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Introduction

1. The Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT), at its fifth session, held in November 2004, adopted the guidelines for the new contents and structure of the WIPO *Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*. (See SCIT/SDWG/5/13, Annex V, paragraphs 35 to 43.)

2. As a follow-up to that decision by the SDWG, in February 2006, the International Bureau (IB) launched a first draft version of the new web page of the WIPO Handbook, according to the new contents and guidelines adopted by the SDWG, for testing and comments by the Renewal of the WIPO Handbook Task Force. Taking into consideration the comments received, the IB has prepared a revised and more complete version of the WIPO Handbook in English.

New web page of the WIPO Handbook

3. The said new version of the WIPO Handbook in English is available for consideration by the SDWG at: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/index.html>.

4. This publication of the WIPO Handbook according to its new contents is not yet based on the new publication platform that was approved by the SDWG at its sixth session. (See SCIT/SDWG/6/11, paragraph 24.)

5. In line with the decision by the SDWG referred to in paragraph 1, above, the following changes have been implemented in the new publication of the WIPO Handbook:

(a) in Part 3 (“WIPO Standards”), texts of Standards have been separated from examples and surveys provided by the Standards, as described in the above-mentioned Annex V to SCIT/SDWG/5/13. Appendices and annexes that have been removed from Part 3 are now available either in Part 7 (new) or in the Archives (new). Standards affected by these changes contain links to the corresponding sections of Part 7 and the Archives. The texts of the paragraphs of the Standards in which the said links appear have been slightly modified to reflect these changes;

(b) a common Editorial Note has been added to each of the Standards concerning microforms (i.e., WIPO Standards ST.7, ST.7/A, ST.B, ... , and ST.7/F). Footnote (1) to WIPO Standard ST.7/A has been removed. An Editorial Note has also been added to WIPO Standard ST.12/C;

(c) former WIPO Standards ST.4 and ST.5 are not included on the web page listing all of the WIPO Standards and have been moved to the Archives;

(d) a new Section “WIPO Standards referenced in other WIPO Standards” has been added to Part 3;

(e) Part 5 has a link to the International Classifications web page of WIPO's website;

(f) the “Recommended minimum contents for Intellectual Property Offices' websites” has been moved to new Part 6 (Access to Industrial Property Information);

(g) new Part 7 (“Examples and IPO Practices”) has been modified to contain information, examples and surveys concerning industrial property information and documentation, including those examples and surveys published in former Part 7 (“Kinds and contents of industrial property documentation, including numbering systems”) and Part 3 (see subparagraph (a), above);

(h) Part 7.4.2 (“Survey concerning correction procedures in patent offices, including an Editorial note by the International Bureau”) has been included in the WIPO Handbook, as requested by the SDWG at its seventh session in May/June 2006;

(i) the area Track Changes Files will show, in the future, changes to the entire WIPO Handbook (i.e., not only to WIPO Standards); and

(j) the Archives area contains documents, examples and surveys published in the WIPO Handbook that have become outdated.

6. The French and Spanish editions of the website of the WIPO Handbook are a work in progress at the moment of preparing this document. They will be made available on WIPO's website as soon as they are completed.

7. The current versions of WIPO Standards that are available on the SCIT website will be removed. The new web page of the WIPO Handbook referred to in paragraph 3, above, will replace the current part of the SCIT website containing WIPO Standards and other documentation (<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/>).

8. The IB would like to invite the members of the SDWG to visit the new WIPO Handbook website for testing and comments. The following should be noted:

(a) the titles of the former Appendices to WIPO Standard ST.16 and former Part 7.1 of the WIPO Handbook have been slightly modified; these documents are now located in Part 7.3;

(b) short introductory notes have been added to most of the documents published in Part 7 and the Archives;

(c) the only changes made to WIPO Standards are those referred to under subparagraphs 5 (a) and (b), above. All of the changes to the Standards and other document files are temporarily highlighted in their new site versions. When they are not clearly visible on the first page of the file, the changes are indicated by, and may be accessed through, bookmarks "Text adapted";

(d) accessibility coding has been added to those pages which are in HTML format; and

(e) the version of the WIPO Handbook presented in the new website is not yet completed with regards to the guidelines adopted by the SDWG referred to in paragraph 1, above. The new web page is a work in progress; some parts such as Part 1, new sections of Parts 2 and 6 (e.g. links to industrial property information websites as those listed in document SCIT/SDWG/6/3, paragraph 8), the announced HTML versions of some files of Part 3, etc., will be published as available.

Revised version definitions of "patent families"

9. As announced at the last session of the SDWG, held in May/June 2006, the Renewal of the WIPO Handbook Task Force has discussed a revision of the definitions of the term "patent family" and the different types of patent families. The goal of this revision was that of bringing into line the definitions of patent families provided in the "Glossary of terms concerning industrial property information and documentation" (and Appendix III thereof) of

the WIPO Handbook with the definitions agreed on by the IPC Committee of Experts (see document CE/34/10, Annex IX) within the framework of the reform of the International Patent Classification (IPC) and provided by the Glossary of Terms for CONOPS (Concept of operations for the reformed IPC).

10. The agreement reached by the Task Force with regard to the revision of the definitions of patent families is reproduced in the new Part 8.1 of the WIPO Handbook, which contains the above-mentioned “Glossary of terms”. The revised Glossary, including Appendix III thereof, with the proposed definitions, is available, for consideration and approval by the SDWG, at: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/08-01-01.pdf>.

11. The SDWG is invited:

(a) to note the contents of this document and to comment on the new web page of the WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation;

(b) to consider and approve the changes to the WIPO Handbook referred to in paragraph 5, above; and

(c) to consider and approve the revised definitions of patent families referred to in paragraph 10, above.

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