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Subject: C.SCIT 2604

Madam,
Sir,

Referring to the Circular C.SCIT 2604/03 of December 14, 2004 concerning Questionnaire on correction procedures in Patent Offices (SDWG Task No.35), please, find attached herewith the mentioned Questionnaire with information from the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks of the Russian Federation (ROSPATENT).

Best regards,
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Questionnaire on Correction Procedures in Patent Offices

*approved by the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group
at its fifth session on November 11, 2004*

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:

<u>Contact details of the Reporting Office:</u>	
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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: *Announcements of all corrections made both in patent documents and in patent gazettes are published in patent gazettes (ST.50, pp.17-22). Only those documents, published on paper up to January 1, 2005, where considerable number of significant errors have been revealed were reprinted and replaced by corrected versions. From January 1, 2005 all official publications are made only in electronic form.*

- (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? *starting from 2006 further on*

Comments, if necessary: *Although our correction procedures are PARTLY compliant with the ST.50 recommendations we are planning in the near future to meet more requirements of the WIPO Standard in question, especially for the publications in electronic form.*

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

ALL PARTLY NO

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

Announcements of corrections are published in patent gazettes in compliance with the recommendations of ST.50, pp.33-34 without indicating the kind-of-document code provided in ST.16.

Recommendations of p.36 are not implemented yet.

- (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? *starting from 2006 further on*

Comments, if necessary: *Although our alteration procedures are PARTLY compliant with the ST.50 recommendations we are planning in the near future to meet more requirements of the WIPO Standard in*

question, especially for the publications in electronic form.

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: *Since there is no practice to publish search reports in Our Office no supplement information for patent documents is published either.*

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: *p.7- partly, pp.17-18- in main part*
(i) Patent documents: *partly, in parvo*
(ii) Patent gazettes: *partly, to more extent*
- (b) CD-ROMs/DVDs: *pp.17-22, 33-34 - partly*
(i) Patent documents: *not used yet*
(ii) Patent gazettes: *partly*
- (c) Machine-readable carriers other than CD-ROMs/DVDs: *Our Office does not use now machine-readable carriers other then CD-ROMs/DVDs. For electronic publication we use now Internet publication as well.*
(i) Patent documents: *partly, in parvo*
(ii) Patent gazettes: *partly, to more extent*

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

- Paper Patent Documents: *Patent documents with considerable number of significant errors (see p.1) were reprinted. Announcements of all corrections and alterations are published in patent gazettes without complete compliance with ST.50 as to using codes.*
- Patent Documents on CD-ROMs/DVDs: *Announcements of all corrections and alterations are provided in patent gazettes published on CD-ROMs/DVDs without complete compliance with ST.50 as to using codes.*

- Patent Gazettes/Bulletins (please specify media used): *In patent gazettes both on paper and on CD-ROMs/DVDs all announcements are published using codes for headings according to ST.17.*
- Machine-readable carriers other than CD-ROMs/DVDs
(Please specify product, e.g., patent document, patent gazette, etc.):
Announcements of corrections are included both in patent documents and in patent gazettes published on official Web-site without complete compliance with ST.50 as to using codes.

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:

Our Office does not change the ST.16 kind-of-document code for the corrected documents.

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).

Our Office does not publish image data according to ST. 33 on machine-readable carriers as official publications, thus corrections for them are not published either.

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

All announcements of corrections are handled similarly with no dependence on particular media.

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.

Our Office plans to be fully in accordance with WIPO ST.50 in near future.

At the same time some wordings in the pp.24-27 of ST.50 are not clear enough for us. For example, from these paragraphs it is not clear what exactly "search index" means.

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

It seems reasonable to make this Standard more compatible with modern media.

It would be useful as well to clarify the wordings of the above-mentioned paragraphs 24-27 of ST.50 specifying where exactly and in what form the information about previous corrections should be provided in a corrected patent document published on CD-ROMs/DVDs. It is not clear whether the ST.9 INID code (15) should be used for publications on electronic carriers according to the same recommendation as for paper publications or some other recommendations should be provided especially for them.

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:

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

Less 1% (~ 0,8%)

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

- More corrections
- Stable
- Fewer corrections

Comments, if necessary:

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

- The examiner
- The formality officer
- The publication department
- All, in cooperation
- Other – Please specify: *Examination and Publication Divisions in cooperation*

Comments, if necessary:

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

YES NO

Comments, if necessary:

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

No more than a month

Comments, if necessary:

[End of Annex and Questionnaire]