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Subject: Formats of figurative elements of marks, Task No. 20, Circular C.SCIT 2541/03 of July 31, 2001

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

attached please find the filled-in questionnaire concerning formats currently in use by IPOs for figurative elements of marks.

Sincerely yours,
by order

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QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING FORMATS CURRENTLY IN USE BY INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY OFFICES FOR FIGURATIVE ELEMENTS OF MARKS

INTRODUCTION

1. This questionnaire aims at collecting information from Industrial Property Offices (IPOs) on formats currently in use for figurative elements of marks. The next steps would be to analyze the different standards/techniques applied by the IPOs of the various Member States and by regional organizations and to determine the feasibility of establishing a WIPO recommendation on how figurative elements of marks should be captured in electronic form.
2. The proposal to develop a WIPO recommendation on the above-mentioned subject matter was made in view of the fact that, with the entry into force of the Madrid Protocol and the ensuring internationalization of trademark data exchange, standards are needed to guarantee the exchange of highly standardized data in impeccable quality.
(See Task No. 20 of the SCIT Task List and document SCIT/SDWG/1/2).

Question 1: Does your Office process electronically the figurative elements of marks?

Yes ...X....

No

Question 2: Does your Office have a legal basis for the electronic processing (including electronic storage and/or exchange) of figurative elements of marks?
(If "Yes," please specify the national law, regional regulation, etc.)

Yes ...X....

Sect. 41 Sentence 2 and Sect. 65 para 1 no. 6 of the German Trade Mark Law of October 25, 1994;

Sect. 17 para 2 and Sect. 20 of the German Trade Mark Regulations of November 14, 1994

No

Question 3: Which format is your Office currently using for the capturing, presentation and exchange of figurative elements of marks?

(a) For scanning :

Please indicate: image format (TIFF, JPG, GIF, PNG, CCITT...Please specify the version, e.g., TIFF Group 4), image resolution (in dots per inch), image color management techniques (i.e., description of techniques applied to ensure reliable color reproduction).

(i) Bilevel or ~~grayscale~~: TIFF Group 4, 300 dpi

(ii) Colour: TIFF Group 4, 300 dpi
no specific techniques to ensure reliable color reproduction

(b) For publishing :

Please indicate: image format (TIFF, JPG, GIF, PNG, CCITT...Please specify the version, e.g., TIFF Group 4), image resolution (in dots per inch), image color management techniques (i.e., description of techniques applied to ensure reliable color reproduction).

(i) Bilevel or ~~grayscale~~: TIFF Group 4, 300 dpi

(ii) Colour: TIFF Group 4, 300 dpi
no specific techniques to ensure reliable color reproduction

(c) For displaying :
Please indicate: image format (TIFF, JPG, GIF, PNG, CCITT...Please specify the version, e.g., TIFF Group 4), image resolution (in dots per inch), image color management techniques (i.e., description of techniques applied to ensure reliable color reproduction).

(i) Bilevel or ~~grayscale~~ :: TIFF Group 4, 150 and 300 dpi

(ii) Colour: TIFF Group 4, 150 and 300 dpi

(d) For other purpose (please specify) :
Please indicate: image format (TIFF, JPG, GIF, PNG, CCITT...Please specify the version, e.g., TIFF Group 4), image resolution (in dots per inch), image color management techniques (i.e., description of techniques applied to ensure reliable color reproduction).

(i) Bilevel or grayscale :: format as described above

(ii) Colour: format as described above

Question 4: Indicate how the images of figurative elements of marks are displayed. (e.g., expandable thumbnails, thumbnails only, full screen image).

(a) Expandable thumbnails
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(b) Thumbnails only
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(c) Full screen imageX.....
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(d) Other (please specify):

Question 5: Who carries out the electronic capture?

- (a) Applicant
No
- (b) Your Office (if so, what are the dimensions in which the images of figurative elements of marks have to be submitted?)

Maximum size: 26.2 cm x 17.0 cm

(cf. Section 8 para 3 of German Trade Mark Regulations)

- (c) Other (please specify):

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Question 6: How is your Office ensuring the quality of mark images taking into account the various quality levels ?

The quality of images can be ensured only within the limits of the Trade Mark Regulations that prescribe criteria for the registration and application. A reworking or correction of trade mark images (with low quality level) by the GPTO is not allowed. In case of doubts the applicant has to be contacted. Trade mark images outside the limits of the Trade Mark Regulations can be rejected (absolute ground for refusal) or a later day can be considered as the date of filing (when the ground of refusal ceased to exist).

Question 7: How many mark images are stored with the above-indicated format(s) in your Office's computer system(s)?
(Please specify breakdown by format.)

300 dpi: 305,000 images

150 dpi: 305,000 images

Question 8: Which option does your Office prefer for the elaboration of a WIPO recommendation on the electronic processing of figurative elements of marks:

(a) the determination and application of a new format?

Yes

No ...X.....

(b) the use of freely available non-proprietary standards?

Yes

No ...X.....

(c) the use of a proprietary de-facto standard (i.e., TIFF)?

Yes ...X.....

No

Further comments/remarks:

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