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INFORMATION ABOUT ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL (REGIONAL) PHASE OF
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EPIDOS PATENT REGISTER SERVICE

Document prepared by the International Bureau

1. The Annex to this document contains a status report prepared by the European Patent Office (EPO) and has been provided to the International Bureau for distribution.

2. The International Bureau had requested the EPO to prepare a progress report on the above-mentioned matter on the basis of Task No. 3 of the current SCIT Work Program.

3. *The Standards and Documentation Working Group is invited to note information contained in the Annex to this document.*

[Annex follows]

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ANNEX



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Subject: Status report on PCIPI Project P 25

Dear Mr. Takagi,

According to your request addressed to us, we are sending you enclosed the status report on the project mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,

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Status report on PCIPI Project P25, "Information about the entry into the national phase of PCT international applications"

1. Background

Following a survey conducted by WIPO among national intellectual property authorities, the PCIPI Executive Committee during the 17th session held in Geneva in November 1995 agreed on centrally collecting and making available to the public information on whether published PCT applications had entered or had not entered the national phase of the designated countries.

The PCIPI Executive Committee entrusted the EPO sub-office in Vienna (EPIDOS) with the task to agree on bilateral basis with the national offices on the terms and conditions for delivery of this data and to subsequently incorporate it in the existing EPIDOS/INPADOC database.

In September 1996 the EPO sent information letters to those national offices which, according to the replies during the survey, had expressed their readiness to participate in the project. With this letter the national offices were informed about the required components and the preferable data layout.

2. Present status

As already reported data of entry and non-entry into the national or regional phase were always present for EPO and Germany. The data delivery and the data input for Austria, Lithuania, Canada, USA (except of irregular data delivery) and United Kingdom is settled.

The situation relating to a certain number of countries is as follows:

Austria: Data entering the national phase are regularly (monthly) delivered via Internet and entered into INPADOC-PRS without problems. Last delivery date was September 1999.

Lithuania: Data entering/non entering the national phase are regularly (monthly) delivered via file transfer and inserted into INPADOC-PRS without problems. Last delivery date was September 1999.

Canada: Data entering/non-entering the national phase are regularly delivered (monthly) via Internet and inserted into INPADOC-PRS without big problems. Last delivery date was end of August 1999.

USA: Data entering the national phase are irregularly delivered via Internet and inserted into INPADOC without problems. Last delivery was July 1999.

Japan: Data entering/non-entering the national phase are regularly delivered (monthly) via cartridge Last delivery was end of August 1999. The data input into INPADOC-PRS has been stopped since March 1999 due to year 2000 conversion problems with Japanese bibliographic data. The data input of PCT data is expected to run without any problems after bibliographic data are available in INPADOC.

United Kingdom: Data entering/non-entering the national phase are delivered regularly (weekly) and inserted into INPADOC without problems. Last delivery was September 1999.

Denmark: Due to internal software changes (year 2000 conversion) the delivery of patent information data (not only PCT data) in electronic form has been postponed to a later date.

3. Future activities

The future actions will be:

- Japan: Work on the year 2000 conversion of Japanese bibliographic data with high priority, insert the backlog of the Japanese bibliographic data, so that the PCT data backlog can be inserted into INPADOC, too.
- Denmark: Keep in contact with the Danish Office to get the PCT data as soon as possible after they can start the delivery of patent information in electronic form again.
- Other countries: Approach the single patent offices in order to complete the data from these countries.
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