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Re. SCIT 2423 06

Two Letter Country Code "GC"

Dear Yo,

I refer to your letter dated 15 January 1999.

I can confirm that the United Kingdom Patent Office has no objection to the allocation of the two-letter code "GC" to designate the Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) within the scope of WIPO Standard ST.3.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Back