

Re: Revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 – XV

Madam,
Sir,

The Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed, in October 2015, the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. As a follow-up to the above-mentioned appointment, a two-letter code to represent the VPI in WIPO Standard ST.3 should be established.

The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) received an annexed letter from the governments of Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia proposing a new two-letter code “XV” to represent the VPI in WIPO Standard ST.3. The proposed code “XV” is one of the available codes in Standard ST.3 for individual use and for provisional codes.

In view of the proposal, the International Bureau would like to inform your Office that the following changes in Annex A to WIPO Standard ST.3 should be carried out:

Inclusion of :

- Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) (English name)
- Institut des brevets de Visegrade (VPI) (French name)
- Instituto de Patentes de Visegrado (VPI) (Spanish name)

and its two-letter code XV.

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For your information, WIPO Standard ST.3 is available on the website of WIPO at:

English: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

French: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/fr/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/es/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

In accordance with the procedure for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 adopted by the former Standards and Documentation Working Group of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT/SDWG) at its eleventh session in October 2009 (see paragraph 35 of document [SCIT/SDWG/11/14](#)), your Office in its capacity as a member of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) is requested to inform the International Bureau, by e-mail to cws.mail@wipo.int, of its remarks concerning the inclusion, in WIPO Standard ST.3, of the new two-letter code proposed above.

In the event that no communication is received by March 26, 2016, the International Bureau will consider that your Office has no objection to the said proposal and will amend WIPO Standard ST.3 accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure: letter