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Subject: SCIT Task No 20

Dear Klaus-Peter Wittig

Re: Formats of figurative elements of marks (SCIT Task No. 20)

During first session, the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) considered background and scope of Task No. 20.

As a follow-up to the decision, a Questionnaire to collect information from industrial property offices on formats currently in use for figurative elements of Marks was prepared.

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office, Trademark department hereby reply on the Task No. 20.

Kind regards
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Annex to C. SCIT 2541

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 In the Swedish law for protection trademark

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 and JPG.....

(ii) Colour: ...TIFF and JPG.....

(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:: ...JPG.....

(ii) Colour:JPG.....

(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:: ...JPG.....

(ii) Colour: ...JPG.....

(d) For other purpose (please specify) : ...For the moment we have no other purposes than scanning, publishing and displaying. But when these offurs we will use.....

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::JPG....

(ii) Colour:JPG

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

(a) Expandable thumbnailsX.....

(b) Thumbnails only

(c) Full screen imageX.....

(d) Other (please specify):

Question 5: Who carries out the electronic capture?

- (a) Applicant
- (b) Your Office (if so, what are the dimensions in which the images of figurative elements of marks have to be submitted?)
- (c) Other (please specify):

(b) Our Office. The images must be submitted within a square with format 8 x 8 centimeter.

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

The Office ensure the quality through

- Manual supervision,
- High resolution scanning and
- Working together with an IT-company with long experience from image quality

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.)

150.000 in the format JPG

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)?

YesX...

No

Further comments/remarks:

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