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Questionnaire on Correction Procedures in Patent Offices

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Task No. 35: Prepare a questionnaire and carry out a survey on the implementation of WIPO Standard ST.50 and on the status of the correction procedures in the industrial property offices. Prepare a proposal regarding this matter for consideration by the SDWG.

Please provide the following contact information in order for us to contact the person responsible for the Questionnaire in case of need:

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Q U E S T I O N N A I R E

The Guidelines given by WIPO Standard ST.50 aim at providing guidance to industrial property offices and other suppliers of patent information on how to issue corrections, alterations and supplements relating to patent information published in paper form or on machine-readable media.

COMPLIANCE WITH WIPO STANDARD ST.50

1. Does your Office use these guidelines?

(a) Guidelines for corrections (paragraphs 7 - 32)

ALL

PARTLY

NO

(i) If your answer was “PARTLY”, which parts of WIPO Standard ST.50 are used?

- Kind-of-document codes according to WIPO Standard ST.16, e.g., A8, A9, etc.
- Data element “publication date” of the correction (INID code (48))
- Additional correction information, e.g., supplementary correction codes (example: codes on EP CD-ROMs like W, Z, etc.), together with INID code (15)
- Other – Please specify: *Guidelines 7, 17(a,c,d), 18, 20 - 23.*

(ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.50? If so, when?

YES NO

When?

Comments, if necessary:

b) Guidelines for alterations (paragraphs 33 – 36) ?

ALL PARTLY NO

(i) If your answer was “PARTLY”, please specify the practice of your Office:

The Office implements guidelines 33 (a,c,d,e), 34 -36.

(ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.50? If so, when?

YES NO

When?

Comments, if necessary:

c) Guidelines for supplements (paragraphs 37 – 44) ?

ALL PARTLY NO

(i) If your answer was “PARTLY” please specify the practice of your Office:

(ii) If your answer was “NO”, is your Office planning to introduce the guidelines according to ST.50? If so, when?

YES NO

When?

Comments, if necessary:

2. On which media are the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.50 used?
Please indicate the guidelines used in the different media below.
Please provide the requested media information for both (1) patent documents, and (2) patent gazettes, for any media on which they are provided.

- (a) Paper:
(i) Patent documents: 7, 17(a,c,d), 18, 33 (a,c,d,e), 34 -36
(ii) Patent gazettes: 20 - 22, 33 (a,c,d,e), 34 -36
- (b) CD-ROMs/DVDs:
(i) Patent documents: 23(a,b)
(ii) Patent gazettes: n/a
- (c) Machine-readable carriers other than CD-ROMs/DVDs:
(i) Patent documents:
(ii) Patent gazettes:

3. Does your Office use other correction procedures than provided in WIPO Standard ST.50?

- Paper Patent Documents: *Patent Applications: Corrections to specifications before grant are not published; corrections to biblio data noted in patent register, but not published.*
Granted patents: Corrections after grant are published in the patent gazette and a paper document is republished with amendments noted. Corrections to biblio data is noted in patent register but not published.
- Patent Documents on CD-ROMs/DVDs:
- Patent Gazettes/Bulletins (please specify media used):
- Machine-readable carriers other than CD-ROMs/DVDs
(Please specify product, e.g., patent document, patent gazette, etc.):

List the WIPO Standard ST.16 kind-of-document codes used for each kind of corrected patent document. Please indicate if your Office does not change the ST.16 kind-of-document code for corrected documents:

No kind-of-document codes are represented on national Irish patents.

4. In the case that your Office publishes corrections on machine-readable media:

Please indicate if corrections to image data (e.g., WIPO Standard ST.33 data) are handled differently from corrections to full text versions of the same data (e.g., WIPO Standard ST.32 data).

N/A

Please indicate if corrections are handled differently on different media (e.g., differently on CD/DVD-ROM, magnetic tape, on-line, etc.):

Corrections on all media follow the initial correction of the paper document and the publication in patent gazette. Publications on CD/DVD and on-line show PDF version of paper document.

5. If you use correction procedures that are not fully in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.50 and do not plan to be fully in line with this Standard in the future, please explain why. In particular, please indicate any concerns you have with WIPO Standard ST.50 that cause problems with its implementation.

Several of ST.50 guidelines are in everyday use at the Irish Patent Office, however, we hope to fully implement correction procedures in compliance with ST.50 in the future.

6. Do you see a necessity to update or amend WIPO Standard ST.50? In which area(s)?

No

TYPE AND CAUSE OF ERRORS

7. Is the origin of errors leading to corrections mainly due to the applicant or to the internal processes of your Office?

- More from the applicant side
 More from the Patent Office side
 About equally from applicant and Patent Office

Comments, if necessary: *The main error arising from the applicant is non compliance with the Irish Patent Legislation, therefore requiring corrections to be made.*

8. What is the number of corrections published by your Office every year, in absolute values and/or percentage of the overall publication volume?

Statistics not kept

9. Has a significant change occurred in the number of corrections issued in the past years?

- More corrections
 Stable
 Fewer corrections

Comments, if necessary: *Statistics not kept*

10. Who makes the final decision of publishing a correction?

- The examiner
- The formality officer
- The publication department
- All, in cooperation
- Other – Please specify:

Comments, if necessary: *Depending on type of correction needed, the final decision may fall with either the examiner or the formalities officer.*

11. Is a request for correction from an applicant usually granted?

YES NO

Comments, if necessary: *Justification for the correction is also required before it is allowed.*

12. How long, on average, does your Office take to publish a correction once an error becomes known?

On average, a correction is published within two weeks of it becoming known and presented in the following Patents Office Gazette.

Comments, if necessary:

[End of Annex and Questionnaire]