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ИНТЕЛЛЕКТУАЛЬНОЙ СОБСТВЕННОСТИ**

C. SCIT 2456
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August 2, 1999

Re: Citation of industrial property documents other than patent documents
within WIPO Standard ST.14 (Task No. 40)

Madam,
Sir,

During its second session, the SCIT Plenary considered a proposal by the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) relating to the citation of industrial property documents other than patent documents. The SCIT Plenary agreed to create Task No. 40 with the following wording:

“Investigate whether provisions on how to cite industrial property documents other than patent documents, such as industrial design documents, should be given under Standard ST.14”

and to assign the Task to the SDWG. (See paragraph 14 of document SCIT/2/8.)

The present version of Standard ST.14 (which was adopted by the SCIT Plenary on February 12, 1999) contains provisions on how to cite patent documents and non-patent literature. The International Bureau assumes that patent examiners of I.P. Offices would prefer expanding the scope of Standard ST.14 to also cover industrial design documents, rather than elaborating a new WIPO Standard to provide guidance on the citation of the said documents. The International Bureau favors having one source to be consulted by patent examiners when looking for provisions applicable to the citing of documents.

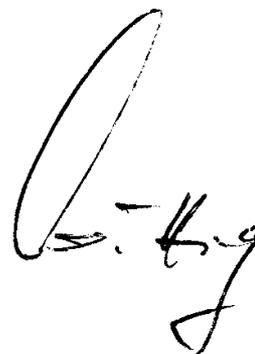
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Consequently, the International Bureau has drafted an amended version of Standard ST.14, which is annexed to this Circular (see project file SCIT/P 4/99). New, amended or deleted parts are marked by a revision bar in the right-hand margin of each page. The International Bureau would appreciate it if additional examples could be provided by your Office for inclusion in paragraph 13(b) of the proposed text of ST.14.

If your Office sees a need for including provisions concerning other I.P. documents in WIPO Standard ST.14, it would be appreciated if you could send the International Bureau respective examples already used as references by patent examiners in a search report attached to or on the first page of a patent document. Please note that it is intended to discuss the amended version of ST.14 at the second session of the joint meeting of the SCIT Working Groups scheduled to be held during the week of December 6 to 10, 1999.

Your Office is invited to provide comments on the approach taken and the proposed amendments in Standard ST.14, to reach the International Bureau not later than October 30, 1999. Your comments should preferably be sent by e-mail to our address "scit.mail@wipo.int", indicating the number of this Circular.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.-P. Wittig', written in a cursive style.

K.-P. Wittig
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