

ST.22 Revision task force report

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Revision of WIPO Standard ST.22

Purpose of the Revision (recall):

- Facilitate the OCR of patent applications to save costs and improve publication and search quality for the IP community

Way to achieve:

- Adapt the recommendations to the technical progresses made in OCR technology in the last ten years
- Adopt the revision of the standard
- Actively promote the standard to applicants (publication on web sites, fees adaptations...)



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ST.22 Task force history

SDWG 2006: Proposal for the revision, task force creation

Task force activity: preparation of the revision of the standard (latin languages ready)

Submission of the revised standard for approval at SDWG 2007

SDWG 2007: Revised standard not accepted due to emergence of a trilateral initiative for a new standard (CAF) with an overlapping scope and potentially conflictual recommendations



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Task force activities this year

May 2007: Submission of comments and request by trilateral offices to freeze the revision until the CAF is ready

August 2007: Revision of the document taking into accounts the feedback from the trilaterals and the comments of the TF members

November 30, 2007: Publication of the CAF on the trilaterals web site (see <http://www.trilateral.net/news/20071130/index.php>)

December/February 2008: Analysis of the conflicts between the ST.22 and the published CAF (We have received a feedback only from JPO so far). Proposal of amendments to resolve the identified conflicts.



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Conflict resolution proposal

The main conflict concerns the recommendation of the numbering of the claims:

ST.22: 15. The description, the claims and the abstract should be typed starting each on a new page. Moreover, the first word printed on the first page of each of the three afore mentioned parts of the application should specify the corresponding part (in the language of the application); claims paragraph should be numbered sequentially. **The preferred format for the numbering of the claims is to use decimal numbers followed by a point and a tabulation.**

CAF: 1. Claims

Each of the claims shall be preceded by a sign that shows that it is a claim (“Claim”), space, and with an Arabic numeral that designates the claim. (e.g., Claim 1, Claim 2)



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We propose to change ST.22 paragraph 15 into:

15. The description, the claims(s) and the abstract should be typed starting each on a new page. Moreover, the first word printed on the first page of each of the three afore mentioned parts of the application should specify the corresponding part (in the language of the application); claims paragraph should be numbered sequentially. **The format of the claims numbering should allow for a clean separation between the claim number and the claim text for each claim. Recommended formats are either to use Arabic numerals followed by a point or to use the static word "Claim" followed by a space and the claim Arabic number, the following text of the claim being right indented with respect to the claim number of at least 1 cm in both cases.**



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What next?

(1) Get from SDWG mandate to continue the revision of ST.22

(2) If obtained

⇒ Organize on February 20 at 14H00 a task force meeting to agree on the proposed ST.22/CAF conflict resolution

⇒ Having now members of SIPO, JPO and KIPO in the task force, start the gathering of detailed recommendations for non-latin languages.

⇒ Propose for SDWG 10 a revision for adoption that will be in line with the CAF initiative and will also cover the non-latin languages



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