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Re: Release of WIPO Sequence Version 1.0.0

Madam, Sir,

The International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is pleased to announce the launch of WIPO Sequence 1.0.0, the first stable release of this software tool. Further information on this release is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/news/2020/news_0002.html.

WIPO Sequence is a global common software tool that enables patent applicants and IP Offices to prepare and/or verify amino acid and nucleotide sequence listings, compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26, as part of a national, regional or international patent application. WIPO Sequence is comprised of the WIPO Sequence desktop application for applicants and the WIPO Sequence Validator for IP Offices. Both of these tool components and supporting documentation are now freely available for download on the WIPO Website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/sequence/>.

Member States agreed that all sequence listings being part of a patent application, filed at national, regional and international level from January 1, 2022, must be compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26. In order for IP Offices and patent applicants to prepare for the implementation of WIPO ST.26 in time, this stable version of WIPO Sequence has been published. It is hoped that IP Offices and end users will trial the latest version of the WIPO Sequence desktop application or the WIPO Sequence Validator and provide their feedback to improve these tools. Feedback can be provided to the International Bureau via email at standards@wipo.int.

The International Bureau developed WIPO Sequence in close collaboration with IP Offices and registered end users, and we thank all who participated in the development process. Furthermore, we have just commenced a further development, which is intended to improve the current implementation of WIPO Sequence and to provide the second stable version in July 2021, well in advance of the WIPO ST.26 implementation date. If your Office/Organization is interested in participating in testing during this improvement project, or wishes to recommend end users to do so, please contact us at standards@wipo.int.

Finally, should your Office/Organization have any questions or training requests on WIPO Sequence and/or WIPO Standard ST.26, please do not hesitate to contact us at standards@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,



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