

Implementation of WIPO Standard ST.91

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1. Identification page

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2. Questions page

Q 1. Does your Office currently use 3D models, 3D images or 3D chemical structures?

Yes

1. Q 1.1. If yes, for what IP rights:

Trademarks

Other (please specify): The UK IPO accepts 3D Models and 3D Images for trade marks only. These can be viewed on the UK IPO Internet Case Enquiry service but not via the trade marks journal.

Q 1.2. Does your Office implement WIPO Standard ST.91 within its work?

No

Additional Comments: The UK IPO is carrying out a major transformation program. Implementation of ST.91 will be considered in the next phase of the program.

Q 2.1. What formats of 3D models, 3D images or 3D chemical structures does your Office currently accept for each IP right?

| | Trademarks | Industrial Designs | Inventions (except 3D chemical structures) | Utility models | Integrated circuit topology | Inventions (3D chemical structures) |
|---|------------|--------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None, my Office doesn't operate this type of IP right | | | | X | X | X |
| None, my Office doesn't accept 3D models, 3D images or 3D chemical structures for this type of IP right | | X | X | X | X | X |
| 3D PDF | | | | | | |
| IGES | | | | | | |
| OBJ | X | | | | | |
| STL | X | | | | | |
| STEP/STP | | | | | | |
| U3D | | | | | | |
| MOL | | | | | | |
| CDX | | | | | | |

Other (please specify): The UK IPO also accepts X3D files (as per ST.91) which is not listed above. Integrated Circuit Topology Rights (known in the UK as Semi-Conductor Topography Rights) are an unregistered right in the UK so the UK IPO does not receive any applications/models or images in connection with this right type.

Q 2.2. What software does your Office currently use for the visualization of 3D models, 3D images or 3D chemical structures during the examination process?

Please specify:

The UK IPO uses 3rd party JSON script libraries for the visualisation of 3D Models & 3D Images for Trade Marks

Q 2.3. What formats of 3D models, 3D images or 3D chemical structures does your Office currently use for the electronic publication for each IP right operated by Office?

| | Trademarks | Industrial Designs | Inventions (except 3D chemical structures) | Utility models | Integrated circuit topology | Inventions (3D chemical structures) |
|---|------------|--------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None, my Office doesn't operate this type of IP right | | | | X | X | X |
| None, my Office doesn't publish information of this type of IP right electronically | | | | X | X | X |
| None, my Office doesn't publish information of 3D models, 3D images or 3D chemical structures electronically even if they were accepted | | X | X | X | X | X |
| 2D images received by my Office from the source 3D models or 3D images | | | | | | |
| 3D PDF | | | | | | |
| IGES | | | | | | |
| OBJ | X | | | | | |
| STL | X | | | | | |
| STEP/STP | | | | | | |
| U3D | | | | | | |
| MOL | | | | | | |
| CDX | | | | | | |

Other (please specify): The UK IPO also uses X3D files for trade marks

Q 2.4. What software does your Office currently use for the electronic publication of 3D models, 3D images or 3D chemical structures?

None

Q 2.5. What formats of 3D models, 3D images or 3D chemical structures does your Office currently use for the paper publication for each IP right?

| | Trademarks | Industrial Designs | Inventions (except 3D chemical structures) | Utility models | Integrated circuit topology | Inventions (3D chemical structures) |
|---|------------|--------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None, my Office doesn't operate this type of IP right | | | | X | X | X |
| None, my Office doesn't publish information of this type of IP right on paper | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| None, my Office doesn't publish information of 3D models, 3D images or 3D chemical structures on paper even if they were accepted | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| 2D images received by Office from the source 3D models or 3D images | | | | | | |
| Link to the 3D object online | | | | | | |

Other (please specify): The UK IPO no longer publishes on paper and has not done so for 10+ years

Q 2.6. Does your Office carry out search for the comparison of the 3D models and 3D images with 3D models and 3D

images during the examination process and if so, in what formats for each IP right?

| | Trademarks | Industrial Designs | Inventions (except 3D chemical structures) | Utility models | Integrated circuit topology |
|--|------------|--------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------|
| No | | X | X | X | X |
| Yes, my Office uses 2D representations of 3D models for the comparison | | | | | |
| Yes, my Office uses 3D models themselves for the comparison | X | | | | |

Other (please specify):

Q 2.7. What software does your Office currently use for the comparison of the 3D models and 3D images with 3D models and 3D images during the examination process?

ACSEPTO is used for examiners & external customers to view 3D models & 3D images for trade marks

Q 2.8. Does your Office carry out search for the comparison of the 3D models and 3D images with 2D images during the examination process and if so, in what formats for each IP rights?

| | Trademarks | Industrial Designs | Inventions (except 3D chemical structures) | Utility models | Integrated circuit topology |
|--|------------|--------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------|
| No | | X | X | X | X |
| Yes, my Office uses 2D representations of 3D models for the comparison | X | | | | |
| Yes, my Office uses 3D representations of 2D images for the comparison | X | | | | |

Other (please specify):

Q 2.9. What software does your Office currently use for the comparison of the 3D models and 3D images with 2D images during the examination process?

ACSEPTO is used for trade mark searching

Q 3.1. Please describe existing practices or future plans for using 3D models, 3D images or 3D chemical structures within your Office

As noted in our response to Question 1.2 the UK IPO is about to start the second phase of a major IT transformation program. We will be considering our existing and future plans for using 3D models & 3D images at this time.

Q 3.2. Please describe existing practices or future plans relating to the implementation of WIPO Standard ST.91 within your Office

Please see our response to Questions 1.2 & 3.1

Q 4. Any other comments

None

4. Thank you

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