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Implementation of WIPO ST.26 2.0 at the USPTO

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WIPO ST.26 2.0 Implementation Plan

- Legal
- Examiner Training
- Applicant Outreach and Education
- IT Integration

Legal

- Public notice of US rule changes will be published in early 2027
- Notice will be “final”; no comments from the public
- Sequence listings with short sequences filed before July 1, 2027 will be rejected

Examiner Training

- Examiner training will begin in Spring 2027
- Training will cover three major topics:
  - Inclusion of short sequences in sequence listings and when this rule applies
  - Representation of nucleotide and amino acid analogs and when this rule applies
  - The change in the definition of an amino acid

Applicant Outreach and Education

- Presentations at IP focused trade conferences such as AIPLA and PIUG
- Patent Alerts
- Applicant facing “Sequence Listing Resource Center” webpage will be updated with information on ST.26 v2.0
- Public presentations at the USPTO

IT Integration

- Integration and testing of WIPO Sequence Validator 3.2.0 will begin in March 2027
- Cutover from validator version 3.1.4 to 3.2.0 is planned for midnight between June 30th and July 1st, 2027


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