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Re: Revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 - ZZ

Madam,
Sir,

The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) would like to inform your Office that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has requested to establish a new two-letter code to represent “unknown states, other entities or organizations” in WIPO Standard ST.3. Please find the annexed letter from the USPTO.

In view of the request, the International Bureau would like to inform your Office that the following changes in Annex A to WIPO Standard ST.3 should be carried out:

Inclusion of :

- Unknown states, other entities or organizations (English name)
- États, autres entités ou organisations inconnus (French name)
- Estados, otras entidades u organizaciones desconocidos (Spanish name)

and its two-letter code ZZ.

For your information, WIPO Standard ST.3 is available on the website of WIPO at:

English: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

French: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/fr/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/es/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

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In accordance with the procedure for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 adopted by the former Standards and Documentation Working Group of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT/SDWG) at its eleventh session in October 2009 (see paragraph 35 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/14), your Office in its capacity as a member of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) is requested to inform the International Bureau, by e-mail to cws.mail@wipo.int, of its remarks concerning the inclusion, in WIPO Standard ST.3, of the new two-letter code proposed above. Document SDWG/11/14 is available at:

http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/scit/en/scit_sdwg_11/scit_sdwg_11_14.pdf

In the event that no communication is received by June 30, 2015, the International Bureau will consider that your Office has no objection to the said proposals and will amend WIPO Standard ST.3 accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures: Annex - USPTO letter



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RE: WIPO Standard ST.3

Dear Mr. Takagi:

I am writing to request that WIPO establish a new two-letter code in WIPO Standard ST.3 to represent "unknown states, other entities or organizations."

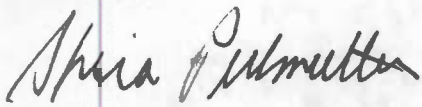
WIPO Standard ST.3 provides two-letter alphabetic codes for the purpose of improving access to industrial property (IP) information. These codes represent the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations that provide for the protection of IP rights or that act within the framework of a treaty in the field of IP. Paragraph 10 of WIPO Standard ST.3 provides that "the letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes."

I am requesting that the code "ZZ" be used to represent unknown states, other entities, or organizations so that our office can accommodate unknown country information in our databases. The new code would facilitate IP data processing and exchange among Offices, and would enhance data quality. It is our understanding that other IP Offices would also benefit from the establishment of this new code. In addition, in order to facilitate the development of WIPO Standard ST.96, "Recommendation for the processing of Industrial Property information using XML," it is important that WIPO Standard ST.3 contain a two-letter code representation to be used when the country or region designation is not specified or known.

In addition, I note that use of this new code in ST.3 would be consistent with its use by the Unicode Organization which specifies the representation of text in software products and standards. The Unicode CLDR Project provides an extensive standard repository of locale data. The Code "ZZ" is used by the Unicode Organization in the Common Locale Data Repository (CLDR) Version 27, released March 19, 2015. CLDR Chart Version 27 indicates that the Locale Display Name "ZZ" represents "unknown region."

Please let me know if you need additional information concerning the above request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shira Perlmutter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Shira Perlmutter
Chief Policy Officer and Director for International Affairs