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QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE CORRECTION PROCEDURES RELATING TO PATENT INFORMATION PUBLISHED BY PATENT OFFICES

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1. The Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT), at its fourth session, held from January 26 to 30, 2004, considered a proposal by the Patent Documentation Group (PDG) to carry out a survey on the status of the correction procedures relating to patent information published by industrial property offices. Following discussions, the SDWG supported the creation of a new task concerning this matter. At its eighth session, held from February 23 to 27, 2004, the SCIT Plenary noted the creation of the said task, which reads as follows:

“Task No. 35: Prepare a questionnaire and carry out a survey on the implementation of WIPO Standard ST.50 and on the status of the correction procedures in the industrial property offices.”

(See paragraphs 71 to 75 of document SCIT/SDWG/4/14, and 9 to 12 of SCIT/8/10.)

2. As a follow-up to the creation of the above-mentioned Task, the PDG, in collaboration with the European Patent Office, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, coordinated the preparation of a draft Questionnaire on

Correction Procedures in Patent Offices to be considered for approval by the SDWG before distribution for completion by industrial property offices. An electronic form of the draft Questionnaire is reproduced in the Annex to this document.

3. The SDWG is invited to consider and approve the Questionnaire on Correction Procedures in Patent Offices as reproduced in the Annex to this document.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

Questionnaire on Correction Procedures in Patent Offices

as discussed during the SDWG Meeting in January 2004

Task No. 35: Prepare a questionnaire and carry out a survey on the implementation of WIPO Standard ST.50 and on the status of the correction procedures in the industrial property offices

Please provide the following contact information in order for us to contact the person responsible for the Questionnaire in case of need:

<u>Contact details of the Reporting Office:</u>	
Name of the Reporting Office	<input type="text"/> (ST.3 two-letter country/organization code)
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Person to contact	Name:
	Tel. number:
	E-mail:

Q U E S T I O N N A I R E

The Guidelines given by WIPO Standard ST.50 aim at providing guidance to industrial property offices and other suppliers of patent information on how to issue corrections, alterations and supplements relating to patent information published in paper form or on machine-readable media.

1. Does your Office use these guidelines?

(a) Guidelines for corrections (paragraphs 7 - 32)

ALL PARTLY NO

(i) If your answer was "PARTLY", which parts of WIPO Standard ST.50 are used?

Kind-of-document codes according to WIPO Standard ST.16, e.g., A8, A9, etc.

Data element "publication date" of the correction (INID code (48))

Additional correction information, e.g., supplementary correction codes (example: codes on EP CD-ROMs like W, Z, etc.), together with INID code (15)

Other – Please specify:

(ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.50? If so, when?

YES NO

When?

Comments, if necessary:

b) Guidelines for alterations (paragraphs 33 – 36) ?

ALL PARTLY NO

(i) If your answer was “PARTLY”, please specify the practice of your Office:

(ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.50? If so, when?

YES NO

When?

Comments, if necessary:

c) Guidelines for supplements (paragraphs 37 – 44) ?

ALL PARTLY NO

(i) If your answer was “PARTLY” please specify the practice of your Office:

(ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to ST.50? If so, when?

YES NO

When?

Comments, if necessary:

2. On which media are the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.50 used? Please indicate the guidelines used in the different media below.
Please provide the requested media information for both (1) patent documents, and (2) patent gazettes, for any media on which they are provided.

- (a) Paper:
(i) Patent documents:
(ii) Patent gazettes:
- (b) CD-ROMs/DVDs:
(i) Patent documents:
(ii) Patent gazettes:
- (c) Machine-readable carriers other than CD-ROMs/DVDs:
(i) Patent documents:
(ii) Patent gazettes:

3. Does your Office use other correction procedures than provided in WIPO Standard ST.50?

- Paper Patent Documents:
 Patent Documents on CD-ROMs/DVDs:
 Patent Gazettes/Bulletins (please specify media used):
 Machine-readable carriers other than CD-ROMs/DVDs
(Please specify product, e.g., patent document, patent gazette, etc.):

List the WIPO Standard ST.16 kind-of-document codes used for each kind of corrected patent document. Please indicate if your Office does not change the ST.16 kind-of-document code for corrected documents:

4. If you use correction procedures that are not fully in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.50, and do not plan to do so in the future, please explain why. In particular, please indicate any concerns you have with WIPO Standard ST.50 that cause problems with its implementation.

5. Do you see a necessity to update or amend WIPO Standard ST.50? In which area(s)?

6. Is the origin of errors leading to corrections mainly due to the applicant or to the internal processes of your Office?

- More from the applicant side
- More from the Patent Office side
- About equally from applicant and Patent Office

Comments, if necessary:

7. What is the number of corrections published by your Office every year, in absolute values and/or percentage of the overall publication volume?

8. Has a significant change occurred in the number of corrections issued in the past years?

- More corrections
- Stable
- Fewer corrections

Comments, if necessary:

9. Who makes the final decision of publishing a correction?

- The examiner
- The formality officer
- The publication department
- All, in cooperation
- Other – Please specify:

Comments, if necessary:

10. How long, on average, does your Office take to publish a correction once an error becomes known?

Comments, if necessary:

11. Are the corrections issued by your Office in machine-readable format?

Please indicate if corrections to image data (e.g., WIPO Standard ST.33 data) are handled differently from corrections to full text versions of the same data (e.g., WIPO Standard ST.32 data).

Please indicate if corrections are handled differently on different media (e.g., differently on CD/DVD-ROM, magnetic tape, on-line, etc.):

12. Is a request for correction from an applicant usually granted?

YES NO

Comments, if necessary:

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