

Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)

Seventh Session
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REPORT ON TASK NO. 57

Document prepared by the Design Representation Task Force Co-Leaders

BACKGROUND

1. At its sixth session held in October 2018, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) considered the draft questionnaire on electronic visual representation on industrial designs prepared by the Task Force and noted the objectives of the standard agreed on by the Task Force. The CWS also noted the work plan of the Task Force, in particular, the actions to be carried out following the sixth session of the CWS (see paragraphs 169 to 178 of document CWS/6/34).
2. The agreed objectives of the standard are;
 - (a) to maximize re-use of the same visual representations of industrial design across all IP offices; and
 - (b) to establish common requirements to help IP offices exchange, process, publish, and search visual representations of industrial design data.
3. The CWS approved the proposed questionnaire on electronic visual representation of industrial designs with a few revisions and seven additional questions agreed by the Task Force under “Part 7 – View Requirements”. The CWS requested the International Bureau to conduct a survey of IP Offices and report the outcome at the seventh session of the CWS. (See paragraphs 173 to 178 of document CWS/6/34).

PROGRESS REPORT

4. In November 2018, the Secretariat issued Circular C.CWS.110 inviting IPOs to respond to the survey on Electronic Representations of Industrial Designs. Twenty-five Offices responded to the survey. The results and analysis of the survey are available in document CWS/7/21.

Standard scope statement development

5. The Task Force co-leaders developed a draft scope statement for the standard, published on the Task Force wiki for comment, which reads;

“(a) This Standard aims to guide the Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs) and other Organizations that need to manage, store, process, exchange and disseminate visual representations of industrial design. It is intended that by using this Standard, IP offices interactions with visual representations of industrial design data can be simplified and accelerated in an interoperable manner within the IP ecosystem.”

Standard Table of Contents development

6. The Task Force has developed a draft title for the Standard and incorporated this within the proposed Table of Contents which reads; Recommendations for the Electronic Representation of Designs.

7. The Draft Table of Contents has been considered by Task Force members and includes:

- (a) Introduction
- (b) Definitions and Terminology
- (c) References
- (d) Scope of the Standard
- (e) General Recommendations
- (f) Recommendations for electronic 2D image format and size
- (g) Recommendations for electronic 3D image format and size
- (h) Recommendations for electronic video image format and size
- (i) Recommendations for hologram representation
- (j) Procedural recommendations for imprecise representation
- (k) Recommendations for online publication of representations

DRAFT WORK PLAN 2019/2020

| Round | Action | Planned Completion Date | Completed | Deferred |
|-------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 | Circulate Task Force Meeting Report | November 2018 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Issue circular to IPOs for completion of questionnaire on Electronic Representations of Industrial Designs | December 2018 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Analyze results of survey on Electronic Representations of Industrial Designs | March 2019 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Finalize draft Standard title | May 2019 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Propose draft Standard scope statement | May 2019 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Review and update draft Standard Table of Contents | May 2019 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 4 | Submit Task Force report to Secretariat in advance of CWS/7 | May 2019 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Provide oral report to CWS at CWS/7 | July 2019 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Present results and analysis of survey on Electronic Representations of Industrial Designs | July 2019 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Hold Face to Face TF meeting at CWS/7 | July 2019 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | Finalize draft Standard scope statement and any scope attributes | September 2019 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Update draft Standard Table of Contents in line with survey results | November 2019 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | Commence discussions on draft Standard section development | January 2020 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8. *The CWS is invited to:*

(a) note the content of the present document;

(b) note the work plan of the Design Representation Task Force and encourage IPOs to participate in the Task Force discussions.

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