

## **Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS)**

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### **REPORT ON TASK NO. 50**

*Document prepared by the Part 7 Task Force*

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. At its reconvened fourth session in 2016, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) agreed on the creation of Task No. 50: “Ensure the necessary maintenance and update of surveys published in Part 7 of the WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation” and the establishment of a corresponding Task Force (Part 7 Task Force). The International Bureau was designated as the Task Force Leader. (See paragraphs 73 and 122 (e) of document CWS/4BIS/16.)

2. At the sixth session in 2018, the CWS approved the questionnaire on the grant and publication of Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs) and Extensions of Patent Term (PTEs). The CWS requested the Secretariat to issue a circular inviting IPOs to participate in the survey on SPCs and PTEs. The CWS also requested the International Bureau to prepare and publish the updated Part 7.2.4. The CWS also requested the Part 7 Task Force to prepare a questionnaire for updating Part 7.2.2 on numbering of published documents and registered rights and to present the proposal for consideration at its seventh session. (See paragraphs 154 to 160 of document CWS/6/34.)

#### **PROGRESS REPORT**

3. In December 2018, the International Bureau published updates to part 7.2.4 of the WIPO Handbook on the presentation of priority application numbers. Part 7.2.4 contains responses from 48 IPOs, with updated information provided by twelve IPOs in response to the latest survey.

4. The Part 7 Task Force carried out the survey on grant and publication of SPCs and PTEs, as requested by the CWS. The results of the survey are presented for consideration at CWS/7. (See document CWS/7/23.)

5. The Part 7 Task Force prepared a draft questionnaire for updating Part 7.2.2 on numbering of published documents and registered rights. The text of the questionnaire is presented for approval at the present session. (See document CWS/7/24.)

6. The Part 7 Task Force also updated the recent activities and work plan with tentative schedule for updating Part 7 of the WIPO Handbook, presented as the Annex to this document. The schedule between the seventh and eighth sessions of the CWS includes: publishing the results of the survey on SPCs and PTEs, mentioned above; conducting updates to Part 7.2.2 on publication and registration numbers and Part 7.3 on examples and kinds of patents documents; and preparing draft questionnaires to update Part 7.1 representation of calendar dates and Part 7.6 bibliographic information in patent gazettes for presentation at the CWS eighth session.

7. *The CWS is invited to:*

*(a) note the content of the present document;*

*(b) consider and approve the revised work plan and schedule, as reproduced in the Annex;*

*(c) request the Secretariat to issue a circular inviting IPOs to update their information in Part 7.3 of the WIPO Handbook;*

*(d) request the Part 7 Task Force to prepare a questionnaire to update Part 7.1 of the WIPO Handbook, for presentation at its eighth session;*

*(e) request the Part 7 Task Force to prepare a questionnaire to update Part 7.6 of the WIPO Handbook, for presentation at its eighth session.*

[Annex follows]

## RECENT ACTIVITIES AND WORK PLAN FOR UPDATING SURVEYS PUBLISHED IN PART 7 OF THE WIPO HANDBOOK

1. This document contains the proposal on the tentative work plan for the Task on the continuous maintenance and update of Part 7 of the WIPO Handbook (Task No. 50).

### PROPOSED ACTIONS LISTED BY SURVEY

#### Part 7.1 “Representation of calendar dates”

- (CWS/7, 2019) request Part 7 Task Force to prepare a questionnaire on the presentation of dates;
- (CWS/8, 2020) approve the questionnaire, request the survey update; and
- (CWS/9, 2021) note survey results and approve publication of the updated survey in the WIPO Handbook.

#### Part 7.2.1 “Presentation of application numbers”

- (CWS/5, 2017) agree to move Part 7.2.1 to the Archive following the transfer of information to Parts 7.2.6 and Parts 7.2.7.

#### Part 7.2.2 “Survey of numbering systems used, or intended to be used, by industrial property offices with regard to applications, published documents and registered rights”

- (CWS/6, 2017) request Part 7 Task Force to prepare a questionnaire on publication and registration numbers;
- (CWS/7, 2018) approve the questionnaire, request that the survey be conducted; and
- (CWS/8, 2019) note the survey results, approve publication of the new survey in the WIPO Handbook, and agree to move section 1 of Part 7.2.2 on application numbering to the Archive.

#### Part 7.2.3 “Numbering systems and date formats introduced or planned to be applied with regard to the arrival of the year 2000”

- (CWS/8, 2020) agree to move Part 7.2.3 to the Archive following the update of Part 7.1.

#### Part 7.2.4 “Survey on the presentation of priority application numbers”

- To be updated regularly;
- (CWS/5, 2017) announce the update of the survey to be carried out during the following year; and
- (CWS/6, 2018) note the amendments, if any.

#### Part 7.2.5 “Survey on application numbering systems”

- No updates required so far. Eventual updates to be requested by the CWS.

#### Part 7.2.6 “Numbering of applications and priority applications – Current practices”

Part 7.2.7 “Numbering of applications and priority applications – Former practices”

- To be updated regularly;
- (CWS/5, 2017) note the survey results (Part 7.2.7), note the amendments (Part 7.2.6);
- (CWS/8, 2020) announce the update of the surveys to be carried out during the following year; and
- (CWS/9, 2021) note the amendments, if any.

Part 7.3 “Examples and kinds of patent documents”

- To be updated regularly;
- (CWS/7, 2019) announce the update of the survey to be carried out during the following year; and
- (CWS/8, 2020) note the amendments, if any.

Part 7.4 “Correction procedures”

- No updates required so far. Eventual updates to be requested by the CWS.

Part 7.5 “Physical characteristics of patent documents”

- In the Archive.

Part 7.6 “Survey of bibliographic information contained in patent gazettes ...”

- (CWS/8, 2020) request Part 7 Task Force to review the questionnaire;
- (CWS/9, 2021) approve the questionnaire, request that the survey be conducted;
- (CWS/10, 2022) note the survey results and approve the publication in the WIPO Handbook.

Part 7.7 “Survey on the grant and publication of “Supplementary Protection Certificates” ...”

- (CWS/6, 2017) approve the questionnaire, request that the survey be updated;
- (CWS/7, 2018) note the survey results, approve publication of the updated survey in the WIPO Handbook; and
- (CWS/9, 2021) announce the update of the survey to be carried out during the following year.

Part 7.8 “Survey of filing procedures and filing requirements, as well as of examination methods and publication procedures, relating to industrial designs”

- in the Archive.

Part 7.9 “Survey concerning citation practices in industrial property offices”

- No updates required so far. Eventual updates to be requested by the CWS.

Part 7.10 “Survey of practices in industrial property offices regarding codes used for internal purposes or individual use”

- No updates required so far. Eventual updates to be requested by the CWS.

Part 7.11 “Survey on the implementation and promotion of WIPO Standard ST.22”

- No updates required so far. Eventual updates to be requested by the CWS.

Part 7.12 “Survey on the use of WIPO Standards”

- (CWS/5, 2017) note the survey results, approve publication of the new survey in the WIPO Handbook (see document CWS/5/2)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS

2. The table below contains visual and less detailed representation of the information provided in the list above:

	Last publ.	After CWS/5 2017	after CWS/6 2018	after CWS/7 2019	after CWS/8 2020	after CWS/9 2021
Part 7.1	1997			Questionnaire	Collect Info	Publish
Part 7.2.1		Archived				
Part 7.2.2	2001		Questionnaire	Collect Info	Publish	
Part 7.2.3	2000				Archiving	
Part 7.2.4	2018		Update / Publish			Update
Part 7.2.5	2013	Update on request from CWS				
Part 7.2.6	2017				Collect Info / Publish	
Part 7.2.7	2017	Publish			Collect Info / Publish	
Part 7.3	2016			Collect Info / Publish		
Part 7.4	2009	Update on request from CWS				
Part 7.5		Archived				
Part 7.6	1990			Questionnaire	Update	Publish
Part 7.7	2002	Questionnaire	Update	Publish		Update
Part 7.8		Archived				
Part 7.9	2008	Update on request from CWS				
Part 7.10	2009	Update on request from CWS				
Part 7.11	2012	Update on request from CWS				
Part 7.12	2018	Publication	Ad-hoc updates on request			

ACTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2018/2019 (FROM CWS/7 TO CWS/8)

- (a) Part 7 Task Force
  - i. Draft survey for 7.1 representation of calendar dates; and
  - ii. Draft survey for 7.6 bibliographic information in patent gazettes.
- (b) Part 7.2.2 numbering systems for publications and registrations
  - i. Invite IPOs to respond to survey and collect responses; and
  - ii. Prepare report on results for CWS/8.
- (c) Part 7.7 grant and publication of industrial property protection extensions (IPPEs)
  - i. Publish results.
- (d) Part 7.3 examples and kinds of patent documents
  - i. Invite IPOs to update their entries in the Handbook.

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