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Madam,
Sir,

As from January 2006, International Patent Classification (IPC) reform and WIPO Standard ST.36 implementation require that the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) change its publication product formats. The purpose of this circular is to inform you of the implementation of changes in the technical format of future PCT publications.

The International Bureau has been publishing PCT international application information using two formats for some time (*wo-published-application.dtd* and *SPIDI XML*). As these products contain identical data, the International Bureau will take this opportunity to stop the production of the *SPIDI XML* and will, with effect from January 2006, distribute the revised *wo-published-application.dtd* format only, which is currently being considered as a proposed change to WIPO Administrative Instructions under the Patent Cooperation Treaty ANNEX F, and therefore may be subject to minor amendment.

This will affect the following WIPO products:

- (a) *SPIDI FTP*: the *SPIDI XML* product will be replaced by a new XML product on the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site containing the *wo-published-application.xml* for all published international applications of the current week;
- (b) The *Article 20* and *Rule 87* DVDs will contain PCT publications with the following changes:
 - (i) XML files will be provided in the published international applications compliant with the revised *wo-published-application.dtd*;
 - (ii) Search quality OCR data will be added; and
 - (iii) *SPIDI XML* products will no longer be included.

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These changes will apply from the first publication of 2006, that is on January 5, 2006. It should be noted that when requesting documents through the Communication on Request (COR) service, published PCT international applications created prior to January 2006 will be provided in the format in which they were originally produced. Said documents are available at the following URL: <https://pctcor.wipo.int/epct>

The presentation of the front page of the PCT published international application will be modified to comply with the IPC display formatting changes described in WIPO Standard ST.10/C.

The revised *wo-published-application.dtd* will contain the following changes from the version used in production today and it may be necessary for you to adapt your system to comply with these amendments:

1. Changes to allow for the publication of IPC codes in IPC8/ST.10/C format
2. Changes to ensure WIPO Standard ST.36 compliance.

This circular, as well as WIPO Standards ST.36, ST.10/C, together with *wo-published-application.dtd*, the guidance notes relating to changes implemented and the set of sample PCT published international application front pages are available from the WIPO website at: http://www.wipo.int/pct/edi/en/wo_publication_information/index.html. We draw your attention to the guidance notes, and the fully populated XML sample, as WIPO may not initially use all the elements specified in the DTD.

Yours sincerely,



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