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ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛЬНОЙ СОБСТВЕННОСТИ**

C. SCIT 2462  
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August 30, 1999

Re: Approval and Use of New Versions of Standards (ST.33 and ST.35)

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Madam,  
Sir,

*WIPO Standard ST.33 (Recommended Standard Format for Data Exchange of Facsimile Information of Patent Documents)*

Approval of a new version of ST.33 was reported to the SCIT Plenary in February 1999. At that stage, the International Bureau undertook to notify offices by circular letter of the effective date of use of the revised version of the Standard. The new version of the Standard may be implemented with effect from October 1, 1999. The old and new versions may be used in parallel from this date until January 1, 2000, at which time only the new version should be used.

*WIPO Standard ST.35 (Recommended Standard Format for Data Exchange of Mixed-Mode Published Patent Document Information on Reel-to-Reel and IBM 3480/90 Cartridge Tapes)*

./. A revised draft of WIPO Standard ST.35, which is annexed to this Circular (see project file SCIT/P 2/98 Rev.1), has been agreed within the Standards Task Force, set up to review changes to the electronic data Standards, i.e., ST.30, ST.31, ST.32, ST.33, ST.35 and ST.40. The changes to ST.35 are to allow for an increase in length of patent publication numbers used by offices and also reflect current practice to allow for ASCII character set usage. All changes are recorded in italics.

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Normally, approval of this new version of the Standard would have been submitted to the SCIT Working Groups meeting. As this meeting has been postponed from the initially scheduled date of September to December 1999, approval of the draft is being sought by correspondence. To ensure availability of the new version for use by January 1, 2000, the deadline for comments is set for October 15, 1999. Your comments should preferably be sent by e-mail to [scit.mail@wipo.int](mailto:scit.mail@wipo.int) indicating the number of this circular. If no objections are received by that date, the Standard will be considered approved and a circular will be issued notifying the possible use of the new version as from January 1, 2000. From that date, the old and new versions may be used in parallel.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.M. Guy'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'G'.

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