Chúram agus Láimhseáil Ainmhithe	1
31	Meaisíní agus Fearas d'Ullmhúchán Bia agus Dí, nach bhfuil sonraithe in áit eile	
99	Ilnithe	
	IOMLÁN	101*
	*Is féidir dearadh a bheith cláraithe i níos mó ná aicme amháin, agus dá bhrí sin sáraíonn líon na ndearaí sna ranganna líon na ndearaí atá cláraithe.	

TRADE MARKS

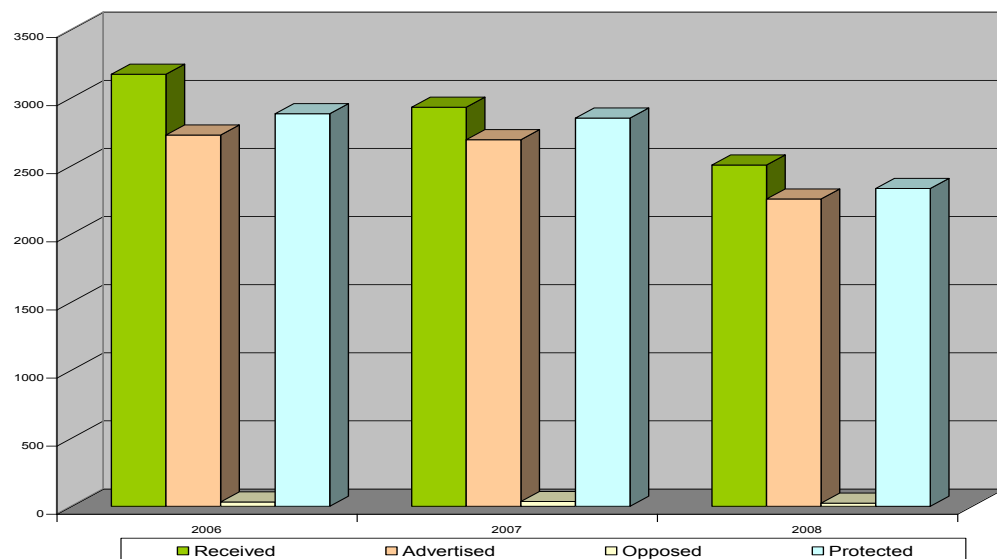
Year ended	National Applications			
	Received	Advertised	Opposed	Registered
2006	2,864	2,143	66	2,019
2007	3,021	2,541	100	2,084
2008	2,690	2,383	91	2,438

National Trade Marks 2006 - 2008



Year ended	International Registrations designating Ireland			
	Received	Advertised	Opposed	Protected
2006	3,172	2,726	32	2,882
2007	2,930	2,691	35	2,850
2008	2,506	2,256	23	2,333

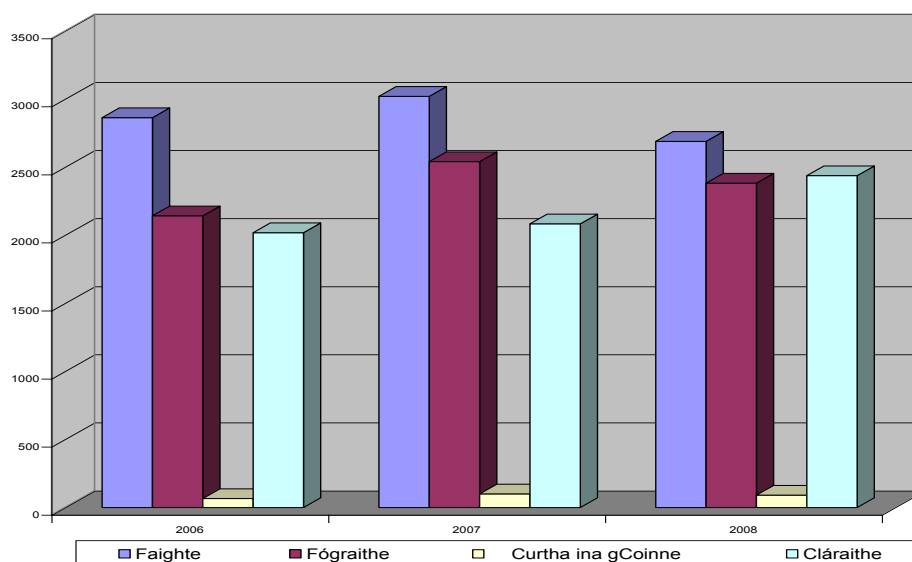
International Trade Marks 2006 - 2008



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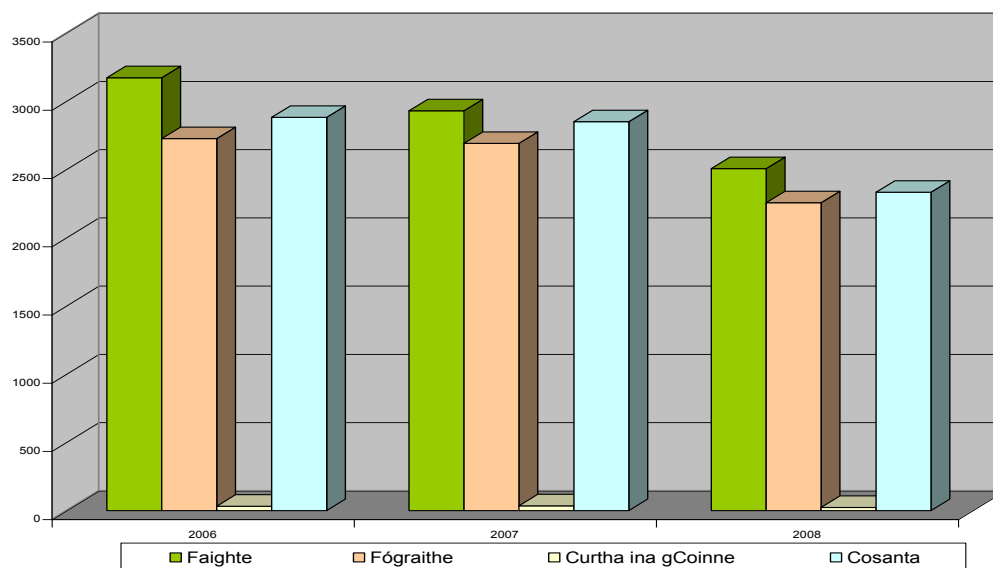
BLIAIN DAR CHRÍOCH	Iarratais Náisiúnta			
	IARRATAIS a FUARTHAS	Fógraithe	Curtha ina Choinne	Dearaí cláraithe
2006	2,864	2,143	66	2,019
2007	3,021	2,541	100	2,084
2008	2,690	2,383	91	2,438

Trádmharcanna Náisiúnta 2006 - 2008



BLIAIN DAR CHRÍOCH	Clárúcháin Idirnáisiúnta ina sainíodh Éire			
	IARRATAIS a FUARTHAS	Fógraithe	Curtha ina Choinne	Cosanta
2006	3,172	2,726	32	2,882
2007	2,930	2,691	35	2,850
2008	2,506	2,256	23	2,333

Trádmharcanna Idirnáisiúnta 2006 - 2008



Other matters affecting the Register of Trade Marks

	2006	2007	2008
Number of trademarks the subject of assignments	1,512	1,907	1,904
Number of licences of trade marks recorded in the register	17	2	14
Trade mark registrations removed for non payment of renewal fees	1,991	4,873	6,148
Trade mark registrations surrendered	16	24	27
Trade mark registrations restored	2	5	18
Trade mark registrations renewed	6,052	6,462	6,576
National Trade marks revoked in full and in part	9	5	10
International National Trade marks revoked in full and in part	0	0	0
National Trade Marks declared invalid	2	6	2
International Trade Marks declared invalid	0	1	0
National registered trade marks in force	88,501	85,275	81,656
International trade marks in force	14,311	17,051	19,097
Total trade marks in force	102,812	102,326	100,753

Hearings and Miscellaneous Matters

	2006	2007	2008
Hearings (<i>ex-parte</i>)	23	7	8
Hearings (<i>inter-partes</i>)	21	13	13
Applications to convert European Community Trade Mark applications into national applications	57	75	38
International trade mark applications with Ireland as the Office of Origin filed and transmitted to WIPO	33	52	31
Community Trade Mark applications filed through the Office and forwarded to the Office for Harmonisation in the Internal Market (O.H.I.M)	2	4	5

Register of Trade Mark Agents

At the end of 2008, there were 185 individuals and 5 partnerships entered on the Register.

Nithe eile a bhaineann le Clár na dTrádmhairc

	2006	2007	2008
Líon na dtrádmhairc ina n-ábhar sainithe	1,512	1,907	1,904
Líon na gceadúnas ar thrádmhairc taifeadta sa chlár	17	2	14
Clárúcháin Trádmhairc asbhainte de dheasca neamhíocaíocht na dtáillí athnuachana	1,991	4,873	6,148
Clárúcháin trádmhairc tugtha suas	16	24	27
Clárúcháin trádmhairc tugtha ar ais	2	5	18
Clárúcháin trádmhairc athnuaite	6,052	6,462	6,576
Trádmhairc Náisiúnta cúlghairthe go hiomlán nó i bpáirt	9	5	10
Trádmhairc Idirnáisiúnta cúlghairthe go hiomlán nó i bpáirt	0	0	0
Trádmhairc Náisiúnta fógraithe neamhbhailí	2	6	2
Trádmhairc Idirnáisiúnta fógraithe neamhbhailí	0	1	0
Trádmhairc náisiúnta cláraithe i bhfeidhm	88,501	85,275	81,656
Trádmhairc Idirnáisiúnta i bhfeidhm	14,311	17,051	19,097
Iomlán na dTrádmhairc i bhfeidhm	102,812	102,326	100,753

Éisteachtaí agus Ilnithe

	2006	2007	2008
Éisteachtaí (<i>ex-parte</i>)	23	7	8
Éisteachtaí (<i>idir-partes</i>)	21	13	13
Iarratais le hiarratais Trádmhairc na bPobal Eorpacha a aistriú go hiarratais náisiúnta	57	75	38
Iarratais idirnáisiúnta trádmhairc ina raibh Éire ina hOifig Tionscnaimh comhadaithe agus curtha chuig EDMÍ	33	52	31
Iarratais Chomhphobail comhadaithe tríd an Oifig agus a cuireadh ar aghaidh chuig an Oifig um Chomhchuibhiú sa Mhargadh Inmheánach (O.C.M.I.)	2	4	5

Clár na nGníomhairí Trádmhairc

Ag deireadh na bliana atá faoi athbhreithniú, bhí 185 duine aonair agus 5 comhpháirtíocht iontráilte ar an gClár.

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF GOODS AND SERVICES INTO WHICH MARKS REGISTERED IN 2008 FALL

A multilateral treaty called the "Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks" established a classification system for trade marks. The Nice Classification comprises 45 class headings which describe in very broad terms the nature of the goods or services contained in each of the 34 classes of goods and 11 classes of services into which trade marks may fall. The classification is administered by the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and the current (ninth) edition has been in force since January 1, 2007.

Class	Classification of Goods	No of marks in classification
1	Chemical Products, etc.	43
2	Paints, etc.	102
3	Bleaching Preparations, etc.	144
4	Industrial Oils, etc.	22
5	Pharmaceutical Substances, etc.	283
6	Unwrought and Partly Wrought Common Metals and their Alloys	51
7	Machines and Machine Tools, etc.	46
8	Hand Tools and Instruments, Cutlery, etc.	28
9	Scientific Apparatus and Instruments, etc.	292
10	Surgical Instruments, etc.	34
11	Installations for Lighting, etc.	84
12	Vehicles; Apparatus for Locomotion by Land, Air or Water	51
13	Firearms, Ammunition and Projectiles; Explosive Substances; Fireworks	3
14	Precious Metals and their Alloys, etc.	45
15	Musical Instruments (other than talking machines and wireless apparatus)	2
16	Paper, etc.	373
17	Gutta Percha, India Rubber, etc.	17
18	Leather, etc.	70
19	Building Materials, etc.	63
20	Furniture, etc.	50
21	Small Domestic Utensils, etc.	80
22	Ropes, etc.	8
23	Yarns, Threads	0
24	Tissues (piece goods), etc.	41
25	Clothing, including Boots, Shoes and Slippers	176
26	Lace and Embroidery, etc.	19
27	Carpets, etc.	14
28	Games, etc.	111
29	Meat, Fish, Poultry and Game, etc.	233
30	Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Sugar, Rice, etc.	286
31	Agricultural Products, etc.	63
32	Beer, etc.	138
33	Wines, Spirits and Liqueurs	88
34	Tobacco, etc.	20
35	Advertising, Business Management, etc.	407
36	Insurance, Financial Affairs, etc.	194
37	Building Construction, Repair, Installation Services.	137
38	Telecommunications	126
39	Transport, Packaging and Storage of Goods, etc.	174
40	Treatment of Materials	42
41	Education, Entertainment, etc.	424
42	Scientific and technological services	182
43	Providing food and drink	219
44	Medical services, etc	128
45	Personal and social services	65

AICMIÚ IDIRNÁISIÚNTA AR EARRAÍ AGUS AR SHEIRBHÍSÍ INA GCUIRTEAR NA MARCANNÁ A CLÁRAÍODH IN 2008

Rinne conradh iltaobhach ar a ghairtear "Comhaontú Nice Maidir le hAicmiú Idirnáisiúnta Earraí agus Seirbhísí chun Críochna Clárú Marcanna." Tá Aicmiúchán Nice comhdhéanta de 45 ceannteideal aicmiúcháin a dhéanann cur síos an-leathan ar nádúr na n-earraí nó na seirbhísí atá i ngach ceann de na 34 aicme earraí agus na 11 aicme seirbhísí inar féidir trádmharcanna a chur. Riarann An Eagraíocht Domhanda um Maoin Intleachtúil (EDMI) an t-aicmiúchán agus tá an t-eagrán reatha (an naoú ceann) i bhfeidhm ó Eanáir 1, 2007.

Aicme	Aicmiúchán Earraí	Líon na marc san aicme
1	Táirgí Ceimiceacha, etc.	43
2	Péinteanna, etc.	102
3	Ullmhóidí Tuartha, etc.	144
4	Olaí Tionsclaíochta, etc.	22
5	Substaintí Cógaisíochta, etc.	283
6	Miotail Choitianta agus a gcóimhiotail Neamhoibrithe agus Páirt Oibrithe	51
7	Meaisíní agus Inneal Úirlisí, etc.	46
8	Úirlisí agus Ionstraimí Láimhe, Sceanra, etc.	28
9	Fearas agus Ionstraimí Eolaíochta, etc.	292
10	Úirlisí Mháinliachta, etc.	34
11	Fearas do Shoilsíú, etc.	84
12	Feithiclí; Fearas Gluaiseachta ar Thalamh, san Aer agus ar Uisce	51
13	Airm Thine, Lón Lámhaigh agus Diúracáin; Substaintí Pléascacha; Spréachairí	3
14	Miotail lómhara agus a gcóimhiotail, etc.	45
15	Úirlisí Ceoil (seachas meaisíní cainte agus fearas raidió)	2
16	Páipéar, etc.	373
17	Guma Peirc, Cúitiúc, etc.	17
18	Leathar, etc.	70
19	Ábhair Thógála, etc.	63
20	Troscán, Etc.	50
21	Acraí Beaga Tí, etc.	80
22	Rópaí, etc.	8
23	Snáitheanna	
24	Fíocháin (gréasáin), etc.	41
25	Éadaí, ag áireamh Buataisí, Bróga agus Slipéir	176
26	Lása agus Bróidnéireacht, etc.	19
27	Cairpéid, etc.	14
28	Cluichí, etc.	111
29	Feoil, Iasc, Éineoil agus Géim, etc.	233
30	Caifé, Tae, Cócó, Siúcra, Rís, etc.	286
31	Táirgí Talmhaíochta, etc.	63
32	Beoir, etc.	138
33	Fíonta, Biotáille agus Licéir	88
34	Tobac, etc.	20
35	Fógraíocht, Bainistiú Gnó, etc.	407
36	Árachas, Gnóthaí Airgeadais, etc.	194
37	Tógáil Foirgníochta, Deisiúchán, Suiteáil Seirbhísí.	137
38	Teileachumarsáidí	126
39	Iompar, Pacáistiú agus Stóráil Earraí, etc.	174
40	Cóiriú Ábhar	42
41	Oideachas, Siamsaíocht, etc.	424
42	Seirbhísí eolaíochta agus teicneolaíochta	182
43	Soláthar bia agus dí	219
44	Seirbhísí míochaine, etc.	128
45	Seirbhísí pearsanta agus sóisialta	65

COPYRIGHT

References to the Controller under the Copyright & Related Rights Act, 2000

Under Section 38 of the Act, disputes between persons playing sound recordings in public and the owner of the copyright subsisting in the recordings, regarding the equitable remuneration payable to the copyright owner, may be referred to the Controller for determination.

	Number of disputes referred to the Controller pending as at 31/12/2007	Number of new references received in 2008	No. of cases settled.	No. of cases determined/ withdrawn/ deemed invalid	No. of cases pending as at 31/12/2008
Disputes submitted under Section 38(4)	13	7	1	4	15 ⁽¹⁾

(1) Of the 15 Section 38(4) references pending at the end of 2008, the Office was investigating 9 of the cases and it is understood that in the 6 remaining cases, the venues are in negotiation with the licensing body with a view to resolving their respective disputes.

Registers

The Act also makes provision for me to establish and maintain the following Registers;

- The Register of Copyright Licensing Bodies
- The Register of Licensing Bodies for Performers' Property Rights
- The Register of Licensing Bodies for Database Rights

Four new applications for registration were received in 2008, of which 2 proceeded to registration while the remaining 2 applications were under examination. To-date the office has registered 12 bodies in the Register of Copyright Licensing Bodies.

CÓIPCHEART

Tagairtí don Cheannasaí faoin Acht Cóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar, 2000

Faoi Alt 38 den Acht, is féidir conspóidí idir dhaoine a sheinneann taifid fuaime go poiblí agus úinéir an chóipchirt atá sna taifid, maidir le luach saothair chóir iníoctha le húinéir an chóipchirt, a chur faoi bhráid an Rialtóra le cinneadh a dhéanamh.

	Líon na ndíospóid a cuireadh faoi bhráid an Cheannasaí mar a bhí ar an 31/12/2007	Líon na dtarchur nua a fuarthas in 2007	Líon na gcás a socraíodh	Líon na gcás a cinneadh/a tarraingeadh siar/ a measadh a bheith neamhbhailí	Líon na gcás ar feitheamh ar an 31/12/2008
Díospóidí a cuireadh isteach faoi Alt 38 (4)	13	7	1	4	15 ⁽¹⁾

(1) De na 15 tarchur faoi Alt 38 (4) ar feitheamh ag deireadh 2008 bhí an Oifig ag deanamh imscrúdú i 9 chás agus tuigtear go bhfuil na láithreacha atá i gceist leis na 6 chás atá fágtha ag idirbheartaíocht leis an gcomhlacht ceadúnúcháin le súil le teacht chun réitigh faoina ndíospóidí faoi seach.

Cláir

Déanann an tAcht soláthar chomh maith dom leis na Cláir seo a leanas a bhunú agus a chothabháil;

- Clár de na Comhlachtaí Ceadúnúcháin Cóipchirt
- Clár de na Comhlachtaí Ceadúnúcháin um Chearta Maoine Thaibheoirí
- Clár de na Comhlachtaí Ceadúnúcháin um Chearta do Bhunachair Sonraí

Fuarthas ceithre iarratas ar chlárúchán in 2008. Le linn na bliana, pléidh le 2 iarratais agus bhí 2 iarratais faoi scrúdú i ndeireadh na bliana. Go dtí seo tá 12 gcomhlacht cláraithe sa Chlár do Chomhlachtaí Ceadúnúcháin Chóipchirt.

PERSONNEL

STAFF SERVING AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

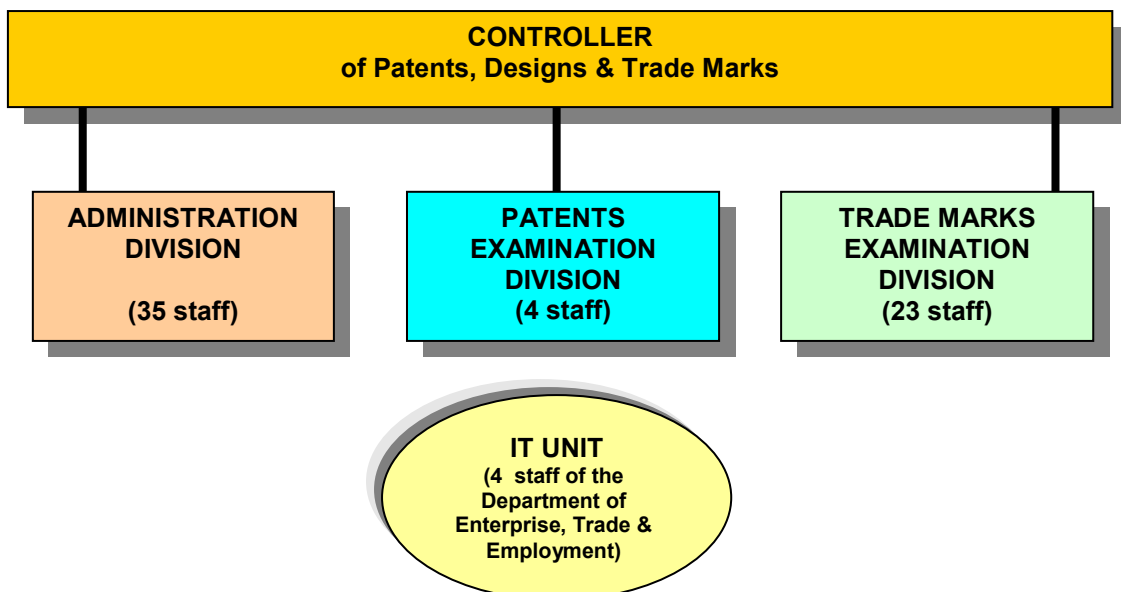
Number of posts	Staff
1	Controller
2	Assistant Principal
1	Senior Patent Examiner
5	Higher Executive Officer
1	Administrative Officer
3	Patent Examiner
21	Executive Officer
1	Staff Officer
27	Clerical Officer
1	Services Officer
63*	

* Includes fourteen staff (2 Higher Executive Officers (HEOs), 7 Executive Officers (EOs) and 5 Clerical Officers (Cos) who availed of a worksharing scheme which permits a variety of attendance patterns. Four staff availed of a teleworking scheme, which permits staff to carry out their duties from home for part of the week.

One member of staff was on long-term sick leave and one member of staff (EO) was on career break. There was one vacancy at CO level.

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment provides information technology services to the Office. There are 4 staff members of the Department's IT Unit (1 HEO, 2 EOs and 1 CO) situated in the Office.

OFFICE STRUCTURE



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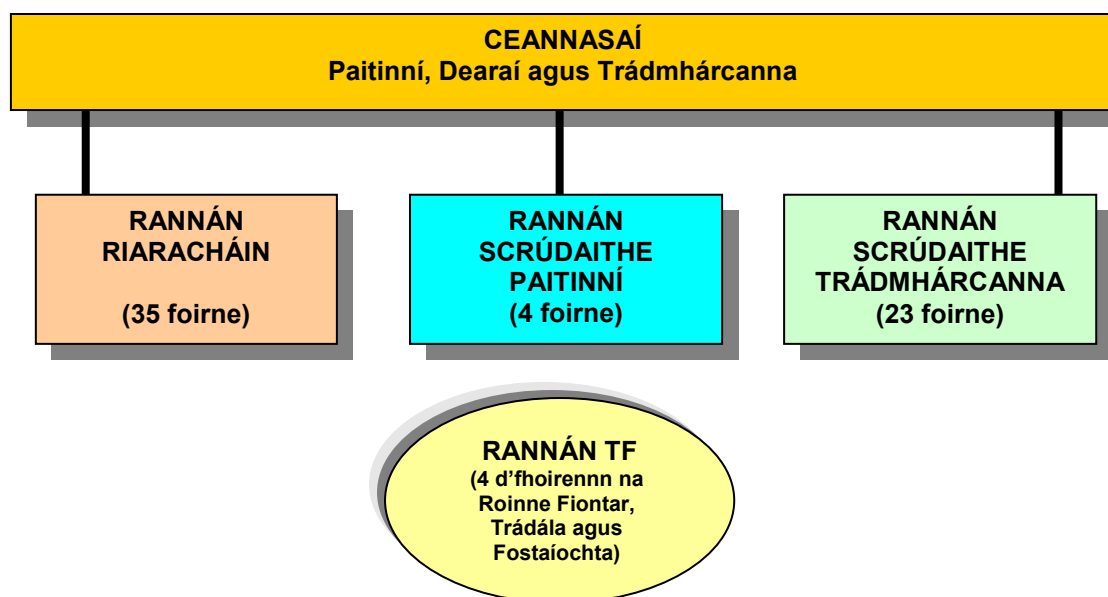
FOIREANN AR SEIRBHÍS AR AN 31 NOLLAIG 2008

Líon Na bpost	Foireann
1	Ceannasaí
2	Príomhoifigeach Cúnta
1	Scrúdaitheoir Sinsearach Paitinne
5	Ardoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin
1	Oifigeach Riaracháin
3	Scrúdaitheoir Paitinne
21	Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin
1	Oifigeach Foirne
27	Oifigeach Cléireachais
1	Oifigeach Seirbhísí
63*	

* Cuimsíonn ceithre mball déag foirne (2 Ardoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin, 7 Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin agus 5 Oifigeach Cléireachais) a bhain feidhm as scéim oibre i bpáirt a cheadaíonn patrúin éagsúla tinnrimh. Bhain ceathrar ball foirne feidhm as scéim teilea-oibre a cheadaíonn dóibh cuid dá ndualgas a chomhlíonadh ó bhaile ar feadh cuid den tseachtain. Bhí ceann amhain den fhoireann ar saoire bhreitheachta fadtéarmach. Bhí fholúntas amhain ann ar leibhéal OC.

Solátharíonn an Roinn Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta seirbhísí teicneolaíochta faisnéise don Oifig. Ina theannta sin tá ceathrar ball d'fhoireann Aonaid TF an Roinn Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta (1 AF, 2 OF agus 1 OC) ag soláthar seirbhísí teicneolaíochta faisnéise don Oifig.

STRUCHTÚR NA hOIFIGE



FINANCIAL INFORMATION**RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

Receipts	€000
Patent fees (Notes 1 & 2)	5,717
Trade Mark fees	2,869
International Trade Mark Registration – fees received from WIPO (Note 3)	872
Fees received for the searching of Community Trade Marks (Note 4)	779
Design fees	59
Other fees	66
Less refunds made in respect of fees paid in error	66
Less transaction fees arising in respect of online credit card payments	115
Net receipts accruing to the exchequer	10,181

Expenses	€000
Salaries	2,476
Travel & Subsistence	54
Miscellaneous & Incidental expenses	70
Postal & Telecommunications Services	86
Office Machinery and other Office Supplies	407
Office Premises Expenses	251
Information resources, books periodicals, etc.	8
Subscriptions to Industrial Property Unions	287
Total	3,639

Note 1

In accordance with the European Patent Convention, to which Ireland is a party, the Patents Office is obliged to remit to the European Patents Office 50% of all renewal fees received in respect of European Patents which have been validated in Ireland and which are entered in the national register of patents.

	€000
Patent fees	9,985
Less Proportion of patent renewal fees transferred to the European Patent Office, Munich.	4,268
Net Patent fees which accrue to the Exchequer	5,717

Note 2

The Patents Office acts as a receiving Office for patent applications made under the Patent Co-operation Treaty and as such receives fees for onward transmission to both the European Patent Office and the World Intellectual Property Organisations. These fees do not accrue to the Irish exchequer and are therefore not included in the figure for net receipts. Details of the fees transferred to the EPO and WIPO during 2008 are as follows:

	€000
PCT Basic and Designation Fees transferred to WIPO, Geneva	132
PCT Search fees transferred to EPO, Munich.	209
Total	341

Note 3

As a consequence of Ireland's ratification of the Protocol relating to the Madrid Agreement concerning the International Registration of Marks (the Madrid Protocol) on 19 July 2001, the Office receives fees due in respect of International Trade Mark applications seeking protection in Ireland from the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

Note 4

Under Article 39(3) of Council Regulation No. 40/94 of December 1993 on the Community Trade Mark and Regulation 2869/95 (the Fees Regulation), the Office may search CTM applications and convey the result of its search to OHIM. OHIM pays a search fee to the Patents Office for this service. An amendment to the Regulations meant that the provision of this service ceased with effect from March 2008.

FAISNÉIS AIRGEADAIS

FÁLTAIS AGUS CAITEACHAS – AN BHLIAIN DAR CHRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2008

Fáltais	€000
Táillí Paitinne (Nótaí 1 & 2)	5,717
Táillí Trádmhairc	2,869
Clárúchán ar Thrádmhairc Idirnáisiúnta – táillí a fuarthas ó EDMÍ (Nóta 3)	872
Táillí a fuarthas a chuardach ar Thrádmhairc an Chomhphobail (Nóta 4)	779
Táillí Dearaidh	59
Táillí eile	66
Lúide aisíochtaí i leith táillí a íocadh i ndearmad	66
Lúide táillí idirbhearta i leith íocaíochtaí ar-líne le cártaí creidmheasa	115
Fáltais ghlan fabhráithe don Stáitchiste	10,181

Costais	€000
Tuarastail	2,476
Taisteal & Cothabháil	54
Ilnithe & Costais Theagmhasacha	70
Seirbhísí Poist agus Teileachumarsáide	86
Meaisíní Oifige agus Soláthairtí eile Oifige	407
Costais Áitreabh Oifige	251
Foinsí eolais, leabhair, tréimhseacháin, etc.	8
Síntiúis do Chumainn Mhaoine Tionsclaíocha	287
IOMLÁN	3,639

Nóta 1

Ag teacht leis an gCoinbhinsiún don Phaitinn Eorpach, ina bhfuil Éire rannpháirteach, tá ar Oifig na bPaitinní 50% de na táillí uile athnuachana a fhaightear i leith Paitinní Eorpacha a ndearnathas bailíochtú orthu in Éirinn agus atá iontráilte ar chlár náisiúnta na bpaitinní, a chur chuig Oifig Paitinní na hEorpa.

	€000
Táillí Paitinne	9,985
Lúide an cion de na táillí athnuachan paitinne a aistríodh go hOifig na bPaitinní Eorpacha, Munich.	4,268
Táillí Paitinne glan fabhráithe don Stáitchiste	5,717

Nóta 2

Feidhmíonn Oifig na bPaitinní mar Oifig fháltais d'iarraíais ar phaitinní a dhéantar faoin Chonradh Comhair Paitinní agus sa cháilíocht sin faigheann sí táillí ar tharchur chuig Oifig Paitinní na hEorpa agus chuig An Eagraíocht Domhanda um maoin Intleachtúil araon. Ní fhabhraíonn na táillí do Stáitchiste na hÉireann agus dá bhrí sin níl siad san áireamh sa bhfigiúr ar an bhfáltais glan. Seo a leanas mionsonraí ar na táillí a aistríodh chuig an EPE agus an EDMÍ i rith 2008:

	€000
Táillí Bunaigh agus Sainithe CCP tarchurtha chuig EDMÍ, an Ghinéiv	132
Táillí cuardaigh CCP tarchurtha chuig EPE, Munich.	209
IOMLÁN	341

Nóta 3

De bhun daingnithe na hÉireann ar an bPrótacal maidir le Comhaontú Maidrid maidir le Clárú Idirnáisiúnta ar Mharcanna (Prótacal Maidrid) ar an 19 Iúil 2001, faigheann an Oifig táillí dlíte i leith iarraíais Idirnáisiúnta Trádmhairc a lorgaíonn cosaint in Éirinn, ón Eagraíocht Domhanda um maoin Intleachtúil (EDMÍ).

Nóta 4

Faoi Airteagal 39 (3) de Rialachán Uimh. 40/94 na Comhairle de Nollaig 1993 agus Rialachán Uimh. 2869/95 ar Thrádmharc an Chomhphobail, tig leis an Oifig iarraíais TC a chuardach agus toradh a cuid cuardaigh a thabhairt do OCMI. Íocann OCMI táille cuardaigh le hOifig na bPaitinní as an tseirbhís seo. Cuireadh deireadh don seirbhís seo le h'eifeacht Márta 2008 de réir leasú a rinne ar na Rialacháin.

PERFORMANCE TARGETS 2008

Area of Activity	Level of Achievement				
Patents	Jan – Mar 08	April - June 08	July – Sept 08	Oct – Dec 08	Annual
Issue formal filing receipts for correctly filed applications within 5 working days.	44%	49%	79%	51%	56%
Issue certified copies of patent documents within 5 working days of receipt of request.	97%	100%	97%	100%	99%
Issue confirmation of payment of patent renewal fees within 6 working days of receipt.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Process applications for registration of assignments within 10 working days of submission of a fully completed application.	50%	80%	98%	63%	73%
Issue confirmation that applications for amendments to the patents register in respect of names and address of applicants, proprietors and patent agents and address for service have been recorded within 5 working days of receipt of a properly completed application.	62%	96%	95%	75%	82%
Grant patents within 10 working days of receipt of grant fee.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Issue patent certificate and specification within 10 working days of publication.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Transmit European and PCT applications and relevant statistical data to EPO/WIPO within 5 working days of receipt.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To approve the grant of short term patents within a period of 6 to 9 months from filing of a proper, complete application.	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%
Following receipt of all necessary documents and responses to official objections associated with patent applications, to decide on whether to grant or refuse a patent within two months.	88%	74%	76%	94%	83%
To ensure that notification of formal defects is issued within 15 working days of filing.	69%	99%	100%	100%	92%
Issue confirmation that applications for amendments to the patent register (pending applications) have been recorded within 5 working days of receipt of properly completed application.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Supplementary Protection Certificates					
Issue notification of formal defects within 10 working days of filing date	80%	100%	100%	100%	95%
Perform examination of all applications for Supplementary Protection Certificates at least 12 months before expiry date of the basic patent	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Issue formal filing receipts for correctly filed SPC applications within 5 working days.	100%	100%	90%	100%	98%

Area of Activity	Level of Achievement				
Designs	Jan – Mar 08	April - June 08	July – Sept 08	Oct – Dec 08	Annual
Issue formal filing receipts for correctly filed design applications within 5 working days.	38%	71%	63%	45%	54%
Issue initial objections letter/acceptance letter within 12 weeks of receipt of application.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Respond to written correspondence on individual applications in examination within 5 weeks.	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%
To issue decisions in hearings within 1 month of hearing.	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
To issue written grounds within 2 months of request.	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Issue Design registration certificates within 7 working days of the application being accepted by examination division	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Issue design renewal certificates within 6 working days of payment of the renewal fee.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Transmit Community Design Applications to OHIM within 5 working days of receipt.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

* denotes no hearings during the period.

SPRIOCANNA FEIDHMIÚCHÁIN 2008

Réimse Gníomhaíochta	Leibhéal Bainte Amach				
Paitinní	Ean – Már 08	Aib. – Meith. 08	Iúil – M.Fómh. 08	D.Fóm – Noll 08	Bliantúil
Admhála foirmeálta a eisiúint ar chomhadú ar iarratais ceartchomhdaithe laistigh de 5 lá oibre.	44%	49%	79%	51%	56%
Cóipeanna deimhnithe de dhoiciméid paitinne a eisiúint laistigh de 5 lá oibre ó fhaightear iarratas	97%	100%	97%	100%	99%
Deimhniú ar íocaíocht táillí athnuachana paitinne a eisiúint laistigh de 6 lá oibre ó fhaightear í.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Próiseáil a dhéanamh ar iarratais ar chlárúchán ar shainithe laistigh de 10 lá oibre ó chuirtear isteach iarratas lánchomhlánaithe.	50%	80%	98%	63%	73%
Deimhniú go bhfuil iarratais ar leasuithe ar chlár na bpaitinní maidir le hainmneacha agus seolta iarratasóirí, úinéirí agus gníomhairí paitinne agus seoladh chun seirbhís a sheachadadh taifeadta laistigh de 5 lá oibre ó fhaightear iarratas ceartchomhlánaithe.	62%	96%	95%	75%	82%
Paitinní a dheonadh laistigh de 10 lá oibre ó fhaightear táille deonta.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Deimhniú agus sonraí paitinne a eisiúint laistigh de 10 lá oibre ó fhoilsiú.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Iarratais Eorpacha agus CCP agus sonraí ábhartha staidrimh a thraschur go EPE/EDMI laistigh de 5 lá oibre ó fhaightear iad.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Faomhadh a thabhairt do dheonadh paitinní gearrthéarmacha laistigh de thréimhse 6 go 9 mí ó dhéantar comhadú ar iarratas ceartchomhlánaithe.	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%
Tar éis na ndoiciméad agus na bhfreagraí uile riachtanacha ar agóidí oifigiúla a bhaineann le hiarratais ar phaitinn a fháil, cinneadh ar dheonadh nó eiteach paitinne a dhéanamh laistigh de thréimhse dhá mhí.	88%	74%	76%	94%	83%
A chinntiú go n-eisítear fógra ar mháchainí foirmeálta laistigh de 15 lá oibre ó chomhadú.	69%	99%	100%	100%	92%
Deimhniú a eisiúint go bhfuil taifead déanta ar iarratais ar leasuithe do chlár na bpaitinní (iarratais ar feitheamh) laistigh de 5 lá oibre ó fhaightear iarratas comhlánaithe i gceart.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Deimhnithe Cosanta Forlíontacha					
Fógra a eisiúint ar mháchainí foirmeálta laistigh de 15 lá oibre ón dáta comhdaithe	80%	100%	100%	100%	95%
Scrúdú a dhéanamh ar na hiarratais uile ar Dheimhnithe Cosanta Forlíontacha ar a laghad 12 mí roimh dháta éaga na paitinne bunaidh	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Admhála foirmeálta a eisiúint ar iarratais DCF ceartchomhdaithe laistigh de 5 lá oibre.	100%	100%	90%	100%	98%
Réimse Gníomhaíochta					
Dearaí					
Admhála foirmeálta a eisiúint ar chomhadú ar iarratais ceartchomhdaithe laistigh de 5 lá oibre.	38%	71%	63%	45%	54%
Litrí tosaigh agóide/ghlactha a eisiúint laistigh de 12 seachtaine ó fhaightear iarratas.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Freagra a thabhairt ar 95% den chomhfhreagras ar iarratais indibhidiúla laistigh de 5 seachtaine.	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Cinntí in éisteachtaí a eisiúint laistigh de 1 mhí ón éisteacht.	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Forais a eisiúint i scríbhinn laistigh de 2 mhí ó iarratas.	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Deimhnithe ar Chlárú Dearaidh a eisiúint laistigh de 7 lá oibre ó ghlactar leis an iarratas sa rannóg scrúdaithe	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Deimhnithe athnuachana dearaidh a eisiúint laistigh de 6 lá oibre ó foictar an táille athnuachana.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Iarratas ar Dhearaí Comhphobail a tharchur chuig OCMÍ laistigh de 5 lá oibre ó fhaightear iad.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Ciallaíonn * nár déanadh aon éisteachtaí sa tréimhse

Area of Activity Trade Marks	Level of Achievement				
	Jan – Mar 08	April - June 08	July – Sept 08	Oct – Dec 08	Annual
Issue formal filing receipts for correctly filed trade mark applications within 7 working days.	88%	77%	93%	62%	80%
Issue reminder for trade mark renewal not later than 4 weeks before the expiration of the registration of the trade mark or any renewal thereof.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To process assignment applications within 10 working days of receipt of fully completed application	80%	93%	75%	78%	82%
Issue certified copies and extracts from the Trade Marks Register within 5 working days of application.	97%	100%	97%	100%	99%
Issue of renewal certificate within 6 working days of receipt of payment.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To issue confirmation that applications for amendments to the Trade Marks register in respect of names and addresses of proprietors and trade mark agents and address for service have been recorded within 5 working days of receipt of a properly completed application.	68%	99%	69%	83%	80%
Respond to written correspondence on individual applications in examination within 4 weeks.	90%	75%	75%	75%	79%
To issue initial objections/acceptance letter within 12 weeks of receipt of new application in the Section.	90%	75%	75%	75%	79%
To issue decisions in hearings within 1 month of hearing.	90%	100%	90%	100%	93%
To issue written grounds of decisions in hearings and issue decision within 2 months of request for same.	100%	100%	95%	95%	98%
To issue preliminary search reports within 2 weeks of receipt of request.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To issue copy notice of opposition, application for revocation, application for invalidity within 2 weeks of receipt.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To respond to written correspondence on individual applications (Opposition, revocation, invalidity) within 5 weeks.	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Respond to individual requests for extensions of time prior to the current deadline where those requests are made not later than 2 weeks before expiry of the current deadline.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Issue registration certificates within 10 working days of receipt of payment.	99%	98%	99%	98%	99%
Transmit CTM application received in the office within 5 working days of receipt to OHIM	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Conduct formalities check on applications for International Trade Mark Registrations received in the Office within 5 working days of receipt	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Area of Activity General	Level of Achievement				
	Jan – Mar 08	April - June 08	July – Sept 08	Oct – Dec 08	Annual
Issue payment receipts for all fees received within 2 working days	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%

Réimse Gníomhaíochta Trádmharcanna	Leibhéal Bainte Amach				
	Ean – Már 08	Aib - Meith 08	Iúil – M.Fóm 08	D.Fóm – Noll 08	Bliantúil
Admhála foirmeálta a eisiúint ar chomhadú ar iarratais ceartchomhdaithe trádmhairc laistigh de 7 lá oibre.	88%	77%	93%	62%	80%
Meabhrúchán ar athnuachan trádmhairc a eisiúint nach déanaí ná 4 seachtaine ó éag an trádmhairc nó aon Athnuachana air.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Próiseáil a dhéanamh ar iarratais sainithe laistigh de 10 lá oibre ó fhaightear iarratas comhlánaithe go hiomlán	80%	93%	75%	78%	82%
Cóipeanna deimhnithe agus sleachta ó Chlár na dTrádmharc a eisiúint laistigh de 5 lá oibre ó iarratas.	97%	100%	97%	100%	99%
Deimhniú ar athnuachan a eisiúint laistigh de 6 lá oibre ó fhaightear an focaíocht.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Deimhniú a eisiúint go bhfuil iarratais ar leasuithe ar chlár na dTrádmharc maidir le hainmneacha agus seolta iarratasóirí, úinéirí agus gnómhairí trádmhairc agus seoladh chun seirbhís taifeadta laistigh de 5 lá oibre ó fhaightear iarratas ceartchomhlánaithe.	68%	99%	69%	83%	80%
Freagra a thabhairt ar chomhfhreagras ar iarratais indibhidiúla faoi scrúdú laistigh de 4 seachtaine.	90%	75%	75%	75%	79%
Litir thosaigh agóide/ghlactha a eisiúint laistigh de 12 seachtaine ó fhaightear iarratas nua sa Rannóg.	90%	75%	75%	75%	79%
Foraí in éisteachtaí a eisiúint laistigh de 1 mhí ón éisteacht.	90%	100%	90%	100%	93%
Forais i scríbhinn ar chinntí in éisteachtaí a eisiúint laistigh de 2 mhí ó iarratas.	100%	100%	95%	95%	98%
Réamhthuarascála cuardaigh a eisiúint laistigh de 2 seachtaine ó fhaightear iarratas.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Cóip d'fhógra ar agóid, iarratas ar aisghairm, iarratas ar neamhbhailíocht a eisiúint laistigh de 2 seachtaine ó fhaightear iad.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Freagra a thabhairt ar chomhfhreagras ar iarratais indibhidiúla (Agóidí, aisghairm, neamhbhailíocht) laistigh de 5 seachtaine.	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Freagra a thabhairt ar iarratais ar shínte ama roimh an sprioclíne ábhartha nuair dhéantar an t-iarratas nach déanaí ná 2 sheachtain roimh éag dá leithéid.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Meabhrúchán ar aon táille chlárúcháin atá thar téarma laistigh de 7 lá oibre tar éis an tréimhse ama 2 mí a ceadafódh d'focaíocht a bheith istigh	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Deimhnithe clárúcháin a eisiúint laistigh de 10 lá oibre ó fhaightear an táille chlárúcháin.	99%	98%	99%	98%	99%
Iarratais CT a fhaightear san oifig a thraschur chuig OCMÍ laistigh de 5 lá oibre ó fhaightear iad.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Seiceáil ar na foirmeáltachtaí ar aon iarratais ar Thrádmharc Idirnáisiúnta a fhaightear san Oifig laistigh de 5 lá oibre ó fhaightear iad	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Réimse Gníomhaíochta Ginearalta	Leibhéal Bainte Amach				
	Ean – Már 08	Aib - Meith 08	Iúil – M.Fóm 08	D.Fóm – Noll 08	Bliantúil
Admhála ar focaíocht a eisiúint ar na táillí uile a fhaightear laistigh de 2 lá oibre	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%

LEGISLATION

The Intellectual Property Unit of the Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment has responsibility for policy and the preparation of legislation relating to intellectual property.

Legislation enacted in 2008

Copyright and Related Rights (Register of Licensing Bodies for Performers' Property Rights) Regulations 2008 (SI No. 306 of 2008)

These Regulations prescribe certain matters concerning the form and manner of the Register of Licensing Bodies for performers' property rights, to be established under the provisions of Part III Chapter 8 of the Copyright and Related Rights Act 2000, as provided for by section 280 of that Act.

European Communities (Compulsory Licensing of Patents Relating to the Manufacture of Pharmaceutical Products For Export To Countries With Public Health Problems) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 408 of 2008)

The Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), made the regulations entitled as above, on 10 October 2008.

These regulations lay down the procedural requirements which apply to requests for compulsory licensing of patents relating to the manufacture of pharmaceutical products for export to countries with public health problems. The purpose of the regulations is to give full effect to Council Regulation (EC) No. 816/2006 regarding conditions for granting compulsory licences to companies intending to manufacture medicinal products for export to developing countries which do not have sufficient production capacity of their own and which have public health problems.

European Communities (Supplementary Protection Certificate) Regulations 2008 (SI No. 307 of 2008)

These regulations lay down the fees and procedural requirements which apply to requests for supplementary protection certificates and to requests for extensions of the duration of supplementary protection certificates and to certificates granted and to extensions of the duration of certificates granted. The regulations are for the purpose of giving full effect to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1768/92, Regulation (EC) No. 1610/96 and Regulation (EC) No. 1901/2006 concerning the creation of a supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products, and for plant protection products and the creation of an extension of the duration of a supplementary protection certificate for medicinal products for paediatric use with effect from 26th July 2008. (These regulations revoke the earlier Statutory Instrument No. 125 of 1993 concerning requests for and the grant of supplementary protection certificates. These regulations provide that a certificate issued under the Regulations of 1993 and in force immediately prior to the entry into force of these regulations shall, after the commencement of these regulations continue to operate as if it were a certificate under these regulations).

Patents (Amendment) Rules 2008, (SI No. 71 of 2008)

These Rules amend Rule 83 of the Patents Rules 1992 to include the period within which a translation of a specification or a limited or amended specification of a European patent must be filed.

Patents, Trade Marks and Designs (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2008, (SI No. 72 of 2008)

These Rules expand the fee item at reference number 45 of Schedule 1 to the Patents, Trade Marks And Designs (Fees) Rules 2001, (S.I. 482 Of 2001) to include the filing of a translation of a limited specification of a European Patent.

REACHTAÍOCHT

Ta freagracht ar Aonad um Maoin Intleachtúil na Roinne Fiontair, Trádála & Fostaíochta as polasaí agus as ullmhú reachtaíochta a bhaineann le maoin intleachtúil.

Reachtaíocht a achtaíodh i 2008

Rialacháin um Chóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar (Clár na gComhlachtaí Ceadúnaithe um Chearta Maoine Taibheoirí) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 306 de 2008)

Forordaítear leis na Rialacháin seo nithe áirithe maidir le foirm agus le modh Chlár na gComhlachtaí Ceadúnaithe um chearta taibheoirí, a bheidh le bunú faoi fhorálacha Chuid III Caibidil 8 d'Acht Cóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar 2000, mar a fhorálaítear le halt 280 den Acht sin.

Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach(Ceadanú Éigeantach ar Phaitinní Maidir le Monarú Tairgí Cogaisíochta Lena n-Onnmhairiú Chuig Tíorthaí a bhfuil Fadhbanna Sláine Poiblí acu) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 408 de 2008)

I bhfeidhmiú na gcumhachtaí a thugtar di le halt 3 d'Acht na gComhphobal Eorpach 1972 (Uimh. 27 de 1972) rinne an tAire Fiontair, Trádála agus Fostaíochta na Rialacháin dá ngairtear mar atá thuas, 10 Deireadh Fómhair 2008.

Leagann na rialacháin seo síos na ceanglais nós imeachta a bhaineann le hiarratais ar cheadúnú éigeantach ar phaitinní maidir le monarú tairgí cogaisíochta lena n-onnmhairiú chuig tíorthaí a bhfuil fadhbanna sláine poiblí acu. Is é is cuspóir leis na reachtaíochtaí ná lanéifeacht a thabhairt do Rialachán ón gComhairle (CE) Uimh. 819/2006 maidir le coinníollacha dheonú ceadúnas éigeantach ar chomhlachtaí a bhfuil sé i gceist acu tairgí cogasaíocht a mhonarnú lena n-onnmhairiú chuig tíortha i mbéal forbartha agus nach bhfuil leorchumas tairgthe dá gcuid féin acu agus a bhfuil fadhbanna sláinte poiblí acu.

Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach(Deimhniú Cosanta Forlíontach) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 307 de 2008)

Leagan na rialacháin seo síos na táillí agus na ceanglais nós imeachta a bhaineann le hiarratais ar dheimhnithe cosanta forlíontacha agus le hiarratais ar shintí ama ar dheimhnithe cosanta forlíontacha agus ar dheimhnithe deonaithe agus ar shintí ama ar dheimhnithe deonaithe. Is é is cuspóir leis na reachtaíochtaí ná lanéifeacht a thabhairt do Rialachán ón gComhairle (CEE) Uimh. 1768/92, Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1610/96, agus Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1901/2006 maidir le cruthú dheimhniú cosanta forlíontaigh do thairgí cogasaíochta, agus do thairgí cosanta plándaí agus le cruthú shíniú ama ar dheimhniú cosanta forlíontach do thairgí cogasaíocht le haghaidh úsáide péidiatraicí le héifeacht ó 26 Iúil 2008.

(Cúlghaireann na rialacháin seo an Ionstarim Reachtuil ba luaithe Uimh. 125 de 1993 maidir le hiarratais ar dheimhnithe cosanta forlíontacha a dheimhniú. Forálann na rialacháin seo go leanfaidh deimhniú a éisíodh faoi na rialacháin 1993 agus a bhí i bhfeidhm go díreach roimh dhul i bhfeidhm na rialacháin seo, i ndiaidh thosach feidhme na rialachán seo de bheith ag feidhmiú amhail is gur dheimhniú e faoina rialacháin seo.

Rialacha (Leasú) na bPaitinní 2008, (I.R. Uimh. 71 de 2008)

Déanann na rialacháin seo athrú ar riail 83 na Rialacha Phaitinní 1992 chun an tréimhse a chur san áireamh ar lena linn a fhéadfar aistriúcháin ar shonraíocht ar Phaitinn Eorpach nó ar shonraíocht ar Phaitinn Eorpach atá teoranta nó leasuithe, a chomhadú.

Rialacha (Táillí) (Leasú) na bPaitinní, Trádmhairc agus Dearaí 2008, (I.R. Uimh. 72 de 2008)

Leathnaíonn na Rialacha seo an ítim ag tagairt uimhir 45 sa Sceideal 1 a ghabhann leis na Rialacha (Táillí) na bPaitinní, Trádmhairc agus Dearaí 2001, (I.R. Uimh. 482 de 2001) chun aistriúcháin ar shonraíocht ar Phaitinn Eorpach teoranta a chomhadú a chur san áireamh.



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