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Circular SCIT 2583/03

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Dear Mr. Roach,

The Netherlands Industrial Property Office (NIPO) has noted with interest your Circular SCIT 2583/03 of August 21, 2003, concerning the change of country name Yugoslavia to Serbia and Montenegro with CS as the two-letter code. As indicated in the Circular, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has announced the said change in its ISO 3166-1 Newsletter No. V-8, dated July 23, 2003.

NIPO agrees with the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) that it is highly desirable to use in WIPO Standard ST. 3 the same two-letter country codes as in the ISO Standard No. 3166. NIPO also notes that the International Bureau itself already has introduced the new meaning of the code CS in the PCT Newsletter. If, nevertheless, there is some hesitation on our side, it is because the two-letter code CS has been used in the past to represent the former State Czechoslovakia. Czechoslovak patent documents, bearing the code CS and cited under this code, are still relevant state of the art. Czechoslovak priority applications still form the basis of priority rights invoked elsewhere in connection with patent granting procedures and are for that purpose reflected - with the two-letter code CS - on the front page of published patent documents. Inevitably the code CS will have to be used when looking for patent information related to patenting activities in Czechoslovakia.

Hopefully the footnote proposed in paragraph 2 of the Circular in connection with Annex B, Section 1, of WIPO Standard ST.3, will offer sufficient help and guidance to the user who is looking for relevant information with the aid of the two-letter code CS.

On these considerations, and noting the need for harmonization with ISO Standard No. 3166, NIPO can accept the proposal to amend WIPO Standard ST. 3 accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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