Dear Sirs,

please find below the comments of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) with regard to C.8775.

In accordance with the decision of the 39th session of the Standing Committee on the Law of Trademarks, industrial Designs and Geographical Indications held in Geneva from April 23 to 26, 2018, Rospatent submits the inputs according to the SCT/39/2 and SCT/39/3 documents.

Concerning the requirement for a link between GUIs, Icons, Typeface-Type Font Designs and the article or product:

there is no strict requirement to indicate in GUI’s name the device which it is designed for. The applicant can file a patent application for GUI without indication of the field of use (Patent RU 107794S (Graphical Interface 4 varieties)). However, the applicant may indicate it at its own discretion (Patent RU 1075175 Users Graphical Interface for consumer analytics).

Moreover the applicant can mark with the dotted line the device which GUI is designed for and indicate it in its name (patent RU 83599S (GUI for a cell phone)).

In most cases it is necessary to indicate the tangible medium of the icons (patent RU 101553S (Icon for the cake box)), (patent RU 107082S (Icon for the interface)). The patent RU 1003675 (set of icons of 2 varieties, product in general and an icon (103 separate parts of the product) was granted to FIFA and can be viewed as an exception.

Type Fonts designs are protected without indication of product (patent RU 962115S (Type Font of “Cat”).

(2) It is not allowed to present the animated GUIs. However, the applicant can protect a number of gradually changing images of GUI as a set of pages of GUI (patent RU 107563S (a set of pages for graphical interface “Microelement”).

It is not possible to submit the decisions on refusal to grant patents because this information is confidential. There are no precedents for GUIs, icons and type fonts.

Sincerely yours,

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