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ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛЬНОЙ СОБСТВЕННОСТИ**

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August 30, 2006

Re: Two-letter codes for Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man in
WIPO Standard ST.3

Madam,
Sir,

The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) would like to inform your Office that, on March 29, 2006, the Maintenance Agency for International Standard ISO 3166 (ISO 3166/MA) published ISO 3166-1 Newsletter V-11, announcing the inclusion, in International Standard ISO 3166-1:1997, of Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man, as well as their two-letter codes, namely JE for Jersey, GG for Guernsey and IM for the Isle of Man. The said announcement is available at:

<http://www.iso.org/iso/en/prods-services/iso3166ma/03updates-on-iso-3166/index.html>

Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man are British Crown Dependencies, but are not part of the United Kingdom. The Islands enjoy a high level of institutional autonomy. In particular, considering the information provided at the following links to the website of the Patent Office of the United Kingdom:

<http://www.patent.gov.uk/about/ippd/ukiprights/guernsey.htm>

<http://www.patent.gov.uk/about/ippd/ukiprights/isleofman.htm>

<http://www.patent.gov.uk/about/ippd/ukiprights/jersey.htm>

it would appear that each of these Islands meets the conditions stated in paragraph 1 of WIPO Standard ST.3.

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In view of the above, the International Bureau would like to propose, for the consideration of your Office, the inclusion of the three Islands and their two-letter codes in WIPO Standard ST.3.

For your information, WIPO Standard ST.3 is available on the WIPO website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

You are kindly requested to inform the International Bureau by October 6, 2006, of your agreement or otherwise to the above-mentioned proposal and the relevant revision of WIPO Standard ST.3.

In the event that no communication is received by the above-mentioned date, the International Bureau will consider that your Office has no objection to the said proposal and will amend WIPO Standard ST.3 accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Francis Gurry', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Francis Gurry
Deputy Director General