

**FOI Release**  
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**Title:** Trade mark statistics

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**Information request:**

1. No. of registered trade marks in UK in 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002 and 2012.
2. No. of references to the ECJ from the UK in trade mark cases since 1994.
3. No. of trade mark agents in the UK in 1972 and 2012.

**Information released:**

Please find attached tables of new trade mark registrations for the years 1972, 1982 and 1992. The figure for 2002 and 2012 are available online at: <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/about-facts0304.pdf> (pages 31 to 33). The figure for 2012 is at: <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/about-facts1112.pdf> (pages 19 to 22).

Please note that by 1992 registration of service marks had been introduced and these are listed separately below the figures for trade marks. The distinction was removed in 1994 when the term 'service mark' disappeared from UK trade marks law.

Please note also that the figures for marks protected under the Madrid Protocol were also published in 2002 and 2012, listed separately.

I regret that we do not hold information on how many trade mark cases have been referred to the ECJ because the referrals are not made by the IPO. I suggest that the Treasury Solicitor's Department may be able to help you, or failing that, the Ministry of Justice court records department.

I regret that we do not hold a complete list of UK trade mark agents for 1972 or 2012. We only keep a list of the main agents we are in contact with. You may be able to get this information from the agents' professional bodies, ITMA <http://www.itma.org.uk/> or CIPA <http://www.cipa.org.uk/pages/home> .

We are still looking into the possibility of obtaining figures of trade marks in force for 1992, 2002 and 2012. It won't be possible to do so before 1992 because of the absence of computerised records, and may not be possible for the later dates.

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APPENDIX 22

Trade Marks advertised and registered, 1971 and 1972 under  
Schedule IV of the Rules

Class	Classification of goods	1971		1972	
		Adver- tised	Regis- tered	Adver- tised	Regis- tered
1	Chemical products used in industry, science, etc. ....	794	684	668	703
2	Paints, varnishes, lacquers, etc. ....	220	182	199	195
3	Cleaning preparations, soaps, perfumery, etc. ....	816	719	791	761
4	Industrial oils and greases, candles, tapers, etc. ....	140	131	132	126
5	Pharmaceutical, veterinary and sanitary substances, infants' and invalids foods, etc....	1,468	1,208	1,208	1,170
6	Unwrought and partly wrought common metals, etc. ....	473	441	443	411
7	Machines and machine tools, motors (except for vehicles), etc. ....	852	858	754	723
8	Hand tools and instruments; cutlery, forks and spoons; side arms ....	151	155	151	143
9	Scientific, nautical, surveying and electrical apparatus and instruments (including wireless, etc.) ....	1,126	1,130	1,083	1,024
10	Surgical, medical, dental and veterinary instruments and apparatus ....	155	147	188	161
11	Installations for lighting, heating, cooking, etc. ....	411	387	467	430
12	Vehicles; apparatus for locomotion by land, air or water ....	338	319	309	321
13	Firearms; ammunition, etc. ....	21	21	20	16
14	Precious metals and their alloys, etc. ....	132	125	136	136
15	Musical instruments (other than talking machines and wireless apparatus) ....	30	24	22	24
16	Paper and paper articles, stationery, office requisites, etc. ....	726	675	736	696
17	Gutta-percha, india-rubber, etc. ....	330	335	266	279
18	Leather, skins, umbrellas, harness, etc. ....	113	114	81	83
19	Building materials, road-making materials, etc. ....	354	352	339	284
20	Furniture, articles of wood, cork, etc....	300	291	327	308
21	Small domestic utensils and containers (not of precious metal), glassware, etc. ....	269	248	292	278
22	Rope, string, nets, tents, raw fibrous textile materials, etc. ....	86	96	81	68
23	Yarns: threads ...	125	128	125	117
24	Tissues (piece goods), bed and table covers, etc. ....	367	356	321	320
25	Clothing, including boots, shoes and slippers	697	642	628	598
26	Lace and embroidery, ribbon and braids, artificial flowers, etc. ....	74	77	72	71
27	Carpets, rugs, etc. ....	111	120	110	111
28	Games, etc. ....	376	369	337	307
29	Meat, fish, poultry and game; meat extracts, etc. ....	383	337	436	394
30	Coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, rice, etc. ....	547	465	528	483
31	Agricultural, horticultural and forestry products, fresh fruits, etc. ....	280	255	224	221
32	Beer, ale and porter, mineral and aerated waters, etc. ....	251	190	216	224
33	Wines, spirits and liqueurs ...	340	257	318	309
34	Tobacco, raw or manufactured; smokers' articles, matches ...	213	185	251	200
		<u>13,069</u>	<u>12,023</u>	<u>12,259</u>	<u>11,695</u>

APPENDIX 16

Trade marks applied for and registered in 1981 and 1982 according to country of residence of applicant

Country	1981		1982	
	Applications	Registrations	Applications	Registrations
United Kingdom .....	11,173	4,651	10,746	6,146
Channel Islands .....	42	22	41	23
Andorra .....	—	—	1	—
Australia .....	154	78	127	88
Austria .....	87	35	66	52
Bahamas .....	1	—	5	1
Barbados .....	—	—	1	—
Belgium .....	167	69	112	112
Bermuda .....	5	3	8	5
Bulgaria .....	—	1	2	1
Canada .....	143	69	170	86
Caribbean .....	6	—	14	—
Cayman Islands .....	9	3	11	5
Central America .....	44	19	30	18
China (People's Republic) .....	36	28	36	38
Cyprus .....	2	3	11	5
Czechoslovakia .....	8	5	4	7
Denmark .....	134	73	131	101
Finland .....	82	37	97	63
France .....	1,163	690	1,324	897
Germany, Democratic Republic of .....	—	16	39	40
Germany, Federal Republic of .....	1,400	825	1,310	1,263
Gibraltar .....	30	1	8	1
Greece .....	10	6	19	7
Hong Kong .....	115	35	135	60
Hungary .....	25	9	26	20
Iceland .....	—	3	6	1
India .....	9	6	1	3
Irish Republic .....	101	30	97	68
Israel .....	18	9	14	8
Italy .....	521	307	525	406
Japan .....	553	241	760	425
Kenya .....	—	2	1	5
Lebanon .....	3	1	2	1
Liechtenstein .....	45	23	24	25
Luxembourg .....	3	10	17	12
Malaysia .....	2	2	8	4
Malta .....	—	2	14	1
Monaco .....	4	1	3	5
Netherlands .....	447	211	441	293
New Zealand .....	32	11	34	14
Norway .....	34	15	33	37
Others (Africa) .....	9	8	8	9

Trade Marks

A total of 36,657 cases were examined, decreasing the backlog of unexamined cases from 13,219 in 1992 to 12,907 in 1993. Registrations decreased from 35,137 in 1992 to 32,934 in 1993. Details of marks advertised and registered by classifications are as follows:

TRADE MARKS ADVERTISED AND REGISTERED

Class	Classification of Goods	1992		1993	
		Advertised	Registered	Advertised	Registered
1	Chemical products used in industry, science, etc	1,203	1,197	915	979
2	Paints, varnishes, lacquers, etc	315	318	256	260
3	Cleaning preparations, soaps, perfumes, etc	1,638	1,576	1,295	1,345
4	Industrial oils and greases, candles, tapers, etc	300	286	200	215
5	Pharmaceutical, veterinary and sanitary substances, infants' and invalids' foods etc	1,948	1,848	1,678	1,757
6	Unwrought and partly wrought common metals, etc	862	869	651	714
7	Machines and machine tools, motors (except for vehicles), etc	1,145	1,038	884	971
8	Hand tools and instruments; cutlery, forks and spoons; side arms	235	215	213	225
9	Scientific, nautical and surveying and electrical apparatus and instruments (including wireless, etc)	4,702	4,278	3,817	3,964
10	Surgical, medical, dental and veterinary instruments and apparatus	847	744	672	689
11	Installations for lighting, heating, cooking, etc	943	821	811	888
12	Vehicles; apparatus for locomotion by land, air or water	791	653	557	665
13	Firearms; ammunition, etc	51	49	42	42
14	Precious metals and their alloys, etc	520	468	390	416
15	Musical instruments (other than talking machines and wireless apparatus)	59	54	56	51
16	Paper and paper articles, stationery, office requisites, etc	2,879	2,625	1,997	2,104
17	Gutta-percha, india-rubber, etc	606	552	360	436
18	Leather, skins, umbrellas, harness, etc	677	588	372	420
19	Building materials, road-making materials, etc	679	589	541	595
20	Furniture, articles of wood, cork, etc	836	790	653	699
21	Small domestic utensils and containers (not precious metal), glassware, etc	765	640	466	511
22	Rope, string, nets, tents, raw fibrous textile materials, etc	153	135	92	103
23	Yarns; threads	98	73	58	79
24	Tissues (piece of goods), bed and table covers, etc	602	535	369	405
25	Clothing, including boots, shoes and slippers	2,595	2,161	2,053	2,111
26	Lace and embroidery, ribbon and braids, artificial flowers, etc	173	152	120	127
27	Carpets, rugs, etc	201	164	159	179
28	Games, etc	1,368	1,209	1,040	1,055
29	Meat, fish, poultry and game; meat extracts, etc	1,145	1,010	873	942
30	Coffee, tea, cocoa, sugar, rice, etc	1,521	1,315	1,091	1,175
31	Agricultural, horticultural and forestry products, fresh fruits, etc	512	439	450	469
32	Beer, ale and porter, mineral and aerated waters, etc	614	523	472	527
33	Wines, spirits and liqueurs	638	566	561	579
34	Tobacco, raw or manufactured; smokers' articles, matches	289	227	201	223
		31,910	28,707	24,365	25,915

SERVICE MARKS ADVERTISED AND REGISTERED

Class	Classification of Services	1992		1993	
		Advertised	Registered	Advertised	Registered
35	Advertising and business	1,140	964	900	1,014
36	Insurance and financial	1,118	929	998	1,106
37	Construction and repair	839	720	599	687
38	Communication	441	393	412	464
39	Transportation and storage	733	627	584	655
40	Processing and material treatment	213	161	172	203
41	Education and entertainment	1,113	887	975	1,041
42	Miscellaneous	2,104	1,749	1,647	1,849
		7,701	6,430	6,287	7,019

**Further information - sent 26 July 2013:**

Please note that the figures I sent you are for registrations for classes of goods (from 1994 onwards).

Before 1994 each trade mark application could only be filed for one class of goods or services. After 31 October 1994 applicants could file trade marks in multiple classes, each class of goods being paid for with a separate fee. These are the figures which I understand are counted in the figures for registration.

I have figures for marks registered from a database search for years 1992, 2002 and 2012. These are figures for actual registrations, including multiclass applications, not just for individual classes.

As you may note, the figure for 1992 does not match that published in the Annual Report, which it should as these were for single class registrations recorded prior to the introduction of multiclass applications in 1994. This suggests that some of the other data may be inaccurate also.

Registered in the year 1/1 to 31/12 - a count of the register history entries for "Trade Mark Registered" in the year.

1992; 34657

2002; 23671

2012; 33198

The figures for trade marks in force for each of those years are as follows:

Cases with a status of 'registered' on 31 December 1992: 347785, 2002: 454095,

2012: 462451

Again, they may not be entirely accurate, but they give a broad indication of the state of the register.