

Information for Applicants Concerning the Renewal of Trademark Registration

The request for the renewal of the trade mark registration shall be submitted to the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic, Jána Švermu 43, 974 04 Banská Bystrica 4 ("the Office").

Rights and obligations of the trade mark proprietor as well as the registration procedure are regulated by the Act No. 506/2009 Coll. on Trade Marks and by its Implementation Decree No. 567/2009 Coll.

Each filing shall be made in an official language. The filing may also be made by fax or electronically. When the filing made by fax or electronically is not signed with an electronic signature or with a qualified electronic signature, the paper version of the filing shall be furnished within one month, otherwise the filing shall be deemed not to be done.

The request for the renewal of the trade mark registration shall be submitted in one copy and for one trade mark only.

The term of protection for a registered trade mark is 10 years from the filing date of the application.

The registration of the trade mark shall be renewed upon the request of the proprietor of the trade mark or of the pledge creditor for further periods of ten years.

The request for renewal may be filed within twelve months before the expiry of the registration at the earliest or within the period of six months following the expiry of the trade mark registration.

Applicants without adequate trade mark and legal knowledge or skills are advised to use the services of patent agents, attorneys or commercial lawyers who are entitled to act before the Office. The applicant or his representative shall act in proceedings before the Office.

Filing the request for trade mark renewal is subject to an administrative fee. The administrative fees are set down in the **Act No. 145/1995 Coll.** on Administrative fees as amended.

If the administrative fee for filing the request for trade mark renewal was not paid on filing the request or no set amount was paid, the payment is due within **15 days** from the delivery of the official request for payment.

The administrative fees shall be paid in Euro. Payment may be effected by money order or transfer to a bank account of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic kept in the State Treasury.

Payment order shall state:

Account name: **Depozitný účet ÚPV SR BB**

Account number: 7000060750/8180

Constant symbol: 0558

Variable symbol:

Variable symbol identifies the payment. It is created by the 10-digits numerical code as follows: prefix **6** plus 9-digits application number assigned by the Office.

(e.g. 6017482000 is variable symbol for the trade mark application no. POZ 1748-2000)

Specific symbol: **20** (if the request for renewal concerns the individual trade mark)

21 (if the request for renewal concerns the collective trade mark)

22 (if the request for renewal of the individual trade mark is submitted after the expiry of the trade mark registration but within the period of six months following the date of expiry of the trade mark registration)

23 (if the request for renewal of the collective trade mark is submitted after the expiry of the trade mark registration but within the period of six months following the date of expiry of the trade mark registration)