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Canadian Intellectual Property Office

WIPO ST.96 Implementation

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Purpose

- ❑ Provide context about the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)
- ❑ Share progress on implementation of WIPO ST.96

CIPO Business Context

CIPO is responsible for delivering Intellectual Property (IP) services in Canada and educating Canadians on how to use IP more effectively. CIPO is fully funded by user fees. It provides products and services on a fee-for-service basis and manages revenues and costs within a revolving fund

Product Lines FY 21/22*

- Patents ~ 40K applications
- Trademarks ~80K applications
- Industrial Designs ~ 9K applications
- Copyright ~ 11K applications
- Integrated Circuit Topography

*FY 21/22 numbers available [here](#)

CIPO IT Modernization

- CIPO ITM initiative was implemented to deliver a modern digital environment
- The patent legacy system, TechSource, launched in 1996 is facing obsolescence and is at risk of critical failure
- ITM will initially focus on modernizing the patent system and putting in place foundational technologies for Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Copyright

CIP0 Business Drivers

- ❑ Replace old and obsolete Patent Management System
 - Reduce risk of system failure, which could significantly disrupt the delivery of Patent services
 - Reduce operating and maintenance costs of aging Patent system
 - Reduce vulnerability to security breaches
- ❑ Improve Financial Management System
 - Implement foundational solution for single authoritative source of financial data
- ❑ Improve customer service experience and employee experience
 - Increase online and self-service capabilities
 - Design intuitive and user-friendly interface
- ❑ Adhere to GoC legislative changes + International Treaties, Agreements and Obligations
 - WIPO Standards

Implementation of WIPO ST.96 – Patents

- Active build phase of the new modern Patent solution began in May 2021 and is planned to be released into production in early 2024
- The technology base for the new modern Patent back-office system is the EUIPO Software Package and for the front-office system it is Salesforce
- Patents Domestic E-commerce Transactions will be based on WIPO ST.96
- Patent Dissemination and Publication will be based on WIPO ST.96
- Exchange of Patent Legal Status Data will be ST.27 compliant

Implementation of WIPO ST.96 – Trademarks

- Active build phase of the new modern Trademarks solution will begin in April 2025 with a planned end date of March 2027
- The technology base for the new modern Trademarks back-office system will be the EUIPO Software Package
- Madrid Transactions are ST.96 compliant
- Trademarks Domestic E-commerce Transactions are based on ST.96
- Trademarks Dissemination and Publication are based on ST.96

Implementation of WIPO ST.96 – Industrial Designs

- ❑ Active build phase of the new modern Industrial Designs solution will begin in April 2029 with a planned end date of March 2031
- ❑ Hague Transactions are ST.96 compliant
- ❑ Industrial Designs Domestic E-commerce Transactions are not yet ST.96 compliant as this capability existed before ST.96
- ❑ Industrial Designs Dissemination and Publication are not yet ST.96 complaint as these capabilities existed before ST.96
- ❑ For Industrial Designs E-commerce Transactions and Dissemination and Publication the intent is for CIPO to be ST.96 compliant

Challenges

- Limited human and financial resources
- Strategic approach between modern investments and legacy maintenance

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