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Re-affirmation of “freely available” status of ISO/IEC 14662 and multi-part ISO/IEC 15944

1. Request to JTC1 Secretariat and JTC1/SC32 Chair

The purpose of this note is to request the JTC1 Secretariat to correct administrative oversights (and those of the JTC1/SC32 Chair and JTC1/SC32 Secretariat) in 2001-2002 by making all the Parts of the multipart ISO/IEC 15944 standard, freely available, i.e., as was done for the ISO/IEC 11179 family of standards by JTC1/SC32 and JTC1 in 2002. At present only Part 1 of ISO/IEC 15944 has been made publicly available but not yet Parts 2, 4, and 5 which have also reached the IS stage.

2. Background Notes and Rationale

2.1 Introduction

The purpose of these background notes and rationale is to identify key documents and JTC1/SC32 resolutions in support of this request.

It is also recognized that:

- the first and long-time convener of JTC1/SC32/WG1, Hannu Pelkonen resigned in 2007 and was replaced by Paul Levine. Further, as of the May, 2008 Sydney, Australia meeting, Paul Levine will be retiring as SC32/WG1 Convener to be replaced by Wengfeng Sun (China) as the JTC1/SC32/WG1 Convener;

However, Paul Levine, Hannu Pelkonen and Jake Knoppers have participated in JTC1/SC30 prior to 1997 and subsequent JTC1/SC32/WG1 activities from 1997 onwards and have knowledge of this matter.
- the JTC1/SC32 Secretary for many years, Douglas Mann, has been replaced by Timothy Schoechle;
- both the JTC1/SC32 Chair, Bruce Bargmeyer and the JTC1 Secretary, Lisa Rajchel have been officers in these capacities for the time period from 1997 to the present;
- this request also incorporates conversations and (verbal) understandings between Hannu Pelkonen, Paul Levine, and/or Jake Knoppers reached with Lisa Rajchel (and Bruce Bargmeyer) and commitments made by them with respect to making ISO/IEC 15944-1 freely available.

2.2 ISO/IEC 14662 Open-edi Reference Model

The ISO/IEC 14662 standard and the subsequent ISO/IEC 15944 multipart standard form a “family of standards” (like that for ISO/IEC 11179 as stated in document 32N00872 and J1N6824).

JTC1 at its Ottawa Plenary, 9-12 September, 1997 meeting resolved to make ISO/IEC 14662 a publicly available standard. {See Resolution 32 “Release of standards” in J1N5018}

2.3 ISO/IEC 15944 Multipart “e-business” standard

With the disbandment of JTC1/SC30 “Open-edi” standards development work, a key follow-up action by SC32/WG1 was to establish the development of a multipart standard, i.e., ISO/IEC 15944, which focuses on the “Business Operational View (BOV)”.

Early in 2001, when Part 1 of ISO/IEC 15944 had reached the preparation of FDIS stage, SC32/WG1 requested at its 2001-08-03 Piscataway meeting to make ISO/IEC 15944 standard publicly available as per its Resolution WG1/2 (document 32/WG1 N184) which reads:

“Resolution WG1/2: Public availability of ISO/IEC 15944

SC32/WG1 instructs its secretariat to send a request to JTC1 to make the standard 15944 publicly available”.

Note: By 2001, SC32/WG1 was already working on the development of Parts 2 and 3 of the multipart ISO/IEC 15944 standard. At the 2001-08-03 Piscataway, NJ, USA meeting, SC32/WG1 also approved a project sub-division for Part 4 of 15944.

At its 2003-10-26 Victoria, BC, Canada, Plenary Meetings, JTC1/SC32 approved the WG1 Resolutions of both its Piscataway and Victoria) meetings. {See Resolution 1 in 32N0708} and the WG1 Resolutions document referenced {See 32N710}. In SC32 N0710, titled “*Resolutions from WG1 Meeting in Victoria, BC 2001-10-25*”, the Piscataway resolution to request the SC32 Secretariat to send a request to JTC1 to make “all parts of the 15944 standard publicly available” can be found in Resolution WG1/17.

Subsequently, the SC32 Secretariat issued document 32N0738 titled “*SC32 Request for JTC1 Approval to make all parts of ISO/IEC 15944 Publicly Available*” (2001-11-27). The Requested Action states “Request JTC1 Approval”

This document arrived too late to be dealt with at the 2001 JTC1 Plenary and SC32/WG1 members were assured that would be dealt with at the 2002 JTC1 Plenary instead.

2.4 ISO/IEC 11179 “metadata” multipart standard (and family of standards

The 2001 JTC1/SC32 resolution to make all parts of ISO/IEC 15944 “publicly available” prompted SC32/WG2 to request a similar approach for the ISO/IEC 11179 multipart standard.

Thus SC32/WG2 at its 2002-05-10 Seoul, Korea meeting adopted “Resolution WG2/17: SC32/WG2 Request to make ISO/IEC 11179 freely available”. {See document 32N0807}. This SC32/WG2 Resolution 2/17 was also approved by JTC1/SC32 at its 2002-05-10 Plenary Meeting. {See document 32N0803, Resolution 23}.

Subsequently, the SC32 Secretariat issued a document titled “*SC32 Request to JTC1 to make the Family of ISO/IEC 11179 Metadata Registry standards publicly available*”. {See document 32N0872, also J1N6824}.

3. JTC1 2002 Plenary Meeting – Resolution re: 15944 and 11179

The resolutions of the 2002 JTC1 Plenary (21-25 October, Sophia Antipolis, France) contains two resolutions pertaining to making specific JTC1 standards freely available; namely:

- *Resolution 28 – Release of standards which fall under the JTC1 criteria; and,*
- *Resolution 29 – Release of standards which do not fall under the JTC1 criteria.*

The family of JTC1/SC32 “11179” standards is noted under Resolution 29. Consequently, all parts of the ISO/IEC 11179 multipart standard are listed as “publicly available”.

The publicly available standards are available on the ISO/IEC website for this purpose. {See <http://standards.iso.org/ittf/PubliclyAvailableStandards/index.html>}.

However, in neither of these two JTC1 Sophia resolutions is there mention of making the ISO/IEC 15944 multipart standard a “freely available” standard. Nor does the JTC1 Agenda for the JTC1 Sophia Plenary meeting.

4. What Happened?

In 2003, SC32/WG1 members were informed “verbally” by the JTC1 Secretary Lisa Rajchel:

- 4.1 that the JTC1/SC32 Chair and JTC1 Secretariat had made an error in not including the JTC1/SC32 request to make the multipart ISO/IEC 15944 multipart standard a “freely available” standard as part of the 2002 JTC1 Sophia Agenda documents and subsequent resolutions.
- 4.2 that the JTC1 Secretariat would take action to correct this error via administrative actions

- 4.3. subsequently JTC1 Secretariat issued JIN664, January, 2002 with as title:
“3 Month Default Letter Ballot – JTC1/SC32 N0738: SC32 Request for JTC1 to make all parts of ISO/IEC 15944 Publicly Available”. This JTC1 ballot passed.
- 4.4 Lisa Rajchel, JTC1 Secretariat, posted an e-mail on 26 April, 2002 to Doug Mann, Bruce Bargmeyer, with a cc. to Keith Brannon which stated that regarding J1N6664, JTC1 approved the request *“...to make all parts of ISO/IEC Publicly available... By copy of this message I am requesting the ITTF to proceed with further processing of this request.”*
- 4.4 Result: Part 1 of ISO/IEC 15944 was listed as a “Publicly Available” standard on the ISO/ITTF website noted above.

However, to date Part 2, published in 2006 and Parts 4 & 5 published in 2007 are not listed as being publicly available.

5. Recommended Action

It is recommended that the JTC1 Secretariat take appropriate action with the ITTF to ensure that Parts 2, 4 and 5 of ISO/IEC 15944 are also listed as “publicly available” standards (and also for additional parts in the future)

It is noted that a prime motivating factor for P-member experts participating in former JTC1/SC30 “Open-edi” and subsequent JTC1/SC32/WG1 “eBusiness” is that these generic foundation standards are made publicly available. They serve as the basis for other standards development and use.