



C. PCT 1052
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October 27, 2005

Re: Dispatch to all PCT designated offices plus all subscribers of sample DVD
of the Rule 87 publication format to be used as of January 2006

Madam,
Sir,

./. We have the pleasure to send herewith a sample DVD of the Rule 87
publication in the format that will be used for distribution as of January 2006.
This DVD was prepared using our test systems, in order to give an accurate
representation of the future publication format.

For the specification of the change in format effective January 2006, please
refer to Circular C. PCT 1037-76, which can be found, along with additional
information, at our web site:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/edi/en/wo_publication_information/index.html.

The sample DVD contains a copy, not for production use, of the publication
cycle of week 42/2005 with the following significant differences in the data:

1. The WO numbers for each published International Application provided are
not the same as those provided on the production disk. As of January 2006, the
rule allocating WO numbers to International Applications based on the main IPC
symbol will be discontinued and replaced by a rule specifying that WO numbers
are allocated based on the ordering of the International Application numbers in
the publication week. The sample DVD has been created using this new rule.

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2. For the following seven International Applications, sample IPC Codes in version eight of the IPC were introduced in our system to demonstrate the new version eight structure and layout:

- AT2005/000119
- AU2004/000455
- CA2005/000645
- CH2004/000664
- CZ2005/000032
- DE2005/000646
- DK2005/000173

3. For each International Application on the sample DVD there is a discrepancy between the WO number in the .pdf file containing the Optical Character Recognition (OCR) processing output and the WO number provided in the TIFF and XML files; the .pdf file contains the actual production WO number and not the WO number provided elsewhere in the ZIP file based on the new allocation rule. This discrepancy has been caused by constraints in the test system and will not appear in the output from the production system.

Please refer to the SPECCOR.doc file on the sample DVD itself for detailed specifications of the new format.

In the meantime, should you have any inquiries related to the enclosed sample DVD, please do not hesitate to contact us at PCTis@wipo.int.

Sincerely yours,



Neil Wilson
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Enclosure: a sample DVD of the Rule 87 publication format to be used as of January 2006 (issued only in English)