

WIPO



SCIT/SDWG/5/3

ORIGINAL: English

DATE: September 17, 2004

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

GENEVA

E

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

STANDARDS AND DOCUMENTATION WORKING GROUP

Fifth Session

Geneva, November 8 to 11, 2004

REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.8

Document prepared by the Secretariat

1. The Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT), at its third session, held from May 5 to 8, 2003, approved the revisions of WIPO Standards ST.8, ST.10/B and ST.10/C that had been proposed by the WIPO Standards and International Patent Classification (IPC) Reform Task Force (i.e., ST.8 Task Force). Those revisions were intended to bring the said Standards into line with the program of the reform of the IPC (SCIT/SDWG/3/9, paragraphs 20 to 30).
2. The IPC Committee of Experts, at its 34th session, held from February 23 to 27, 2004, decided to postpone the entry into force of the reformed IPC until January 1, 2006 (IPC/CE/34/10, paragraphs 36 to 47). As a consequence of this postponement, a further revision of WIPO Standards ST.8 and ST.10/C became necessary. In order to propose consistent revisions of these two Standards for consideration by the SDWG, the ST.8 and ST.10/C Task Forces exchanged views on this matter. Document SCIT/SDWG/5/4 addresses the question concerning the impact of the said postponement on WIPO Standard ST.10/C.
3. Subsequent to the above-mentioned postponement of the entry into force of the reformed IPC, the International Bureau (IB), following consultation and agreement with the ST.8 Task Force, published a revised Editorial Note to WIPO Standard ST.8 which is available on WIPO's website (<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/standards.htm>).

4. In addition, on June 25, 2004, the European Patent Office (EPO), as Leader of the ST.8 Task Force informed the IB that the Task Force had further discussed the consequences of the postponement of the entry into force of the reformed IPC and, consequently, proposed a revision of paragraph 8 of WIPO Standard ST.8. The changes to the said Standard proposed by the Task Force for consideration and approval by the SDWG are reproduced in the Annex to this document.

5. The SDWG is invited to consider and adopt the proposal concerning the revision of WIPO Standard ST.8, as reproduced in the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF PARAGRAPH 8 OF WIPO STANDARD ST.8

8. A schematic representation of the contents of the 50 positions is as follows:

Section	Class			Subclass	Main Group				Separating character	Subgroup					Blanks					
	1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Version indicator								Classification level	First or later position of a symbol	Classification value	Action date									
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37

Original or reclassified data	Source of classification data	Generating office	Blanks																	
			39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50						

Example

One sample representation of IPC classification symbols and indicators is:

Int. Cl. (2006)

B28B 5/00	core level classification	invention information
B28B 1/29 (2007.03)	advanced level classification	invention information
<i>H05B 3/18 (2008.06)</i>	<i>advanced level classification</i>	<i>non-invention information</i>

According to this Standard, this example would be recorded on machine-readable records as follows:

Record 1:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
B	2	8	B				5	/	0	0								

20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
2	0	0	6	0	1	0	1	C	F	I	2	0	0	7	0	6	0	1

39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
B	H	E	P								

Record 2:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
B	2	8	B				1	/	2	9								

20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
2	0	0	7	0	3	0	1	A	L	I	2	0	0	7	0	6	0	1

39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
B	H	E	P								

Record 3:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
H	0	5	B				3	/	1	8								

20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
2	0	0	8	0	6	0	1	A	L	N	2	0	0	9	0	6	0	1

39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
B	H	E	P								