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Re.: Recommended Minimum Contents for Web sites of Intellectual Property Offices
Your Circular C.SCIT 2458/03

Dear Mr. Wittig,

The German Patent and Trademark Office agrees with the proposal of the USPTO, reproduced in the Annex of document SCIT/WG/2/4, concerning recommended minimum contents for intellectual property web sites. We also agree with most of the proposed technical design principles except the recommendation as to the use of FTP. We suggest deleting the respective sentence (sentence no. 4 of paragraph 6) since the use of FTP causes security problems. Big documents can also be made available via http downloading tools (browser). We do not see a need for further recommendations.

Since paragraph 6 of that proposal deals with applied software and formats we suggest transferring this paragraph to the second part of the text ("Recommended design principles..."). It may also be discussed whether paragraph 5 should be transferred, too.

Sincerely yours,

By order

Hubert Rothe
Head, Industrial Property Information Section,
German Patent and Trademark Office