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December 22, 2014

Re: Revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 - UPOV

Madam,
Sir,

The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) would like to inform your Office that the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) has requested to establish a new two-letter code to represent its name in WIPO Standard ST.3. Please find the annexed letter from the UPOV.

In view of the request, the International Bureau would like to inform your Office that the following changes in Annex A to WIPO Standard ST.3 should be carried out:

Inclusion of :

- International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (English name)
- Union internationale pour la protection des obtentions végétales (French name)
- Unión Internacional para la Protección de las Obtenciones Vegetales (Spanish name)

and its two-letter code XU.

Enclosure: Letter of UPOV

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For your information, WIPO Standard ST.3 is available on the website of WIPO at:

English: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

French: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/fr/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

Spanish: <http://www.wipo.int/standards/es/pdf/03-03-01.pdf>

In accordance with the procedure for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 adopted by the former Standards and Documentation Working Group of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT/SDWG) at its eleventh session in October 2009 (see paragraph 35 of document SCIT/SDWG/11/14), your Office in its capacity as a member of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) is requested to inform the International Bureau, by e-mail to cws.mail@wipo.int, of its remarks concerning the inclusion, in WIPO Standard ST.3, of the new two-letter code proposed above. Document SDWG/11/14 is available at: http://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/scit/en/scit_sdwg_11/scit_sdwg_11_14.pdf

In the event that no communication is received by February 20, 2015, the International Bureau will consider that your Office has no objection to the said proposals and will amend WIPO Standard ST.3 accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



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WIPO Standard ST.3

December 12, 2014

Dear Assistant Director General Takagi,

The purpose of this letter is to request the establishment of a two-letter code to represent the name of the "International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)".

Paragraph 1 of WIPO Standard ST.3 "Recommended Standard on Two-Letter Codes for the Representation of States, Other Entities and Intergovernmental Organizations" provides that "[t]his Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to industrial property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of industrial property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of industrial property."

In accordance with paragraph 1 of WIPO Standard ST.3, UPOV is eligible to have a ST.3 Code. UPOV acts in the framework of a treaty, the UPOV Convention. The UPOV Convention provides the basis for members to encourage plant breeding by granting breeders of new plant varieties an industrial property right: the breeder's right (PBR). Cooperation between members of UPOV is an important benefit of the UPOV system. In certain members of UPOV, the PBR Office is established under a ministry that is responsible for intellectual property and, therefore, UPOV interacts with several Intellectual and Industrial Property Offices. UPOV has observer status in the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS).

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Mr. Yoshiyuki Takagi, Geneva – December 12, 2014

In addition to the above, UPOV is currently involved in the UPOV Electronic Application Form Project (EAF Project). The EAF Project covers all relevant information required for an application for a breeder's right in the members of UPOV concerned and with questions translated in the relevant languages for the members of UPOV concerned. In relation to the format for the plant variety protection (PVP) data to be exchanged, it was agreed at the beginning of the EAF Project that a standard format (PVP-XML) would be developed, based on WIPO Standard ST.96 "Recommendation for the processing of Industrial Property information using XML".

The PVP-XML Schema would, as far as possible, reuse and refer to relevant components of the WIPO Standard ST.96 without modification. In order to facilitate the use of ST.96 schema components without modification when implementing PVP-XML schemas, it is important that WIPO Standard ST.3 contains a two-letter code for UPOV.

Paragraph 10 of WIPO ST.3 provides that "[t]he letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes". UPOV would like to request the two-letter code "XU".

Please let me know if you need additional information concerning the above request.

Yours sincerely,



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