

QUESTIONNAIRE RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IPC REFORM

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1. Has your Office started publication of patent documents classified according to the reformed IPC (eighth edition)?

Yes

No

If the response to Question 1 is “No”, from which date does your Office plan to start publication of patent documents classified according to the eighth edition?

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If the response to Question 1 is “Yes”, please reply to the questions below.

2. Does your Office follow WIPO Standard ST.10/C in presentation of classification symbols on published patent documents?

Yes

No

If the response to Question 2 is “No”, from which date does your Office plan to start using WIPO Standard ST.10/C in presentation of classification symbols on published patent documents?

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3. Does your Office follow WIPO Standard ST.8 in exchange of classification data on machine-readable records?

Yes

No

If the response to Question 3 is “No”, from which date does your Office plan to start using WIPO Standard ST.8 in exchange of classification data on machine-readable records?

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4. Does your Office carry out a check of the validity of IPC symbols in the eighth edition of the IPC before publication of patent documents?

Yes

No

If the response to Question 4 is “No”, does your Office plan to introduce a validity checking procedure and from which date, or would your Office prefer to use the IPCVAL checking tool available on the WIPO IPC website (<http://www.wipo.int/ipcval>)?

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5. Are the new features introduced by IPC reform (core level/advanced level, invention information/additional information) used in the patent database of your Office to increase the efficiency of the search?

Yes

No

6. Remarks

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