Questionnaire on Correction Procedures in Patent Offices

*modified by the Correction Procedures Task Force in February 2009*

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. Prepare a proposal regarding this matter for consideration by the SDWG.

Please provide the following contact information so that the International Bureau can, if necessary, contact the person responsible for responding to the Questionnaire:

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**QUESTIONNAIRE**


This questionnaire is a second version of an original survey approved by the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group and conducted in 2004. Modifications take into account comments received from the original questionnaire as well as correction procedures of offices’ given their recent experiences with online Internet publication. The original survey results are available at [http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/07-04-02.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/07-04-02.pdf).
NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED

1. Does your Office issue the following notifications?

   (a) Corrections:
       ☒ YES
       ☐ NO or
       ☐ Under the following circumstances:

   (b) Alterations:
       ☒ YES
       ☐ NO or
       ☒ Under the following circumstances: Change of name(s) for applicant(s), inventor(s) or agent(s) (IB/306 under Rule 92bis). Also, where the international application has been the subject of international preliminary examination, various details, such as the IPC may be updated.

   (c) Supplements:
       ☒ YES
       ☐ NO or
       ☐ Under the following circumstances:

   (d) Other similar notification details:

COMPLIANCE WITH WIPO STANDARD ST.50

2. Does your Office use the guidelines described in WIPO Standard ST.50?

   (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 paragraph 10 of WIPO Standard ST.16, e.g., A8, A9, etc.
       ☒ Data element “publication date” of the correction (INID code (48)) according to WIPO Standard ST.9
       ☒ 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:  (above-stated additional correction information codes do not appear in printed format, but is available in XML format output - reasons for correction are available in normal text form as associated notices on Patentscope website)

Most of the differences from ST.50 relate to the location of the relevant information (some is arranged differently on the front page; reasons are usually given in associated notices rather than on the front page of the republication itself). However, defective information is not repeated (paragraph 22) and the "Gazette" is now an electronic publication which does not lend itself to structured corrections in the manner implied by paragraph 21.

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

☐ YES       When?

☐ NO

Comments, if necessary:  See PCT Newsletter 12/2008 for modification of kind codes as from 1 January 2009. Use of A8 or A9 instead of either A1, A2 or A3 for corrections.

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       When?

☐ NO

Comments, if necessary:  As from 1 January 2009, A4 code (ST.16) is used for later publication of amended claims and/or statement (PCT Art. 19) with revised front page. See PCT Newsletter 12/2008 for modification of kind codes as from 1 January 2009. Use of A8 instead of either A1, A2 or A3 for alterations.

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 When?

☐ NO

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**MEDIA ON WHICH CORRECTIONS, ALTERATIONS, AND SUPPLEMENTS ARE PUBLISHED**

3. On which types of media are corrections, alterations, and/or supplements issued according to the guidelines of WIPO Standard ST.50? Please indicate the specific guidelines used in relation to the media indicated below. Please provide the requested media information for both (i) patent documents, and (ii) patent gazettes, for any media on which they are issued.

☐ (a) Paper:
   (i) Patent documents:
   (ii) Patent gazettes:

☒ (b) Optical discs, e.g., CD-ROMs/DVDs:
   (i) Patent documents:
   (ii) Patent gazettes:

☐ (c) Machine-readable carriers other than optical discs, e.g., magnetic tapes:
   (i) Patent documents:
   (ii) Patent gazettes:

☒ (d) Online Internet publication:
   (i) Patent documents:
   (ii) Patent gazettes:
   (iii) Other (e.g. web services):

4. Does your Office use correction, alteration, and/or supplement issuing procedures other than provided in WIPO Standard ST.50?

☐ Paper Patent Documents:
☐ Patent Documents on optical discs, e.g., CD-ROMs/DVDs:
☐ Patent Gazettes/Bulletins (please specify media used):
☐ Machine-readable carriers other than optical discs
   (Please specify product, e.g., patent document, patent gazette, etc.):
5. 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:

A8, International application republished with corrections to front page bibliographic data
A9 International application or ISR republished with corrections, alterations or supplements

6. In terms of what type of media the notification types (corrections, alterations, and supplements) are issued on, does your Office treat one of the notification types differently from the others? If so, please specify how the different notification types are treated.

7. In the case that your Office issues corrections, alterations, and supplements on more than one type of media, and in the case that one or more types are more important/dominant/authentic than the other(s), please specify which type(s) of media are the most important. (Multiple selections can be made).

- Paper:
- Optical discs:
- Machine-readable carriers other than optical discs:
- Online Internet publication:

8. In the case that your Office issues corrections, alterations, and supplements on machine-readable media (including online Internet publications):

(a) Please indicate if corrections, alterations, and supplements 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 or ST.36 data).
   No

(b) Please indicate if corrections, alterations, and supplements are handled differently on different media (e.g., differently on paper, optical disc, magnetic tape, on-line, etc.).
   No
PROBLEM AREAS

9. If you use correction, alteration, and supplement procedures that are not fully in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.50 and do not plan to be fully in line with this Standard in the future, please explain why. In particular, please indicate any concerns (e.g. procedural, technical, cost) you have with WIPO Standard ST.50 that cause problems with its implementation.

Cost of revision of systems is too great and programmer time too limited to consider any changes unless a clear immediate benefit can be perceived.

10. In the case that your Office issues corrections, alterations, and/or supplements via online Internet publication:

(a) Does WIPO Standard ST.50 require amendment to cover your procedures?

☐ YES ☒ NO

(b) If YES, please provide details about what are the problem areas:

(c) And, if YES, please identify any possible solution(s) to amend WIPO Standard ST.50:

11. With regard to problem area(s) other than in relation to online Internet publication:

(a) Do you see a need to update or amend WIPO Standard ST.50 in any area(s) other than in relation to online Internet publication?

☐ YES ☐ NO

(b) If YES, please provide details about what are the problem areas:

(c) And, if YES, please identify any possible solution(s) to amend WIPO Standard ST.50:
12. Do users have problems in the identification of corrections, alterations, or supplements? If so, choose one or more of the following options:

- [ ] We do not have this information.
- [ ] There are problems distinguishing between the different types of corrections, alterations, and supplements.
- [ ] There are problems identifying which publications have been subsequently corrected, altered, or supplemented.
- [ ] There are problems identifying what previous publication is now being corrected, altered, or supplemented.
- [ ] Other, please specify:

   *What we learned from Seminars is that most of the time participants are well aware of regional or national patent Offices practices and information available from their websites but still need to gain experience from WIPO's website. On the other hand, a user survey was recently conducted, result of which is expected very soon, which could provide elements of responses.*

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**TYPE AND CAUSE OF ERRORS REQUIRING SUBSEQUENT CORRECTION**

13. Is the origin of errors leading to corrections mainly due to the applicant or to the internal processes of your Office, or another source?

- [ ] More from the applicant side
- [ ] More from the Patent Office side
- [ ] About equally from applicant and Patent Office
- [ ] Other, please specify:

   Comments, if necessary:

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14. If known, please indicate the number of corrections published by your Office every year, in absolute values and/or percentage of the overall publication volume?

   *More than 30% are publications of corrections, alterations or supplements.*

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15. If known, has a significant change occurred in the number of corrections issued in the past five years?

- [ ] More corrections
- [ ] Stable
- [ ] Fewer corrections

   Comments, if necessary:
16. Who makes the final decision of publishing a correction?

☐ The examiner
☐ The formality officer
☐ The internal publication department
☐ An external publication department
☐ All, in cooperation
☐ Other – Please specify:
☒ It depends on the type of correction or error – Please specify:

Comments, if necessary:

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

☒ YES ☐ NO

Comments, if necessary:

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

(One or more selections may be made).
☒ In the next publication cycle
☐ Within one working day
☐ Within one month
☐ Within 1-3 months
☐ Within 3-6 months
☐ Longer than 6 months
☐ It depends on the types of media (paper, optical discs, machine-readable carriers other than optical disc, online Internet publication) the notifications are issued on and on the types of notifications (corrections, alterations, and supplements) issued. Does your Office treat one of the notification types differently from the others? If so, please specify how the different types of media and notifications are treated.

☐ Other – Please specify:

Comments, if necessary:
19. If possible please provide one or more brief examples of corrections, alterations, and/or supplements which may be used to update part 7.4.1 of the WIPO Handbook entitled “Examples concerning corrections, alterations, and supplements relating to patent information” (see http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/part_07.html#7.4). An example should preferably be provided in the form of either:
(a) a reference to an Internet address that is likely to be stable for more than three years or
(b) an embedded image within a Microsoft Word or an Adobe PDF document.

Please note that the examples provided will REPLACE those examples existing in part 7.4.1, unless advised otherwise (below).

(a) ☐ The following stable Internet addresses are provided, for updating part 7.4.1 of the Handbook:

(Please include steps to help readers find the information, if necessary.)

(b) ☒ The following attached images are provided for updating part 7.4.1 of the Handbook:

Information about correction, alteration, and supplement notifications can be seen on and from the Notices and Documents tabs for individual patent applications as well as on the documents downloaded from the Documents tab. Screenshots are provided below depicting five example notifications.


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AMENDED CLAIMS

Claims

1. Agrochemical formulation containing microcapsules characterized in that the active ingredient(s) are selected from Chlorpyrifos, Fluroxypry, Diflufenican, Sulfonylureas and mixtures of Diflufenican with Sulfonylureas, Fluroxypry with Sulfonylureas, Chlorpyrifos with Sulfonylureas, Chlorpyrifos with Fluroxypry, Fluroxypry with Diflufenican or selected from the group of Triazole fungicides and mixtures with Fluroxypry and/or Chlorpyrifos, provided that in the case of mixtures at least one of the active ingredient(s) is a microencapsulated, and the particle size of the microcapsules is from 1 to 30 μm, the wall of the microcapsules is made of polyurea resulting from the reaction of:

2. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain an adjuvant selected from a group consisting of: surfactants, water-soluble polymers, protectants, synergists, and stabilizers.

3. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain a dye selected from a group consisting of: dyes, colorants, and pigments.

4. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain a colorant selected from a group consisting of: pigments and dyes.

5. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain a preservative selected from a group consisting of: antioxidants, preservatives, and stabilizers.

6. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain a fungicide selected from a group consisting of: systemic fungicides, contact fungicides, and protectant fungicides.

7. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain a protectant selected from a group consisting of: protectant fungicides and protectant herbicides.

8. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain a herbicide selected from a group consisting of: ALS inhibitors, COX-2 inhibitors, and other herbicides.

9. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain a growth regulator selected from a group consisting of: auxins, cytokinins, and other growth regulators.

10. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain a bioactive compound selected from a group consisting of: plant hormones, enzymes, and other bioactive compounds.

11. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain a fertilizer selected from a group consisting of: nitrogen fertilizers, phosphorus fertilizers, and potassium fertilizers.

12. The agrochemical formulation of claim 1, wherein the microcapsules further contain a herbicide resistant selected from a group consisting of: herbicide resistant crops, herbicide tolerant crops, and other herbicide resistant crops.

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(c) ☐ Other – Please specify:

Comments, if necessary:

FURTHER COMMENTS

20. Please indicate below any further comments you wish to make in relation to Correction Procedures.

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