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Re: WIPO Sequence Suite 2.0.0 Launch

Madam, Sir,

The International Bureau of the WIPO is pleased to announce the launch of WIPO Sequence Suite version 2.0.0. Version 2.0.0 is the third stable release and aims to achieve the Minimum Viable Product (MVP) that can be used to generate WIPO Standard ST.26-compliant biological sequence listings to be filed on or after July 1, 2022, the WIPO ST.26 implementation date. WIPO Sequence Suite is comprised of the two components: WIPO Sequence for use by applicants and the WIPO Sequence Validator for use by IP Offices.

WIPO Sequence is freely downloadable from the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/sequence. Full details of the changes that have been made since the last stable release are provided in release notes, which are also published on this webpage.

Users of WIPO Sequence are encouraged to join our subscription list, where details regarding all upcoming releases and other important announcements will be provided. Users can subscribe by completing the online form at: https://wipo.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ebfb4bd1ae698020adc01a4ce&id=105ecfe1c0

A wiki space will be provided by the International Bureau to host both the latest version of WIPO Sequence Validator as well as the WIPO Sequence Validator operations manual. The International Bureau requests that your Office/Organization kindly nominate individuals who will be responsible for deploying the WIPO Sequence Validator in your Office IT environments. These contact points should then be sent to us at: wiposequence@wipo.int.

Finally, the International Bureau would like to acknowledge the contribution of all of the Offices and testers who have participated in the development process of WIPO Sequence Suite, without whose support this release would not have been a success.

Yours sincerely,

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