

Questionnaire on Correction Procedures in Patent Offices

modified by the Correction Procedures Task Force in February 2009

Task No. 35: Prepare a questionnaire and carry out a survey on the implementation of WIPO Standard ST.50 and on the status of the correction procedures in the industrial property offices. Prepare a proposal regarding this matter for consideration by the SDWG.

Please provide the following contact information so that the International Bureau can, if necessary, contact the person responsible for responding to the Questionnaire:

YOUR DETAILS:

Industrial Property Office (IPO): GB (ST.3 two-letter country/organization code)

QUESTIONNAIRE

The Guidelines given by WIPO Standard ST.50 (refer to <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-50-01.pdf>) aim at providing guidance to industrial property offices and other suppliers of patent information on how to issue corrections, alterations and supplements relating to patent information published in paper form or on machine-readable media.

This questionnaire is a second version of an original survey approved by the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group and conducted in 2004. Modifications take into account comments received from the original questionnaire as well as correction procedures of offices' given their recent experiences with online Internet publication. The original survey results are available at <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/07-04-02.pdf>.

NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED

1. Does your Office issue the following notifications?

- (a) Corrections:
- ☒ YES
- ☐ NO or
- ☐ Under the following circumstances:
- (b) Alterations:
- ☒ YES
- ☐ NO or
- ☐ Under the following circumstances:
- (c) Supplements:
- ☐ YES
- ☒ NO or
- ☐ Under the following circumstances:
- (d) Other similar notification details:

COMPLIANCE WITH WIPO STANDARD ST.50

2. Does your Office use the guidelines described in WIPO Standard ST.50?

- (a) Guidelines for corrections (paragraphs 7 - 32)
- ☐ ALL ☒ PARTLY ☐ NO
- (i) If your answer was “PARTLY”, which parts of WIPO Standard ST.50 are used?
- ☒ Kind-of-document codes according to paragraph 10 of WIPO Standard ST.16, e.g., A8, A9, etc.
- ☒ Data element “publication date” of the correction (INID code (48)) according to [WIPO Standard ST.9](#)
- ☐ Additional correction information, e.g., supplementary correction codes (example: codes on EP CD-ROMs like W, Z, etc.), together with INID code (15)
- ☒ Other – Please specify: *Publish a frontpage footnote containing correction type and date of publication.*

- (ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.50? If so, when?

☐ YES When?

☐ NO

Comments, if necessary:

- b) Guidelines for alterations (paragraphs 33 – 36)?

☒ ALL ☐ PARTLY ☐ NO

- (i) If your answer was “PARTLY”, please specify the practice of your Office:

- (ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.50? If so, when?

☐ YES When?

☐ NO

Comments, if necessary:

- c) Guidelines for supplements (paragraphs 37 – 44)?

☐ ALL ☐ PARTLY ☒ NO

- (i) If your answer was “PARTLY” please specify the practice of your Office:

- (ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to ST.50? If so, when?

☐ YES When?

☒ NO

Comments, if necessary:

MEDIA ON WHICH CORRECTIONS, ALTERATIONS, AND SUPPLEMENTS ARE PUBLISHED

3. On which types of media are corrections, alterations, and/or supplements issued according to the guidelines of WIPO Standard ST.50?
Please indicate the specific guidelines used in relation to the media indicated below.
Please provide the requested media information for both (i) patent documents, and (ii) patent gazettes, for any media on which they are issued.

- ☒ (a) Paper:
- (i) Patent documents: *The GB Office physically republishes corrected patent documents for forwarding to applicants.*
 - (ii) Patent gazettes:
- ☐ (b) Optical discs, e.g., CD-ROMs/DVDs:
- (i) Patent documents:
 - (ii) Patent gazettes:
- ☐ (c) Machine-readable carriers other than optical discs, e.g., magnetic tapes:
- (i) Patent documents:
 - (ii) Patent gazettes:
- ☒ (d) Online Internet publication:
- (i) Patent documents: *Publication server :
<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/patent/p-os/p-find/p-find-publication.htm>*
 - (ii) Patent gazettes: *On-Line Patents journal :
<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/patent/p-os/p-journal/p-pj>*
 - (iii) Other (e.g. web services):

4. Does your Office use correction, alteration, and/or supplement issuing procedures other than provided in WIPO Standard ST.50?

- ☐ Paper Patent Documents:
- ☐ Patent Documents on optical discs, e.g., CD-ROMs/DVDs:
- ☐ Patent Gazettes/Bulletins (please specify media used):
- ☐ Machine-readable carriers other than optical discs
(Please specify product, e.g., patent document, patent gazette, etc.):
- ☒ Online Internet publication:

5. List the WIPO Standard ST.16 kind-of-document codes used for each kind of corrected patent document. Please indicate if your Office does not change the ST.16 kind-of-document code for corrected documents:

A8 - Corrected 'A' front page biblio only
A9 - Complete republished A specification
B8 - Corrected 'B' front page biblio only
C - Complete republished B specification
C2 - Complete republished C specification
etc.

6. In terms of what type of media the notification types (corrections, alterations, and supplements) are issued on, does your Office treat one of the notification types differently from the others? If so, please specify how the different notification types are treated.

No

7. In the case that your Office issues corrections, alterations, and supplements on more than one type of media, and in the case that one or more types are more important/dominant/authentic than the other(s), please specify which type(s) of media are the most important. (Multiple selections can be made).

- ☒ Paper: *More dominant as it's currently the GB Office official publication means*
☐ Optical discs:
☐ Machine-readable carriers other than optical discs:
☒ Online Internet publication: *Most important to IPO*

8. In the case that your Office issues corrections, alterations, and supplements on machine-readable media (including online Internet publications):

- (a) Please indicate if corrections, alterations, and supplements to image data (e.g., WIPO Standard ST.33 data) are handled differently from corrections to full text versions of the same data (e.g., WIPO Standard ST.32 or ST.36 data).
ST.33 only for all publications including corrections
- (b) Please indicate if corrections, alterations, and supplements are handled differently on different media (e.g., differently on paper, optical disc, magnetic tape, on-line, etc.):

No

PROBLEM AREAS

9. If you use correction, alteration, and supplement procedures that are not fully in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.50 and do not plan to be fully in line with this Standard in the future, please explain why. In particular, please indicate any concerns (e.g. procedural, technical, cost) you have with WIPO Standard ST.50 that cause problems with its implementation.

N/A

10. In the case that your Office issues corrections, alterations, and/or supplements via online Internet publication:

- (a) Does WIPO Standard ST.50 require amendment to cover your procedures?



YES



NO

- (b) If YES, please provide details about what are the problem areas:

On-Line publication systems/processes (e.g. Publication Server: used to publish GB Office corrections; On-Line Patents Journal: used to publish our alterations). ST.50 could be updated to cover/acknowledge on-line publication processes as well as paper documents.

- (c) And, if YES, please identify any possible solution(s) to amend WIPO Standard ST.50:

ST.50 could be updated generally to reflect that many Offices publish on-line.

11. With regard to problem area(s) other than in relation to online Internet publication:

- (a) Do you see a need to update or amend WIPO Standard ST.50 in any area(s) other than in relation to online Internet publication?



YES



NO

- (b) If YES, please provide details about what are the problem areas:

- (c) And, if YES, please identify any possible solution(s) to amend WIPO Standard ST.50:

12. Do users have problems in the identification of corrections, alterations, or supplements?
If so, choose one or more of the following options:

- ☒ We do not have this information.
- ☐ There are problems distinguishing between the different types of corrections, alterations, and supplements.
- ☐ There are problems identifying which publications have been subsequently corrected, altered, or supplemented.
- ☐ There are problems identifying what previous publication is now being corrected, altered, or supplemented.
- ☐ Other, please specify:

TYPE AND CAUSE OF ERRORS REQUIRING SUBSEQUENT CORRECTION

13. Is the origin of errors leading to corrections mainly due to the applicant or to the internal processes of your Office, or another source?

- ☐ More from the applicant side
- ☐ More from the Patent Office side
- ☒ About equally from applicant and Patent Office
- ☐ Other, please specify:

Comments, if necessary:

14. If known, please indicate the number of corrections published by your Office every year, in absolute values and/or percentage of the overall publication volume?

In 2008 the GB Office published 11,055 A documents and 5363 B documents.

During 2008 the GB Office received 652 requests for errata in total:

334 As (3.02% of total As published)

109 Bs (2.03 % of total Bs published)

111 S117 (dealing with correction of errors / mistakes)

70 EP(UK)

27 Section 13 and Rule 10(2) (adjustment of inventor)

1 Section 8 (adjustment of applicant)

15. If known, has a significant change occurred in the number of corrections issued in the past five years?

- ☐ More corrections
☒ Stable
☐ Fewer corrections

Comments, if necessary:

16. Who makes the final decision of publishing a correction?

- ☐ The examiner
☐ The formality officer
☐ The internal publication department
☐ An external publication department
☒ All, in cooperation
☐ Other – Please specify:
☐ It depends on the type of correction or error – Please specify:

Comments, if necessary:

17. Is a request for correction from an applicant usually granted?

- ☒ YES ☐ NO

Comments, if necessary:

18. How long, on average, does your Office take to publish a correction once an error becomes known?

(One or more selections may be made).

- ☐ In the next publication cycle
☐ Within one working day
☒ Within one month
☐ Within 1-3 months
☐ Within 3-6 months
☐ Longer than 6 months
☐ It depends on the types of media (paper, optical discs, machine-readable carriers other than optical disc, online Internet publication) the notifications are issued on and on the types of notifications (corrections, alterations, and supplements) issued. Does your Office treat one of the notification types differently from the others? If so, please specify how the different types of media and notifications are treated.
☐ Other – Please specify:

Comments, if necessary:

PROVISION OF EXAMPLES OF CORRECTIONS, ALTERATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS

19. If possible please provide one or more brief examples of corrections, alterations, and/or supplements which may be used to update part 7.4.1 of the WIPO Handbook entitled “Examples concerning corrections, alterations, and supplements relating to patent information” (see http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/part_07.html#7.4). An example should preferably be provided in the form of either:
- (a) a reference to an Internet address that is likely to be stable for more than three years or
 - (b) an embedded image within a Microsoft Word or an Adobe PDF document.


Please note that the examples provided will REPLACE those examples existing in part 7.4.1, unless advised otherwise (below).

- (a) ☒ The following stable Internet addresses are provided, for updating part 7.4.1 of the Handbook: *GB Publication server: <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/patent/p-os/p-find/p-find-publication.htm>*

GB On-Line Patents journal : <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/patent/p-os/p-journal/p-pj>

(Please include steps to help readers find the information, if necessary.)

- (b) ☒ The following attached images are provided for updating part 7.4.1 of the Handbook:
- (i) *Publication server access*



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(ii) *Correction examples*

Examples of corrected GB Documents available through the publication server

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(54) Abstract Title: Game machine self-traveling body				
(57) A game machine enabling lightening of the load of the				
detected guide line (54) according to the output of the line				
sensor (50).				
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131... DIRECTION CORRECTION AMOUNT COMPUTING SECTION				
132... LINE WIDTH INSPECTING SECTION				
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(c) ☐ Other – Please specify:

Comments, if necessary:

FURTHER COMMENTS

20. Please indicate below any further comments you wish to make in relation to Correction Procedures.

Not applicable

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