

## **AGREEMENT REGARDING PFR ST.36/2008/004**

Agreement regarding PFR ST.36/2008/004 was reached by the ST.36 Task Force on August 8, 2008, as proposed by the WO/IB Office on July 11, 2008.

The PFR ST.36/2008/004 submitted by the WO/IB Office is reproduced as an Annex to this Agreement.

[Annex follows]

**ANNEX**

**PROPOSAL FOR REVISION (PFR) OF WIPO STANDARD ST.36**

<b>Identifier:</b> <i>(to be completed by the IB)</i>	<b>PFR ST.36/2008/004</b>
<b>Procedure for handling this proposal:</b> <i>(to be completed by the IB)</i>	Fast-Track Procedure by ST.36 Task Force

<b>Submitted by:</b> <i>(Office)</i>	WO/IB	<b>Date Submitted</b>	July 11, 2008
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<b>Subject</b>	
<i>(i.e., brief indication of the changes to be considered)</i>	Revision of cardinality of the “addressbook” used by element “attorney-or-agent”

<b>WIPO Standard &amp; Items impacted</b>	
<i>(e.g., main body of the Standard, Appendices / Annexes to the Standard, DTD/Schema, Element/Type Name, etc)</i>	<p><b>WIPO Standard ST.36</b></p> <p>Items impacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annex A : xx-patent-document.dtd</li> </ul> <p>Note: Annex C (International Common Elements (ICEs)) is not impacted.</p>

<b>Detailed description</b> <i>(i.e., proposed solution)</i>	
<i>(If necessary, please attach further explanation sheet, e.g., a part of ICE table to be changed if a proposal impacts ST.36 ICEs, comments to be added to DTD/Schema if a proposal is related to elements/type, etc.)</i>	<p><b>Change:</b> &lt;!ELEMENT attorney-or-agent (addressbook , range-of-authority*)&gt;</p> <p><b>To:</b> &lt;!— addresssbook is referenced one or more times to support multiple representations of the same address in the case where it is necessary to supply transliterations of the same address. --&gt;</p> <p>&lt;!ELEMENT attorney-or-agent (addressbook+ , range-of-authority*)&gt;</p>

**Reasons**

*(e.g., clear indication of the problem, how the need was determined, objectives of the revision, expected benefits, etc.)*

Existing DTDS for request and other documents allow for the submission of transliterated names and addresses. This change enables this for the power of attorney document type. The possibility for the transliteration of addresses is especially important for systems that use non-Latin languages. It should be noted that this suggested implementation is designed to make the DTD backwardly compatible with previous instances of the power of attorney documents (created in accordance with the current DTD).

The proposal for the new attribute for addressbook - transliteration-of-id was dropped as it was agreed within WIPO that the use of the addressbook element within its various parent elements is ALWAYS in the form of (where required)multiple expressions of the same address where the first addressbook entry should be assumed to be the 'original' as in current practice.

The corresponding PFC has previously passed through the Annex F consultative process and the change has been adopted.

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