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Re Circular SCIT 2460

Dear Mr. Wittig,

In response to your circular SCIT 2460 of August 19, 1999 I have the following comments on behalf of the SPRO.

During our recent investigation on our future publishing of patent documents we had two main alternatives:

\* To publish a specification both in paper form and in a separate digital form.

\* To publish a specification both in paper form and in PDF-format on the Internet

Since the two publications of the first alternative must not be identical they need to assigned different ST.16 Codes. However, we choose the second alternative where the electronic form can be regarded as a true copy of the printed specification, and therefore a new ST.16 code is not required.

In view of our experiences during the investigation we think that some office will publish unique electronic patent specifications in the not too distant future and therefore some WIPO Standards must be updated to accommodate this. We see a need to change ST.16 and the definition of "published", used in many Standards.

Another result of our study was a decision to publish the Gazette both in a simplified paper format and as an Internet database. The printed version will not have any indexes, this information will be easy available in the Internet version. We would like to have this possibility mentioned in Standards ST.11 and ST.19.

On the questionnaire we have the following comments:

1:

Presently we will not implement the supplementary corrections codes and have therefore not penetrated this matter.

2a:

Mainly ST.11, ST.16 and ST.19 (please see above)

2b:

No

Yours sincerely

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