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Re.: Citation of industrial property documents other than patent documents within WIPO
Standard ST.14 (Task No. 40)
Your Circular C.SCIT 2456/03 of August 2, 1999

Dear Mr. Wittig,

On principle, the German Patent and Trademark Office welcomes the proposal of introducing rules for the citation of registered industrial designs in WIPO Standard ST.14. Nevertheless, we would like to suggest some amendments:

- The heading of subparagraph 13 b) should read
“In the case of registered industrial designs”
since most of the offices do not publish respective documents.
- Since industrial designs registrations often are published in respective gazettes we propose rewording subparagraphs (iv) and (v) as follows:

(iv) where applicable, title of the gazette in which the registration was announced and the issue designation of the gazette

(v) date of publication using four digits for the year designation (where year, month and day are available, the provisions of WIPO Standard ST.2 should be applied)

In addition the following new subparagraphs are proposed:

- (vi) where applicable, the pagination of the announcement of the registration
- (vii) if considered necessary; the standard identifier and number assigned to the item, e. g. ISSN 0250-7730.

In the following please find an additional example for the citations of registered industrial designs.

DE M 94 01 995.9, Geschmacksmusterblatt, Heft 15, 10.08.1994, S. 3810

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Sincerely yours,

For the absent head of Department of Information, Documentation, DEPATIS,
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