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SUBJECT / SUJET		PRESENTATION OF CHEMICAL FORMULAE IN PATENT SPECIFICATIONS/ PRÉSENTATION DES FORMULES CHIMIQUES DANS LES DESCRIPTIONS DE BREVET		PROPOSED BY / CZ PROPOSÉ PAR	
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1	Decision of the SCIT Plenary and follow-up	Décision du SCIT plénier et suite		WO	15.09.00
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NEXT ACTION: Consideration by SCIT/6

BY: January 2001

REF. SCIT/5/10, paragraphs 74-87

PROCHAINE ACTION : Examen par SCIT/6

POUR : Janvier 2001

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29	Comments to Circular SCIT 2514	Commentaires concernant la circulaire SCIT 2514	Rev.2	DE	30.11.00

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Re.: Presentation of chemical formulae in patent specifications
Your Circular C.SCIT 2514 of September 15, 2000

Dear Mr. Wittig,

We doubt whether it is sensible, especially from an economic point of view, to invest resources in a project concerning the standardization of chemical formulae in patent applications and published patent documents.

As other offices already pointed out, space saving is not really an issue nowadays since the costs of storage space are decreasing more and more. We doubt that the searchability of chemical formulae will be improved very much by the proposed standardization since we are of the opinion that a search for chemical structures in structure databases is on principle superior to a text search. Such structure databases are commercially available, e.g. from CAS and Derwent.

The proposed new standardization limits the applicant's possibilities to describe the chemical formulae, bearing the risk that information is getting lost and the clearness of the presentation decreases.

Due to the rather unclear benefits of the proposed standardization it seems problematical to require applicants to make the effort to comply with such a standardization.

Because of this we are reluctant to support the proposed new task.

Sincerely yours,

By order

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