

Community trade mark and its relation to a national trade mark, in particular with respect to the accession of the Czech Republic to the EU. (RESUMÉ)

The purpose of my thesis is to show some aspects of the Community trade mark and its influence on the Czech national trade mark. The reason for my research is to show how important community trademark can be. A trade mark can become one of the most important assets of a company. It is a sign which serves to distinguish the goods and services of one organisation from those of another.

The thesis is composed of six chapters. The first chapter is only introductory and contains some basic facts about the community trade mark.

Chapter two on the other hand is subdivided into eight parts. This chapter deals with some basic facts and describes and explains conception of the community trade mark. This chapter subsumes kinds of trade mark, its function, community collective mark, some history and describes the rights of the owner of the trademark.

Chapter three is subdivided into five parts and concentrates on the registration process of the community trade mark and explains some problems that can arise from this process.

Chapter four focuses on surrender, revocation and invalidity of the community trade mark. It is subdivided into three parts and each part deals with one of these problems.

Chapter five concentrates on problems resulting from accession of the Czech Republic to the European Union. This chapter also examines changes in the Czech legislation in the area of trade mark after accession to the Union and also deals with some problems that arose in the European Union after its enlargement in 2004.

The last chapter contains conclusions and some of my ideas about community trade mark. I think that Community trade mark is really important part of our business life. It is an exclusive right that protects distinctive signs, valid across the EU, registered directly with OHIM in Alicante in accordance with the conditions specified in the CTM Regulations. My suggestion is that the registration process should be more simple for regular people.