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Re: Update of Patent Authority Files of Offices

Madam,  
Sir,

At its eighth session, held from November 30 to December 2 and December 4, 2020, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) requested that the Secretariat issue a Circular inviting Intellectual Property Offices (IPOs) to update their Authority File information. Also at this session, the CWS approved the date of March 1 for the provision of annual authority file updates by IPOs. The International Bureau hereby invites IPOs to provide updates to their Authority File data before March 1, 2021.

Currently there are 21 IPOs which publish their Authority File data sets as part of the WIPO Authority File portal available at: [https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/authority\\_file.html](https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/authority_file.html). The International Bureau hereby invites these IPOs to provide any updates to their existing Authority Files compliant with WIPO Standard ST.37, either in XML or TXT format, or, alternatively, a URL identifying the location of their published Authority File data. IPOs, which have not previously provided their Authority Files, are also invited to provide their Authority File data sets or a URL of their published Authority File data set for the first time.

After receiving the Authority File data sets, we will first ensure their compliance with WIPO Standard ST.37 before publishing them all together as a single update to the WIPO Authority File portal in March 2021.

Should your Office have any questions, please contact us at [standards@wipo.int](mailto:standards@wipo.int). It would be greatly appreciated if the number of this Circular could be quoted as a reference in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



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