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# INFORMATION SEARCH SERVICES (outside of the granting rights procedure)

#### TRADEMARK SEARCH SERVICES

#### **PURPOSE**

Why perform a trademark search and how to make use of the results:

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

#### TYPES OF SEARCH SERVICES AND RELATED COSTS

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1.	Trademark s	earch on particular owner/applicant – per one request	400,00 HRK / 53,09 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
	1.1 Trademarks searches at regular intervals per same query (monitoring):			
	1.1.1.	3 monthly searches	900,00 HRK / 119,45 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
	1.1.2.	quarterly	1.300,00 HRK / 172,54 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
	1.1.3.	half-year	600,00 HRK / 79,63 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
2.	Trademark searches on confusingly similar trademarks to the specified verbal sign, up to three classes – per			
	one request		400,00 HRK / 53,09 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
	2.1 Traden	narks searches at regular intervals per same query (monitoring):		
	2.1.1.	3 monthly searches	900,00 HRK / 119,45 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
	2.1.2.	quarterly	1.300,00 HRK / 172,54 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
	2.1.3.	half-year	600,00 HRK / 79,63 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
3.	Trademark search on confusingly similar trademarks to the specified figurative sign (comprises similarity			
	searches of only figurative elements), up to three classes – per one request 400,00 HRK / 53,09 EUF			
	3.1 Trademarks searches at regular intervals per same query (monitoring):			
	3.1.1.	3 monthly searches	900,00 HRK / 119,45 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
	3.1.2.	quarterly	1.300,00 HRK / 172,54 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
	3.1.3.	half-year	600,00 HRK / 79,63 EUR <sup>1</sup>	
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4. Trademark search on confusingly similar trademarks to the specified figurative sign (comprises similarity searches of figurative elements and verbal elements), up to three classes – per one request

600,00 HRK / 79,63 EUR<sup>1</sup>

4.1 Trademarks searches at regular intervals per same query (monitoring):

4.1.1.	3 monthly searches	1.500,00 HRK / 199,08 EUR <sup>1</sup>
4.1.2.	quarterly	2.100,00 HRK / 278,72 EUR <sup>1</sup>
4.1.3.	half-year	1.000,00 HRK / 132,72 EUR <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Fixed conversion rate 7,53450

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5. Trademark search on confusingly similar trademarks to the specified verbal sign, figurative sign or figurative sign with verbal elements, over the standard three classes, for each additional class – per one request

40,00 HRK / 5,31 EUR<sup>1</sup>

 Internet domain names search based on a given verbal sign or a verbal element of a figurative sign – per one request
 200,00 HRK / 26,54 EUR<sup>1</sup>

7. Trademark search on a specially defined request -

to be charged on the actual costs basis

8. A bibliographic data printout for a specific trademark – per document

50,00 HRK / 6,64 EUR1

9. A copy of trademarks/publications of the Office collection, per page

5,00 HRK / 0,66 EUR1

10. A CD-ROM containing retrieved documents – per request

100,00 HRK / 13,27 EUR1

(The above costs are VAT-free)

The costs indicated under points 1.-6. will be increased by 50 % if an urgent search service within 3 working days is requested. Costs are charged at the time of request.

## **SEARCH SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS**

Our experts conduct trademark searches on a national level using trademark databases with effect in the Republic of Croatia (Office's Trademark register, databases of international trademark registrations with effect in Croatia, EUTM database), or Internet domain names databases. A search service is provided upon a written request containing written data on client as well as one or more search criteria such as verbal and/or figurative sign, or the Internet domain name, the classes specified according to the Nice classification of goods and services, appearance of the sign or information on the applicant/owner of the trademark.

Once the search is completed, a Search report is dispatched to the client. Report contains:

- The input data for searching based on a search request, the applicant/owner and the classes specified according to the Nice classification of goods and services if indicated in the request
- Databases used in searching, indicating the latest database update
- A table containing trademarks found, listing relevant data (sign appearance, title, the registration number, the application number, class(es) according to the Nice classification of goods and services and applicant/owner).

### **SEARCH REPORT DELIVERY**

Search results are normally delivered within 15 working days; however this term may be extended in case of a larger number of filed requests. An urgent trademark search service may be requested (paid extra as indicated above) and conducted in short-term with the report ready for delivery within 3 working days. The search report is delivered by e-mail, mail or may be handed over at the Receiving Office. Inland rates for regular mail deliveries are included in the search service costs; however air mail deliveries abroad and special postal services are paid according to the actual costs.

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