

COOPERATION PROTOCOL
between the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks of Romania
and the State Office of Industrial Property of the Republic of Macedonia

The State Office for Inventions and Trademarks of Romania,

and

The State Office of Industrial Property of the Republic of Macedonia,

hereinafter referred to as "Offices"

Expressing their willingness to establish a cooperation with a view to promoting more favorable conditions for the mutual protection and exploitation of industrial property rights, namely, in the field of patents, trademarks, geographical indications and designs,

Expressing their willingness to contribute to the development of the industrial property protection and the scientific and technical cooperation between Romania and the Republic of Macedonia,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Offices shall undertake all necessary measures to develop and intensify their relationship by means of mutual exchange of experience and assistance with a view to solving any aspect of mutual interest and to further harmonizing their national legislation on industrial property with the developments in the Community legislation and practice.

Article 2

The cooperation shall take the form of exchange of:

1. – information:

a) on the evolution of the national legislation in the industrial property field of the Offices, of bilateral and international treaties in the field and on the implementation thereof by the two Offices,

b) on the technical know-how and used methods in the drawing up of search report and examination filed by constituting consultative groups, if necessary,

c) on the organization and administration of the Offices and on any important change in the respective field,

d) on the computerized system in the drawing up of search reports, examination and search fields and, especially, on the technical know-how and the used material,

- e) in the field of patents for inventions, trademarks, geographical indications, industrial designs and especially regarding counterfeiting and disputes that may arise from titles or contracts related to industrial property between Romanian or Macedonian enterprises or bodies,
- f) on the staff training policy by specialization programmes or workshops,
- g) on the organization of conferences, lectures and seminars,
- h) on the institutional relations that the Offices maintain with scientific and professional media,
- i) on the development of specialized services for industry and, especially, on training, information and communication techniques,
- j) on the awareness of industrial property protection for Macedonian applicants in Romania and for Romanian applicants in the Republic of Macedonia and on its promotion,
- k) on cooperation and mutual support for the promotion of the interests of the Romanian and Macedonian Offices in the framework of international organizations,
- l) on cooperation concerning the enforcement of industrial property rights
 - 2. – technicians and other experts (hereinafter referred to as “specialists”),
 - 3. – publications, in accordance with the modalities mutually agreed upon.

Article 3

The Offices shall establish specific programmes on the objectives as well as on the cooperation modalities. Their approval shall make the subject-matter of exchange of letters.

Article 4

The Offices shall endeavor to obtain external funds, such as European Community funds, for the activities required in the implementation of the objectives provided for in Article 2.

The Offices declare to be prepared to bear the expenses of their employees and any further costs involved in the activities resulting from the present Protocol as follows:

The Offices shall assume the travel expenses, daily allowances and any further costs incurred by their own respective employees. Additional expenses related to the organization of a particular activity will be covered by the side that has assumed the on-site organization. However, the execution of each event will be subject to the availability of the required funds in the budget of the respective office.

Article 5

The Office of the country of origin shall submit for prior approval by the Office of the receiving country the names and curricula vitae of the specialists sent on the mission.

At the end of the mission, the specialists shall submit to their Offices reports on the activities they carried out in the receiving country.

Article 6

The two Offices agree upon the organization of a meeting of the top management of the two offices carried on, in principle, once a year, in Romania and the Republic of Macedonia, alternately, in order to discuss the results of the implementation of the Protocol, future common actions, other issues of common interest.

Article 7

The present Protocol shall apply since the day of its signature for an indeterminate period.

The parties may terminate the present Protocol by joint agreement.

The Offices shall sign the Protocol in two original copies each in the Romanian, Macedonian and English language, all texts being equally authentic.

Correspondence shall be carried out in English.

Done in Skopje, on 2 July 2008,

The State Office for Inventions
and Trademarks of Romania

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