

C. CWS 111

December 18, 2018

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Re: Request for IPOs to provide their Authority Files

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Madam,  
Sir,

At its Sixth Session, held from October 15 to 19, 2018, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) requested that the Secretariat issue a circular inviting Industrial Property Offices (IPOs) to provide the International Bureau with their Authority File data. This data includes either the content of the Authority File, in structured XML or text format, or a URL identifying the location of their published Authority File. Accompanying the Authority File itself, IPOs are expected to provide a plan on how their Office intends to update this file and the regularity.

The International Bureau hereby invites your Office to provide your Authority File data along with any associated definition file. This data can be either in XML or TXT format, or alternatively a URL identifying the location of their published Authority File data following WIPO Standard ST.37. In addition, please provide your plan for updating the Authority File with new publications, referring to the Plan column in the template annexed to this Circular. In particular, this should include how frequently your Office intends to update this file and whether your Office plans to provide a complete refresh or only the most recently included publications.

If your Office prefers to provide the International Bureau with this data, then please contact us at [cws.mail@wipo.int](mailto:cws.mail@wipo.int) for further guidance on means to transmit this data.

After IPOs have provided Authority File data to us, the International Bureau will collate this information and publish it on a portal available on the WIPO website in March 2019.

Your Office is kindly requested to provide the above requested information to us at [cws.mail@wipo.int](mailto:cws.mail@wipo.int) by February 1, 2019. It would be greatly appreciated if the number of this circular could be quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kuni', written over a light grey circular stamp.

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Annex to C.CWS 111: Template with Examples

<b>Country Code – Country Name</b>	<b>Authority File (either URI of webpage or file format)</b>	<b>Definition File</b>	<b>File Coverage</b>	<b>Plan</b> *frequency of update, *comprehensive or partial, etc
XX – Country 1	XML	Definition included along with XML instance	19010101-20181231	Annual update on January 1; Comprehensive
YY – Country 2	TXT	Definition provided along with TXT file	20100101-20190630	Every six months on February 1 and July 1
ZZ – Country 3	<u>Webpage</u>	<u>Webpage</u>	See Webpage	20100101 to 20181231
AA – Country 4	ZIP (XML/TXT)	<u>Webpage</u>	19900101-20181231	Annual update on February 1
BB – Country 5	<u>Webpage</u>	<u>Webpage</u>	See Webpage	Publications updated on Website weekly
CC – Country 6	<u>Webpage</u>	<u>Webpage</u>	See Webpage	Comprehensive
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