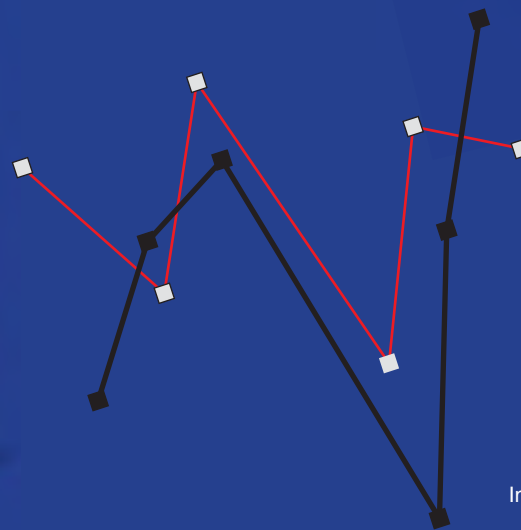


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# PATENTS

## 1. Patent Applications Filed and Granted by region\*

Region	Number of Applications filed		Number of Applications Granted	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
East Midlands	778	747	96	109
East of England	2,063	1,992	284	272
London	3,103	2,883	316	361
North West	1,425	1,447	187	167
Northern Ireland	215	253	11	10
North East	355	356	33	32
Scotland	1,145	1,100	130	117
South East	2,962	2,892	428	411
South West	1,719	1,582	207	212
Wales	765	705	62	60
West Midlands	1,188	1,041	149	159
Yorkshire**	1,232	1,280	125	132
Unmatched Postcodes**	425	245	30	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,375</b>	<b>16,523</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>2,070</b>

\* Patent applications for the first named applicant at the time of filing.

\*\* Full address details not given at point of data capture.

## 2. Classification of Published Applications and Granted Patents by International Patent Classification (IPC)

IPC Technical Unit	Title	Applications Published		Patents Granted	
		2007	2008	2007	2008
01	Agriculture; animal husbandry; forestry; fishing	179	214	60	63
02	Foodstuffs; tobacco	74	60	41	19
03	Apparel; footwear; jewellery; furniture; household articles	648	726	314	298
04	Health; surgery; amusement	854	805	335	342
05	Medical, dental or toilet preparations	136	147	54	61
06	Separating; cleaning; crushing; coating;	244	283	144	125
07	Metal-working; machine tools	147	146	67	81
08	Hand tools; shaping; layered products	324	297	167	138
09	Printing; bookbinding; writing; decorating	166	133	92	82
10	Vehicles; transporting; conveying; packing; containers	1127	1054	618	585
11	Micro-structural technology; nano-technology	6	9	1	2
12	Inorganic chemistry; glass; fertilisers	94	91	43	32
13	Organic chemistry; biocides	135	117	48	42
14	Macromolecular compounds	87	92	31	46
15	Dyes; paints; oils; fats; petroleum; detergents	153	142	75	66
16	Microbiology; alcoholic beverages; sugar; skins	98	79	33	42
17	Metallurgy; electrolysis; crystal growth	91	59	45	31
18	Textiles; sewing; ropes	73	45	16	12
19	Paper	10	11	11	2
20	Building; civil engineering; locks	802	721	307	285
21	Earth or rock drilling; mining	521	408	367	341
22	Engines; pumps; hydraulics; pneumatics	363	400	150	159
23	Engineering elements; storing gases; pipe-lines	422	436	234	245

## 2. Classification of Published Applications and Granted Patents by International Patent Classification (IPC)

		2007	2008	2007	2008
24	Lighting; heating; cooling; drying; heat-exchange	243	266	101	102
25	Weapons; ammunition; blasting; explosives	76	60	44	42
26	Measuring; testing; optics; photography	1033	854	555	510
27	Controlling; computing; timing; checking; signalling	1220	1216	534	450
28	Educating; advertising; music; recording	311	241	197	139
29	Nucleonics	9	15	6	6
30	Electric elements; electric power	971	844	536	460
31	Electronic circuitry; telecommunications	1255	1090	704	552
32	Others (unclassified)	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>11872</b>	<b>11061</b>	<b>5930</b>	<b>5360</b>

## 3. Supplementary Protection Certificates\* : applications for medicinal products under Regulation (EEC) No 1768/92 and plant protection products under Regulation (EC) No 1610/96 for 2008

SPC applications	Filed	Granted	Withdrawn	Rejected	Entered into force
Medicinal products	52	20	1	0	33
Plant protection products	1	4	0	0	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>

\*A supplementary protection certificate is intended to compensate a patent holder for the loss of effective protection that results from the time taken to obtain regulatory approval to place a product on the market as either a medicinal or plant protection product. A certificate takes effect at the end of the lawful term of the patent but does not extend the term of the patent itself. It extends the protection conferred by the patent only in respect of a product that is covered by an authorisation to place the product on the market as a corresponding medicinal or plant protection product.

#### 4. Patents Granted 2007 and 2008 (Top 10)\*

2007		2008		
	Organisation	Number	Organisation	Number
1	Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.	139	Schlumberger Holdings Limited	142
2	Schlumberger Holdings Limited	121	Motorola Inc	85
3	Lear Corporation	87	Ford Global Technologies LLC	75
4	Motorola Inc	76	LG Display Co., Ltd.	66
5	Weatherford/Lamb Inc.	74	Rolls-Royce plc	57
6	Robert Bosch GmbH	66	Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.	56
7	Ford Global Technologies LLC	63	Robert Bosch GmbH	54
8	LG Philips LCD Co Ltd	63	The Boeing Company	54
9	Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	55	Weatherford/Lamb Inc.	47
10	Baker Hughes Incorporated	53	Toshiba Research Europe Limited	46

\* Top 10 companies who have had the most patents granted in any particular year.

Notes:

- 1) Figures were obtained from the Intellectual Property Office's internal OPTICS database and do not include European patents designating GB.
- 2) The database from which the above figures have been obtained has changed (from Derwent World Patent Index) in previous years; readers will therefore note some discrepancies in the tables for 2007 in this edition of Facts & Figures as compared with the corresponding tables for 2006.

## 5. GB Patents Granted 2008 (Top 50)\*

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Number</b>
1	Schlumberger Holdings Limited	142
2	Motorola Inc	85
3	Ford Global Technologies LLC	75
4	LG Display Co., Ltd.	66
5	Rolls-Royce plc	57
6	Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P.	56
7	Robert Bosch GmbH	54
8	The Boeing Company	54
9	Weatherford/Lamb Inc.	47
10	Toshiba Research Europe Limited	46
11	Baker Hughes Incorporated	44
12	Lear Corporation	44
13	Intel Corporation	41
14	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	39
15	Halliburton Energy Services Inc	36
16	Smith International Inc	34
17	Dell Products L.P.	26
18	NEC Corporation	26
19	Siemens Magnet Technology Limited	26
20	Samsung Gwangju Electronics Co., Ltd.	24
21	General Electric Company	22
22	Honda Motor Co.,Ltd.	21
23	International Automotive Components Group North America	20
24	Siemens Aktiengesellschaft	19
25	Spansion Japan Limited	18

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Number</b>
26	Chevron U.S.A. Inc	17
27	Waters Investment Limited	17
28	Realtek Semiconductor Corp	16
29	CVON Innovations Ltd	15
30	Enventure Global Technology	15
31	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc	14
32	Chunghwa Picture Tubes, LTD	14
33	WesternGeco Seismic Holdings Limited	14
34	Avago Technologies	13
35	Wolfson Microelectronics plc	13
36	Hoya Corporation	12
37	Playtex Products, Inc	12
38	Sumitomo Chemical Company, Limited	12
39	ARM	11
40	BJ Services Company	11
41	Ingenia Technology Limited	11
42	Roke Manor Research Limited	11
43	Cooper Cameron Corporation	10
44	IGT	10
45	Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK) Limited	10
46	PGS Americas, Inc.	10
47	Tenneco Automotive Operating Company Inc	10
48	Ultra Electronics Limited	10
49	Vetco Gray, Inc.	10
50	Goodrich Corporation	9

\* Top 50 companies who have had the most patents granted in any particular year.

Notes:

1) Figures were obtained from The Intellectual Property Office's internal OPTICS database and do not include European patents designating GB.

2) The database from which the figures have been obtained has changed (from Derwent World Patent Index to the Intellectual Property Office's OPTICS database).

## 6. Applications Made and Published, and Patents Granted, in 2007 and 2008, according to Country of Residence

	Applications Made		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
United Kingdom	17,375	16,523	5,572	5,739	2,058	2,070
Channel Islands	26	24	14	13	7	4
Algeria	1	0	0	0	0	0
Andorra	1	0	0	0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	0	0	0	0	0	0
Argentina	1	2	1	3	0	0
Aruba	1	0	1	0	0	1
Australia	129	114	95	105	57	52
Austria	19	18	24	8	10	7
Azerbaijan	1	0	1	0	0	1
Bahamas	10	9	2	11	2	3
Bahrain	2	2	0	0	0	0
Barbados	5	0	2	3	0	3
Belgium	277	215	18	24	2	5
Belize	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bermuda	3	4	2	3	1	1
Brazil	9	3	4	5	3	4
British Virgin Islands	194	147	224	163	133	165
British West Indies	0	1	0	0	0	0
Brunei Darussalem	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1	1	0
Canada	166	160	123	108	61	56
Cayman Islands	6	3	5	1	0	3
Chile	0	3	0	2	0	0

	Applications Made		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
China	96	110	94	82	34	30
Columbia	0	1	1	0	1	0
Cook Island	0	0	0	0	0	0
Croatia	7	0	0	0	0	1
Cyprus	17	12	3	3	0	0
Czech Republic	3	7	2	2	2	1
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	3	0	0	3	0	1
Denmark	67	87	23	24	12	9
Dominican Republic	1	0	0	1	0	0
Egypt	4	2	1	2	0	0
Estonia	0	1	1	2	1	0
Finland	80	67	44	37	24	14
France	140	137	88	83	59	47
Georgia	2	1	0	0	0	0
Germany	387	339	369	296	244	207
Gibraltar	23	19	12	13	4	4
Greece	10	13	2	4	0	0
Grenada	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong	92	74	49	65	55	33
Hungary	2	4	0	1	0	0
Iceland	2	1	0	1	0	0
India	31	34	32	36	19	18
Indonesia	0	1	0	1	0	1

	Applications Made		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Islamic Republic of Iran	6	4	2	6	0	0
Iraq	0	1	0	0	0	0
Irish Republic	211	278	123	115	54	44
Isle of Man	37	24	18	23	10	3
Israel	92	132	53	45	6	22
Italy	65	68	32	35	14	16
Jamaica	0	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	721	594	709	615	532	393
Jordan	0	2	1	1	0	0
Kenya	0	2	0	0	0	0
Korea, Republic of	172	204	243	174	205	183
Kuwait	5	3	0	1	0	0
Kyrgystan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lebanon	0	1	1	0	0	0
Libya	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lao People's Democratic Republic	1	0	0	0	0	0
Liechtenstein	15	5	7	7	1	3
Lithuania	3	1	1	0	0	0
Luxembourg	43	10	2	4	1	2
Malaysia	2	2	3	1	8	4
Malta	4	8	2	1	0	0
Mauritius	3	2	0	2	1	0
Mexico	1	1	1	0	0	1
Monaco	0	2	0	1	0	0
Namibia	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Applications Made		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Netherlands	175	175	94	59	29	33
Netherlands Antilles	0	1	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	38	35	34	34	13	13
Nigeria	1	1	0	0	0	0
Norway	224	200	126	130	50	57
Oman	0	2	0	0	0	0
Pakistan	4	1	0	4	0	0
Panama	9	8	4	8	0	0
Philippines	5	5	2	2	0	0
Poland	6	3	5	1	4	3
Portugal	21	12	6	3	4	1
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	0
Qatar	2	3	0	2	0	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russian Federation	9	7	9	4	10	5
Saudi Arabia	8	7	3	0	2	1
St Vincent & the Grenadines	0	1	0	0	0	0
St Kitts & Nevis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seychelles	5	10	1	2	0	0
Singapore	68	67	109	60	30	25
Slovakia	3	0	1	0	0	0
Slovenia, Republic of	1	4	0	1	0	0
South Africa	37	46	24	16	7	10
Spain	52	53	18	19	7	7
Sri Lanka	2	2	2	0	0	0

	Applications Made		Applications Published		Patents Granted	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Sudan	2	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	140	106	57	56	34	30
Switzerland	299	297	105	60	23	23
Syria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taiwan	444	351	547	421	280	265
Thailand	5	3	2	1	4	0
Trinidad & Tobago	4	1	0	0	0	1
Tunisia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	5	11	2	4	2	1
Turks & Caicos	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uganda	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ukraine	1	1	3	0	0	1
United Arab Emirates	6	10	3	1	2	0
United Republic of Tanzania	0	1	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	0
USA	2,832	2,457	2,704	2,295	1,807	1,469
Vanuatu	1	0	1	0	0	1
Venezuela	1	0	1	0	0	1
Vietnam	1	0	0	0	0	0
Western Samoa	1	1	1	2	0	1
Yemen	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Other	11	13	0	0	0	0
Total	24,999	23,379	11,872	11,061	5,930	5,360

\*County of residence not provided at time of filing under the provisions introduced by Regulatory Reform (Patent) Order 2004.

## 7. Requests for Grant for Search and Examination (Patents Act 1977)

	Without claim to priority	With claim to priority	Total	Requests for search	Requests for Examination
<b>2007</b>	18.2	6.7	24.9	16.5	10.9
<b>2008</b>	17.4	6	23.4	16	10

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## 8. Number of Patent Renewal Fees Paid 2007-2008

	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year
<b>2007</b>	23.1	28.3	34.3	37.3	36.1	34.7	32.0	27.5	23.5	20.3	17.1	15.0	12.6	10.9	8.1	6.1
<b>2008</b>	21.9	28.3	32.2	36.6	37.8	35.3	32.8	29.7	25.3	21.4	18.2	15.3	13.1	10.9	9.2	6.3

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## 9. European Patents (UK) (included in table above)

	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th
	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year	year
<b>2007</b>	15.4	21.1	27.6	31.3	30.7	29.9	27.3	23.5	20.2	17.5	14.8	12.8	10.8	9.4	6.7	4.9
<b>2008</b>	15.1	21.2	25.8	30.5	32.3	30.3	28.4	25.5	21.7	18.4	15.7	13.2	11.2	9.3	7.9	5.2

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## 10. Extensions of Period for Payment of Patent Renewal Fees

	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	Total
2007	7,137	1,721	737	501	656	1,459	12,211
2008	21,466	1,860	699	515	656	1,517	26,713

## 11. Licences of right

Number of applications for entry in the register  
that licences are available as of right

2007	597
2008	1724

## 12. European Patents (UK) included in above

	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	Total
2007	4,730	1,226	569	386	501	1,121	8,533
2008	16,542	1,394	492	398	482	1,194	20,502

### 13. Miscellaneous ex parte post grant cases decided without a hearing or reasoned decision

	Amendments <sup>1</sup>		Corrections <sup>2</sup>		Cancellation of Licences of Right		Restorations		Surrender		Revocations <sup>3</sup>		Totals	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Filed</b>	101	36	113	129	6	16	191	260	14	25	101	109	526	575
<b>Withdrawn</b>	5	5	16	21	0	0	12	30	0	6	13	8	46	70
<b>Decided</b>	87	72	78	111	3	15	147	217	8	21	96	98	419	534

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Includes applications filed under Section 27.

<sup>2</sup> Includes applications filed under Sections 80 and 117.

<sup>3</sup> Includes revocations under Sections 73(1) and 73(2).

# DESIGNS

## 1. Design Applications Filed and Registered by Region \*

Region	Number of Designs filed		Number of Designs Registered	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
East Midlands	337	180	314	159
East of England	341	307	285	242
London	674	730	569	583
North East	333	292	298	237
North West	392	426	331	349
Northern Ireland	13	66	9	58
Scotland	236	235	149	186
South East	944	754	660	423
South West	442	440	376	346
Wales	84	103	76	79
West Midlands	337	312	305	267
Yorkshire	13	19	10	14
Other	68	56	63	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,214</b>	<b>3,920</b>	<b>3,445</b>	<b>2,976</b>

\* Due to a number of IT changes, there may be some minor anomalies in these statistics.

## 2. Design Applications in 2007 by Classification of Goods

Foodstuffs	23	Musical Instruments	20
Clothing haberdashery	189	Printing and office machinery	2
Travel goods/cases	140	Stationery/artists + equipment	195
Brushware	49	Sales/advertising/signs	50
Textiles	50	Games,/toys/sports goods	230
Furnishing	519	Arms/hunting/fishing	42
Household goods	148	Fluid dis/sanitary/air conditioning	213
Tools and Hardware	165	Medical/laboratory equipment	238
Packages etc	377	Building/construction	232
Clocks watches etc	87	Lighting/apparatus	55
Articles of adornment	203	Tobacco and smokers + articles	2
Transport/hoisting	157	Pharmaceutical/cosmetic	28
Electricity	75	Fire/accident prevention	23
Recording/communication	116	Care and handling of animals	53
Machines not elsewhere specified	48	Machines for food/drink preparation	11
Photographic/optical	13	Miscellaneous	311

### 3. Designs Registered 2007 and 2008 (Top 10)\*

	2007		2008	
	Organisation	No.	Organisation	No.
1	JIG UK Limited	93	Design Go Limited	88
2	Smallbone & Co (Devizes) Limited	54	Geometric Furniture Ltd	76
3	Eldgate Products Limited	41	FC Frost Limited	46
4	Asawasuwannakul Industrial Co Ltd	39	Charles Bentley and Son Ltd	38
5	GB Gas Holdings Limited	37	Linda Gildea	36
6	Barlow Tyrie Ltd	26	Elgate Products Limited	36
7	Design Go Limited	26	PilPod Healthcare Limited	33
8	Mark Collicott	26	Halsall International Limited	32
9	Premier Drapers Ltd	25	James Ryan	23
10	Britvic Soft Drinks Limited	23	Barclays Bank PLC	19

\* Top 10 companies who have had the most designs registered in any particular year.

#### 4. Design Applicants for Registration 2008 (Top 50)\*

	Organisation	Number
1	Glaxo Group Limited	262
2	Design Go Limited	88
3	Geometric Furniture Limited	76
4	FC Frost Limited	46
5	Charles Bentley and Son Ltd	38
6	Linda Gildea	36
7	Elgate Products Limited	36
8	Halsall International Limited	34
9	PilPod Healthcare Limited	33
10	Unilever plc	32
11	Dyson Limited	31
12	James Ryan	23
13	Mainetti (UK) Limited	22
14	Sun 99 Ltd	22
15	Barclays Bank plc	19
16	Jacuzzi UK Group plc	18
17	British Telecommunications plc	17
18	Lucky Dip Nottm Limited	17
19	Stephen Peter Armstrong	16
20	Genet Industries (HK) Limited	15
21	Roy Derek Usher	15
22	Robert England	15
23	Eubestdeals Co.Ltd	14
24	Silvio Perna	13
25	Armourcoat Limited	13

	Organisation	Number
26	T&G Woodware Limited	12
27	Jonathan Mark Weston Smith	12
28	Arora Design Ltd	12
29	Michael Timmins	12
30	Mansell Construction Limited	12
31	Iain Norman Bridge	11
32	K TWO Products (Design) Ltd.	11
33	Christopher Ellis - Greenhill Joinery	11
34	H Young (Operations) Limited	11
35	Samantha Jane Tremayne	11
36	Ogbemudia Omosigho	11
37	Paul Illingworth	10
38	Milenco Limited	10
39	Mark Anthony Gabriel	10
40	Josephine Mary Beach	10
41	Melissa Damjanovic	10
42	Solent International Ltd	9
43	Richard Anthony Lindo	9
44	Wittaya Asawasuwannakul	9
45	Buzz 2000 Limited	9
46	Tim Elliot	9
47	Kevin Wheatley	9
48	Peter John Rugman	8
49	Wade Ceramics Limited	8
50	Reckitt Benckiser N.V.	8

\* Top 50 companies who have applied for design registration.

## 5. Applications for Design Registration in 2007 and 2008 according to Country of Residence of Applicant\*

Country	2007	2008	Country	2007	2008	Country	2007	2008
United Kingdom	4,214	3,675	Hungary	1	1	Philippines	-	2
Channel Islands	-	6	Iceland	5	-	Portugal	1	-
Argentina	-	1	India	1	-	Singapore	2	2
Australia	20	38	Irish Republic	4	5	South Africa	2	-
Bermuda	-	1	Israel	-	12	Spain	3	-
Brazil	-	5	Italy	1	4	Sweden	1	4
British Virgin Islands	1	-	Japan	47	28	Switzerland	39	18
Canada	2	1	Korea (Republic of)	8	11	Taiwan	28	9
China	11	11	Latvia	-	1	Thailand	41	9
Cyprus	1	8	Lebanon	1	-	Turkey	-	1
Denmark	-	1	Malaysia	17	14	Ukraine	4	-
Egypt	-	3	Malta	-	1	United Arab Emirates	4	3
France	1	14	Netherlands	1	8	United States of America	148	92
Germany	35	9	New Zealand	6	6			
Hong Kong	29	30	Norway	4	3			
						<b>Total</b>	<b>4,683</b>	<b>4,037</b>

\* Country of residence of first named applicant.

## 6. Designs Filed and Registered

	Total	From Abroad total	Claiming Priority under International Convention	Designs Registered
2007	4,683	469	307	4,296
2008	4,037	362	183	4,093

## 7. Renewals Section 8(2) of the Registered Designs Act 1949

	Extended for 2nd Period	Extended for 3rd period	Extended for 4th period	Extended for 5th period
2007	4,309	2,104	871	295
2008	2,098	2,364	946	402

A designs registration must be renewed every 5 years to maintain its validity.  
If the holder of a registered design chooses not to renew the design, it will be removed from the Register.

# TRADE MARKS

## 1. Trade Mark Applications Filed and Registered by Region

Region	Number of Applications filed		Number of Applications Registered	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
East Midlands	1,581	1,255	1,232	1,468
East of England	1,936	1,849	1,699	2,121
London	8,327	7,321	6,067	8,207
North East	2,357	2,010	1,748	2,310
North West	2,719	2,468	2,075	2,725
Northern Ireland	233	217	214	234
Scotland	1,504	1,388	1,074	1,588
South East	4,579	3,885	3,415	4,421
South West	2,152	1,850	1,691	2,086
Wales	646	620	532	665
West Midlands	1,824	1,665	1,424	1,926
Yorkshire	225	153	179	211
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,083</b>	<b>24,681</b>	<b>21,350</b>	<b>27,962</b>

## 2. Classification of Trade Marks for Goods and Services Published and Registered in 2007 and 2008

Class	Classification of Goods	UK Published		UK Registered		Madrid Published *		Madrid Registered	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
1	Chemical products used in industry, science etc	604	616	530	689	290	299	255	356
2	Paints, varnishes, lacquers etc	690	382	622	402	97	110	96	120
3	Cleaning preparations, soaps, perfumes etc	1,762	1803	1,458	1,943	579	612	545	684
4	Industrial oils and greases, candles, tapers, etc	372	441	317	436	85	120	72	110
5	Pharmaceutical, veterinary and sanitary substances, infants' and invalids' foods etc	1,756	1,664	1,525	1,798	543	656	536	715
6	Unwrought and partly wrought common metals etc	953	969	804	1,124	383	311	269	325
7	Machines and machine tools, motors (except for vehicles) etc	741	890	608	957	461	505	367	606
8	Hand tools and instruments; cutlery, forks and spoons; side arms	438	476	371	509	151	126	145	138
9	Scientific, nautical and surveying and electrical apparatus and instruments (including wireless etc)	6,496	7,008	5,426	7,648	1,206	1,391	1,042	1,568
10	Surgical, medical, dental and veterinary instruments and apparatus	698	726	591	816	272	347	258	382
11	Installations for lighting, cooking, etc	1,254	1,290	1,008	1,429	366	395	333	441
12	Vehicles: apparatus for locomotion by land air or water	705	799	615	874	316	358	308	369
13	Firearms, ammunition etc	49	54	34	65	16	14	14	10
14	Precious metals and their alloys etc	908	945	788	1,017	299	317	246	375
15	Musical instruments (other than talking machines and wireless apparatus)	99	82	89	109	31	27	29	34
16	Paper and paper articles, stationery, office requisites etc	5,008	5,391	4,160	5,892	549	704	466	764
17	Gutta-percha, India rubber etc	361	334	290	396	65	186	172	179
18	Leather, skins, umbrellas, harness etc	1,368	1,460	1,135	1,555	363	444	313	495
19	Building materials, road making materials, etc	896	986	747	1,101	201	250	194	255
20	Furniture, articles of wood, cork etc	1,168	1,266	1,007	1,359	286	315	276	355
21	Small domestic utensils and containers (not precious metal) glassware, etc	1,133	1,255	957	1,317	232	259	240	279
22	Rope, string, nets, tents, raw fibrous textile materials, etc	183	188	155	205	61	69	62	63

Class	Classification of Goods	UK Published		UK Registered		Madrid Published *		Madrid Registered	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
23	Yarns; threads	57	42	70	55	28	37	27	35
24	Tissues (piece goods) bed and table covers etc	798	881	686	912	204	223	185	247
25	Clothing including boots shoes and slippers	3,619	3,889	3,001	4,094	777	1,021	688	1,109
26	Lace and embroidery; ribbons and braids; artificial flowers etc	367	379	327	425	67	65	63	72
27	Carpets, rugs etc	320	308	291	332	65	60	64	67
28	Games etc	1,847	1,948	1,627	2,103	279	352	252	387
29	Meat, fish, poultry and game; meat extracts, etc	1,457	1,408	1,244	1,529	329	368	295	397
30	Coffee tea, cocoa, sugar, rice etc	1,869	1,751	1,559	1,918	411	521	367	558
31	Agricultural, horticultural and forestry products, fresh fruits etc	649	595	573	673	197	231	169	249
32	Beer, ale, porter, mineral and aerated waters etc	1,132	1,119	968	1,223	275	315	202	351
33	Wines, spirits and liqueurs	896	1,000	771	1,061	289	366	254	383
34	Tobacco, raw or manufactured; smokers' articles, matches	218	217	190	244	79	61	66	77
35	Advertising; business management; business administration etc	6,237	7,079	5,174	7,605	775	1,020	711	1,052
36	Insurance; financial affairs; monetary affairs; etc	3,221	3,626	2,664	3,940	386	431	344	458
37	Building; construction, repair; installation services	1,955	2,027	1,665	2,238	278	325	254	360
38	Telecommunications	2,078	2,219	1,699	2,425	313	386	271	418
39	Transportation, packaging and storage	1,483	1,642	1,216	1,825	244	237	230	254
40	Treatment of material	681	747	528	873	143	161	129	180
41	Education; entertainment; sporting and cultural applications	5,955	6,498	4,931	7,093	528	669	494	687
42	Scientific and technological services and research and design relating thereto ; industrial analysis and research services; design and development of computer hardware and software; legal services.	3,790	4,107	3,185	4,558	661	826	601	886
43	Services for providing food or drink ; temporary accommodation	1,914	2,208	1,645	2,336	174	241	160	245
44	Medical services; veterinary services, hygienic and beauty care for human beings or animals ; agriculture, horticulture and forestry services	1,318	1,477	1,139	1,568	132	179	119	174
45	Personal and social services rendered by others to meet the needs of individuals; security services for the protection of property and individuals	1,117	1,696	827	1,736	78	162	54	156
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>70,620</b>	<b>75,888</b>	<b>59,217</b>	<b>82,407</b>	<b>13,564</b>	<b>16,072</b>	<b>12,237</b>	<b>17,425</b>

\*Following examination for registrability, a mark is published for opposition purposes in the Trade Marks Journal (a third party has a period of 3 months in which to object to or oppose the registration). Where a mark is not opposed it is automatically registered at the expiry date of the opposition period.

### 3. Trade Marks Applications 2007 and 2008 (Top 10)\*

2007		2008		
	Organisation	No.	Organisation	No.
1	Imperial Chemical Industries plc	237	Glaxo Group Limited	161
2	Glaxo Group Limited	129	Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd	129
3	AKZO Nobel Coatings International	106	Secretary Of State for Defence Inhe	76
4	R Bishop	71	AKZO Nobel Coatings International	65
5	Unilever Plc	65	National Lottery Commission	62
6	GlaxoSmithkline Biological SSA	64	Tesco Stores Limited	57
7	Aldi Stores Limited	63	Headlam Group plc	56
8	Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications	54	Unilever Plc	54
9	Coca Cola Company	53	Barclays Bank PLC	50
10	National Lottery Commission	51	ALDI Stores Limited	43

\* Top 10 companies who have filed the most trade marks in any particular year.

#### 4. Trade Marks Applications 2008 (Top 50)\*

	Number	Organisation		Number	Organisation
1	161	Glaxo Group Limited	26	24	OTWO Holdings Limited
2	129	Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd	27	23	Coca Cola Company
3	76	Secretary Of State for Defence Inhe	28	23	Godwin Owugah
4	65	AKZO Nobel Coatings International	29	23	Greene King Brewing and Retailing Ltd
5	62	National Lottery Commission	30	22	BGL Group Limited
6	57	Tesco Stores Limited	31	22	GlaxoSmithKline Biological SSA
7	56	Headlam Group plc	32	22	INTATEC Limited
8	54	Unilever Plc	33	22	NITRITEX Limited
9	50	Barclays Bank PLC	34	21	BHS Limited
10	43	ALDI Stores Limited	35	21	British American Tobacco Brands Inc.
11	41	British Telecommunications plc	36	21	NOVARTIS AG
12	36	Kinetic Solutions Ltd	37	21	PEPSI Co Inc
13	36	LIDL Stiftung and Co KG	38	20	Royal Mail Group Limited
14	31	John Whannay and Co Ltd	39	20	Stranger and Stranger Limited
15	30	Personnel Hygiene Services Limited	40	19	Bristol Myers Squibb Company
16	29	ASDA Stores Limited	41	19	Frances Prenna Jones DR
17	28	Bibendum Wine Limited	42	19	Global Radio UK Limited
18	28	Marks and Spencer plc	43	19	Vitabiotics Ltd
19	28	NPOWER Limited	44	19	Woodmansterne Publications Limited
20	27	AXA	45	18	Associated Newspapers Limited
21	25	Avon Products Inc	46	18	Kerry Group Services International
22	25	Crown Brands Limited	47	18	Myriad Healthcare Limited
23	25	Waitrose Limited	48	17	Australian Vintage Ltd
24	24	JD Williams and Company Limited	49	17	Dunhill Tobacco of London Limited
25	24	Nippon Denki Kabushiki Kaisha NECC	50	17	Hymans Robertson LLP

\* Top 50 companies who have filed the most trade marks in any particular year.

## 5. Applications for Trade Marks

<b>National/Domestic applications filed during the year</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
- trade marks		
- service marks		
Applications filed during the year (a)	33,375	29,235
Additional classes filed during the year	44,795	40,033
<b>Applications designating the UK under the Madrid Protocol (b)</b>		
<b>Designations received during the year</b>	6,554	6,130
Additional classes received during the year	8,157	7,249

(a) Since the implementation of the new Trade Marks Act on 31 October 1994 applicants have been able to file an application (multi-class application) covering more than one class of goods or services

(b) The UK joined the Madrid Protocol in April 1996. Since then, a holder of a Trade Marks registration in another country (which is a member of the Protocol) can apply through the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) to "designate" the UK for protection of that Trade Mark (the mark is examined in the UK for registrability in much the same way as an application via the national/domestic route).

## 6. Trade Marks Applied for and Registered in 2007 and 2008 according to Country of Residence of Applicant\*

Country	Applications and Additional Classes				Registrations			
	Trade Marks		Madrid Applications		Trade Marks		Madrid Protected	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
United Kingdom	70,739	62,349	-	-	51,675	71,802	-	-
Channel Islands	331	269	-	-	166	515	-	-
Antigua and Barbuda	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	-
Argentina	14	9	-	-	11	16	-	-
Armenia	1	-	1	2	-	1	-	1
Australia	629	344	684	676	403	517	534	814
Austria	29	18	408	384	39	28	329	537
Azerbaijan	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Bahamas	59	28	-	-	15	75	-	-
Bahrain	7	2	-	-	11	2	-	-
Barbados	30	49	-	-	46	41	-	-
Belarus	5	-	3	14	-	5	5	13
Belgium	99	45	-	-	95	72	-	-
Benelux	-	-	935	960	-	-	920	1,236
Bermuda	107	44	-	-	74	165	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Brazil	21	18	-	-	23	31	-	-
Bulgaria	2	-	112	69	2	4	138	126
Canada	274	219	-	-	186	293	-	-
Cape Verde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caribbean	39	36	-	-	30	39	-	-

\* Country of residence of named applicant

Country	Applications and Additional Classes				Registrations			
	Trade Marks		Madrid Applications		Trade Marks		Madrid Applications	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Cayman Islands	225	78	-	-	129	181	-	-
Central America	-	11	-	-	1	8	-	-
Chile	31	18	-	-	23	21	-	-
China (People's Republic)	174	267	725	705	173	261	664	866
Colombia	15	7	-	-	7	10	-	-
Croatia	4	6	66	16	3	11	47	38
Cuba	9	3	-	-	7	5	-	-
Cyprus	18	43	-	-	23	22	2	-
Czech Republic	4	-	283	250	2	3	197	317
Denmark	34	40	124	128	33	38	99	147
Ecuador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Egypt	3	2	-	-	2	8	-	-
Estonia	-	-	14	9	-	-	16	26
Falkland Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-
Finland	3	-	20	47	7	5	34	28
France	353	322	1,923	1,853	286	377	1,718	2,364
Georgia	-	3	2	-	-	-	3	-
Germany	441	484	2,843	2,392	322	662	2,748	3,389
Gibraltar	28	24	-	-	36	50	-	-
Greece	14	7	24	58	22	5	9	27

Country	Applications and Additional Classes				Registrations			
	Trade Marks		Madrid Applications		Trade Marks		Madrid Applications	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Hong Kong	171	161	-	-	149	216	-	-
Hungary	3	3	50	31	6	1	32	62
Iceland	14	-	5	26	16	6	19	32
India	120	72	-	-	66	116	-	-
Iran	2	14	17	29	1	13	6	29
Irish Republic	516	518	8	15	338	617	13	14
Israel	21	29	-	-	15	25	-	-
Italy	58	83	803	752	83	118	636	930
Japan	299	260	383	336	299	331	318	456
Jamaica	4	11	-	-	8	8	-	-
Kenya	-	2	1	-	4	3	2	1
Korea	154	123	98	59	85	146	112	92
Latvia	1	-	33	31	4	1	30	28
Lebanon	3	4	-	-	-	4	-	-
Liechtenstein	-	1	81	81	3	-	67	99
Lithuania	-	1	12	14	-	-	74	20
Luxembourg	19	77	-	-	77	34	-	-
Macedonia	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Malaysia	31	28	-	-	13	56	-	-

Country	Applications and Additional Classes				Registrations			
	Trade Marks		Madrid Applications		Trade Marks		Madrid Applications	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Malta	5	32	-	-	-	6	-	-
Mexico	-	15	-	-	-	19	-	-
Moldova	-	-	8	6	-	-	7	8
Monaco	16	18	148	30	-	9	72	106
Mongolia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morocco	-	1	40	41	9	1	18	46
Netherlands	366	229	-	-	272	257	-	-
Netherlands Antilles	4	7	56	23	11	3	10	40
New Zealand	157	162	-	-	121	194	-	-
Norway	18	34	168	169	28	21	221	179
OHIM	-	-	-	8	-	-	5	8
Others (Africa)	65	37	-	-	52	45	-	-
Others (Asia)	88	95	6	-	79	98	-	-
Poland	16	6	155	133	2	16	167	177
Portugal	41	37	127	132	15	50	88	189
Romania	1	1	60	36	1	7	35	59
Russian Federation	23	69	427	676	14	27	276	563
San Marino	-	-	-	9	-	1	-	3
Serbia Montenegro	3	-	31	94	-	-	7	28
Singapore	137	64	44	69	67	138	63	59
Slovakia	3	-	159	85	-	3	73	131

Country	Applications and Additional Classes				Registrations			
	Trade Marks		Madrid Applications		Trade Marks		Madrid Applications	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Slovenia, Republic of	-	-	112	79	-	-	88	130
South Africa	118	112	-	1	112	151	-	-
South America	34	10	-	-	16	13	-	-
Spain	97	65	156	179	69	85	116	209
Sweden	171	89	136	129	297	106	141	165
Switzerland	324	307	1,594	1,154	283	365	985	1,975
Syria	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	2
Taiwan	42	45	-	-	47	49	-	-
Thailand	-	23	-	-	-	21	-	-
Turkey	30	16	483	540	14	29	481	572
Ukraine	2	18	108	116	3	11	82	100
United Arab Emirates	140	84	-	-	68	127	-	-
United States of America	2,880	2,331	753	779	2,489	3,411	518	961
Vietnam	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	10
Virgin Islands	91	199	-	-	128	169	-	-
Yugoslavia	-	-	7	-	-	-	12	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,033</b>	<b>70,240</b>	<b>14,440</b>	<b>13,445</b>	<b>59,217</b>	<b>82,409</b>	<b>12,237</b>	<b>17,425</b>

## 7. Maintenance of the Trade Marks Register

<b>Renewals and Registrations</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
No. of registrations renewable	67,383	51,189
No. of registrations renewed by application	33,481	27,233
No. of registrations renewed by additional class	13,739	12,373
No. of lapsed registrations restored and renewed (not including above)	139	177

# HEARINGS

## 1. Patents: Ex parte hearings and reasoned decisions made without a hearing (excluding reviews of opinions)

	Applications for Patents		Restorations		SPCs		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Requested</b>	110	111	3	4	0	1	113	116
<b>Substantive decisions</b>	88	68	1	5	0	2	89	75
<b>Procedural decisions / CMC1</b>	3	5	0	0	0	0	3	5
<b>Withdrawn</b>	21	19	0	1	0	0	21	20
<b>Appeals heard by Patents Court</b>	8	10	0	3	0	2	8	15

Notes:

1 CMC = Case Management Conference

## 2. Inter partes hearings, and reasoned decisions made without a hearing (excluding reviews of opinions)

	Ownership <sup>1</sup>		Revocation		Oppositions <sup>2</sup>		Declaration of		Licenses <sup>3</sup>		Total	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
<b>Filed</b>	37	26	11	6	4	0	4	1	1	0	57	33
<b>Substantive decisions</b>	18	33	12	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	31	41
<b>Procedural decisions / CMC<sup>4</sup></b>	5	4	4	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	10	7
<b>Withdrawn</b>	11	12	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	17	16
<b>Appeals heard by Patents Court</b>	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1

**Notes:**

- 1 Includes references under Sections 8, 10, 12 and 37 and applications under Sections 13 and 40
- 2 Includes oppositions under Sections 27(5), 75(2) and 117(2)
- 3 Includes applications under Sections 46(3) and 48(1) and oppositions under Sections 47(6) and 52(1)
- 4 CMC - Case Management Conference

### 3. Opinions to validity or infringement

	Totals	
	2007	2008
Filed	27	29
Withdrawn	1	2
Refused	4	0
Issued	24	26

### 4. Reviews of opinions

	Totals	
	2007	2008
Filed	7	3
Withdrawn	0	1
Decided <sup>1</sup>	11	1
Appeals heard by Patents Court	1	1

1. Includes a decision on costs

## 5. Trade Mark Applications - Objections, Hearings and Appeals - (a)

	2007	2008
<b>Hearings - Ex Parte <sup>(a)</sup> -</b>		
Number appointed	1949	1422
Number postponed etc	210	103
Number withdrawn before Hearings	220	133
Number taken	1779	1318
Number not yet taken	170	283
<b>Refusals</b>		
Written grounds issued	23	15

	2007	2008
<b>Appeals to Appointed Person (Ex Parte cases)</b>		
Pending at beginning of year	10	2
Lodged during the year	6	1
Withdrawn	0	0
Dismissed	3	3
Allowed	1	0
Transferred to High Court	0	0
Decision set aside, Referred back to Registry	0	0
Pending at end of year	12	0

	2007	2008
<b>Appeals made direct to the Court (Ex Parte cases)</b>		
Pending at beginning of year	1	1
Lodged during the year	0	3
Withdrawn	0	0
Dismissed	0	1
Allowed	0	3
Referred to ECJ	0	0
Pending at end of year	1	0

(a) This covers applications under Section 37 of the Trade Marks Act 1994. When an objection to the registrability of a mark is raised during the examination process, the applicant/attorney has the right to request an oral hearing with a Hearings Officer. Based upon the facts presented at the Hearing, the Hearings Officer will decide whether the objection can be waived or maintained. The Hearings Officer is independent of the examiner and is not involved in the original decision. If the objection is overcome, the mark can proceed to publication in the Trade Marks Journal. Decisions of the Registry can be appealed to the Appointed Person (an independent party specialising in Intellectual Property issues) or to the Court.

## 6. Oppositions to Trade Mark Registration

<b>Oppositions before the Registrar:</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Pending at beginning of year	1085	1350
Filed during the year	1031	2998
Withdrawn -		
- applications	181	682
- oppositions	469	903
Oppositions refused	52	52
Oppositions allowed	64	53
Pending at end of year	1,350	2,658

<b>Main Hearings on Oppositions</b>	55	44(a)
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### **Appeals to Appointed Person (Opposition/Post Registration cases)**

Pending at beginning of year	31	31
Lodged during year	56	27
Withdrawn	35	4
Dismissed	12	23
Allowed	7	7
Transferred to High Court	0	0
Decision set aside, referred back to Registry	3	1
Pending at end of year	30	23

### **Appeals made direct to the Court (Opposition cases)**

Pending at beginning of year	18	18
Lodged during the year	5	7
Withdrawn	3	4
Dismissed	2	10
Allowed	0	3
Referred to ECJ	0	0
Pending at end of year	18	8

(a) In addition 58 decisions were made from the papers, 1 decision was withdrawn prior to the decision being issued, 36 interlocutory hearings and 3 joint hearings were held during the year.

## 7. Revocation/Invalidity/Rectification of Trade Marks – (a)

	2007	2008
Applications made to Registrar		
Pending at beginning of year	748	920
Filed in year	362	260(b)
Withdrawn	157	686
Refused	8	19
Allowed	25	94
Pending at end of year	920	381
Main Hearings	14	19(c)
<b>"Appeals made direct to the Court (Post Registration cases)"</b>		
Pending at beginning of year	6	8
Lodged in year	4	1
Withdrawn	0	2
Dismissed	0	0
Allowed	2	3
Referred to ECJ	0	0
Pending at end of year	8	4
<b>Applications made direct to Court</b>		
Pending at beginning of year	63	68
Lodged in year	15	13
Withdrawn	10	13
Refused	0	0
Allowed	0	4
<b>Pending at end of year</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>64</b>

(a) This covers applications for revocation, invalidation and rectification under Section 46,47, 60 and 64 of the Trade Marks Act 1994.

(b) Of which 167 are revocations, 86 invalidations and 7 are rectifications

(c) In addition 13 decisions were made from the papers without a hearing and 17 interlocutory hearings were held during the year.

## 8. Ex Parte Hearings and Appeals Under the Registered Designs Act 1949

	Hearings held and Outcome		Allowed to Proceed		Appeals to Tribunal	
	Hearings Held	Refused	With modification	Without modification	Dismissed	Allowed
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-
2008	1	1	0	0	0	0

## 9. Cancellation under Sections 11 & 11(2) and Invalidation under Section 11ZB of the Registered Designs Act 1949 (as amended)

	Lodged	Decided	Allowed	Refused
Cancellation filed Registered Proprietor, Section 11	4	4	4	0
Cancellation filed by third party, Section 11(2)	0	0	0	0
Invalidations filed, Section 11ZB	19	0	0	0

## 10. Design Right Proceedings under Sections 246 and 247 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988

	Design Right Section 246		Design Right Licences of right Section 247		Totals	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Filed	0	4	0	0	0	4
Withdrawn	0	3	1	0	1	3
Decided	0	1	0	0	0	1
Appeals Heard <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Appeals heard by Registered Designs Appeal Tribunal or Patents Court.

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