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International Unions

Strasbourg Agreement

Ratification

JAPAN

The Government of Japan deposited on August 16, 1976, in accordance with the provisions of Article 16(5), its instrument of ratification of the Strasbourg Agreement Concerning the International Patent Classification of March 24, 1971.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 13(1)(b), the Strasbourg Agreement will enter into force with respect to Japan on August 18, 1977.

Strasbourg Notification No. 27, of August 18, 1976.

News Items

BENELUX

(Belgium — Luxembourg — Netherlands)

Decision of the Executive Board of the Benelux Trademark Office—Subjection of International Registrations to Examination for Anticipation

The Executive Board of the Benelux Trademark Office,

Having regard to Article 7.B of the Uniform Benelux Trademark Law, annexed to the Benelux Convention Concerning Trademarks, signed at Brussels on March 19, 1962,¹

Having regard to Article 15 and paragraph 2 of Article 35 of the Executive Rules of the Uniform Benelux Trademark Law of July 31, 1970,² as

amended by the Protocol of November 21, 1974,³

Decided, at its session on April 2, 1976, that:

As from October 1, 1976, international registrations will automatically be subjected to an examination for anticipation.

¹ *Industrial Property*, 1969, pp. 305 and 307.

² *Industrial Property*, 1970, p. 369.

³ *Industrial Property*, 1975, p. 260.

General Studies

International Patent and Know-How Licensing

On Avoiding Difficulties in the Transfer of Technology

Marcus B. FINNEGAN *

Calendar

WIPO Meetings

1976

September 27 to October 5 (Geneva) — WIPO General Assembly, Conference and Coordination Committee; Assemblies of the Paris, Madrid, Hague, Nice, Lisbon, Locarno, IPC and Berne Unions; Conferences of Representatives of the Paris, Hague, Nice and Berne Unions; Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions; Committee of Directors of the Madrid Union; Council of the Lisbon Union — Ordinary Sessions

September 27 to October 8 (Rijswijk) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group II

October 11 to 18 (Geneva) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Steering Committee

October 13 to 21 (Geneva) — Nice Union — Temporary Working Group

October 18 to 22 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Committee for Standardization (TCST)

October 19 to 22 (Geneva) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Committee of Experts

October 25 to 29 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Committee for Search Systems (TCSS)

November 1 to 8 (Geneva) — Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) — Interim Committees

November 8 to 19 (Stockholm) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group IV

November 23 to 30 (Geneva) — Paris Union — Preparatory Intergovernmental Committee on the Revision of the Paris Convention

November 29 to December 3 (Geneva) — Permanent Legal-Technical Program — Working Group on the Model Law for Developing Countries on Inventions and Know-How

November 29 to December 10 (Rijswijk) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group I

December 6 to 9 (Lusaka) — Diplomatic Conference for the Adoption of an Agreement on the Creation of an Industrial Property Organisation for English-Speaking Africa

December 8 to 17 (Lusaka) — Conference on Industrial Property Laws of English-Speaking Africa, and of its Committee for Patent Matters and its Committee for Trademark and Industrial Design Matters

December 8 to 17 (Paris) — Berne Union — Committee of Governmental Experts on the Double Taxation of Copyright Royalties
Note: Meeting convened jointly with Unesco

December 13 to 17 (Geneva) — Nice Union — Committee of Experts

1977

January 17 to 21 (Geneva) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Steering Committee

January 25 to 28 (Geneva) — Trademark Registration Treaty (TRT) — Interim Committee

January 25 to 28 (Bangkok) — Asian Seminar on the Rights of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations
Note: Meeting convened jointly with ILO and Unesco

February 16 to 18 (Colombo) — Permanent Legal-Technical Program — Regional Seminar on Industrial Property

February 21 to 24 (Colombo) — Permanent Legal-Technical Program — World Symposium on the Importance of the Patent System to Developing Countries

February 21 to 25 (Geneva) — Berne Union — Working Group on Videocassettes
Note: Meeting convened jointly with Unesco

March 7 to 11 (Geneva) — Permanent Legal-Technical Program — Working Group on Technological Information derived from Patent Documentation

March 14 to 18 (Geneva) — Permanent Legal-Technical Program — Permanent Committee concerning Cooperation for Development relating to Industrial Property (4th session)

March 28 to April 1 (Paris) — Berne Union — Working Group on Cable Television
Note: Meeting convened jointly with Unesco

- April 18 to 22 (Geneva) — Nice Union — Temporary Working Group on the Alphabetical List of Goods and Services
- April 25 to 29 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Committee for Search Systems (TCSS)
- May 2 to 6 (Geneva) — ICIREPAT — Technical Committee for Standardization (TCST)
- May 12 to 14 (Geneva) — Paris Union — Ad hoc Coordinating Committee for Technical Activities
- May 23 to 27 (Rabat) — Permanent Legal-Technical Program — Arabic Copyright Seminar
Note: Meeting convened jointly with Unesco
- May 23 to 27 (Geneva) — International Patent Classification (IPC) — Working Group V
- June 6 to 10 (Geneva) — Permanent Legal-Technical Program — Working Group on the Model Law for Developing Countries on Inventions and Know-How
- June 27 to July 1 (Geneva) — Paris Union — Committee of Experts on Computer Software
- June 27 to July 1 (Geneva) — Nice Union — Preparatory Working Group on the Systematic Review of the Classification
- September 26 to October 4 (Geneva) — WIPO Coordination Committee; Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions; Assemblies of the Madrid and Hague Unions; Committee of Directors of the Madrid Union; Conference of Representatives of the Hague Union
- November 2 to 18 (Paris) — Berne Union — Diplomatic Conference (or Committee of Governmental Experts) on Double Taxation of Copyright Royalties
Note: Meeting convened jointly with Unesco
- November 28 to December 5 (Paris) — Berne Union — Executive Committee — Extraordinary Session
- December 6 to 8 (Geneva) — International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations — Intergovernmental Committee — Ordinary Session (organized jointly with ILO and Unesco)
- December 9 (Geneva) — Berne Union — Working Group on the Rationalization of the Publication of Laws and Treaties in the Fields of Copyright and Neighboring Rights

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- September 25 to October 2 (Geneva) — WIPO Coordination Committee; Executive Committees of the Paris and Berne Unions

UPOV Meetings in 1976

Council: October 13 to 15

Consultative Committee: October 12 and 15

Technical Steering Committee: November 17 to 19

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Examination: November 16

Note: All these meetings will take place in Geneva at the headquarters of UPOV

Meetings of Other International Organizations Concerned with Intellectual Property

1976

September 26 to October 2 (Montreux) — International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property — Executive Committee

September 27 to October 1 (Paris) — International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers — Congress

October 6 and 7 (Rijswijk) — International Patent Institute — Administrative Board

October 11 to 16 (Varna) — International Writers Guild — Congress

November 9 to 11 (Hakone) — Pacific Industrial Property Association — International Congress

1977

January 14 (Paris) — International Literary and Artistic Association — Executive Committee and General Assembly

January 17 to 21 (Strasbourg) — Council of Europe — Legal Committee on Broadcasting and Television

May 1 to 4 (Amsterdam) — Union of European Patent Attorneys — Congress and General Assembly

May 23 to 27 (Rio de Janeiro) — Inter-American Association of Industrial Property — Congress

November 28 to December 5 (Paris) — United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) — Intergovernmental Copyright Committee established by the Universal Copyright Convention (as revised at Paris in 1971)