

SOURCE: CHAIRMAN
TITLE : PATENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE POLICIES

Participating organizations in the group agreed in Red Bank to provide statements regarding their policy on the time of disclosure to the chairman by 30th November 1987 (see §4.8.1/doc. #276R)

This document assembles such statements received by January 26, 1988. The policies stated can be classified in the following two categories;

- A: Patents are disclosed to the group after they get into the public domain.
- B: Information on patents may be disclosed before that if some provisos are cleared.

Summary of Statements

No	Organization	Statement
1	BT	B
2	Netherlands PTT	A
3	PictureTel	B
4	NTT	B
5	KDD	B
6	CLI	A
7	CSELT	B
8	NEC Norway	
9	Sweden	fail to <u> </u>
10	GEC	find out as soon as possible after the meeting
11	CNET	fail to clear statements
12	Co <u> </u>	"
13	PKI	with A B
14	FTZ	B
15	BNR	not yet got
16	Selegna	B
17	Position	B @
18	AT&T	1 B
19	Korec	
20	NEC	(A) B no patents

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BT position on disclosure of Patent information to the
CCITT SGXV Specialists Group on Coding.

In the interests of avoiding patent conflicts after a Recommendation is issued, BT are willing to inform the Specialists group of the general contents and scope of any patent application, relevant to the Recommendation, as soon as the Patent application is filed at the UK Patent office. Since such actions are weakening the company's position regarding retention of its Intellectual Property, BT will only continue with this policy provided all other members of the Specialists group do likewise, if this is not possible then no further patent information will be provided until the Patent enters the public domain, ie at least 18 months after filing.

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Specialists Group on Coding for Visual Telephony

Source: Netherlands Postal and Telecommunications Services (PTT)

Title: Statement regarding disclosure patent specifications under the patent law of The Netherlands.

PTT has the following information:

Patent specifications will be available for the public eighteen months after the filing of the patent specification with the National patent office or after eighteen months after the first filing of the patent specification in an other country, but within the priority period of twelve months.

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December 10, 1987

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Dear Mr. Okubo:

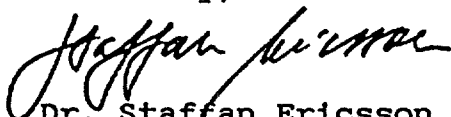
We would like to state our policy for disclosing patents and patent applications that might be relevant for the n x 384 kbit/s Flexible Hardware specifications.

We will continue to inform the Specialists Group of PictureTel patents and patent applications that might cover elements of the Flexible Hardware specifications.

According to U.S. patent law, a patent application is not in the public domain; however, we will give a short description of the aspects relevant to the Flexible Hardware at the first Specialists Group meeting following the filing of the patent application.

A condition for maintaining our patent disclosure policy in the future is that it is agreed to and respected by all other organizations participating in the CCITT Specialists Group.

Sincerely,



Dr. Staffan Ericsson
Director of Research

SE/jdc

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Document #
January 4, 1987

SOURCE: NTT

TITLE : NTT POLICY CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF PATENT INFORMATION

In principle, NTT discloses patent information after the publication of unexamined application ('KOKAI', see Note).

If it will be so agreed in the Specialists Group, however, NTT is ready to provide the Specialists Group with short description (number of patent applications, filing date, title, note to the title consisting of a few lines, filing countries) of the relevant patents which NTT applied, even before KOKAI.

Note: Under the Japanese patent law, after the expiration of 18 months from the filing date, or the earliest priority date where applicable, the full text of an application, together with the drawings (if any), is published in the Patent Gazette (KOKAI KOHO), regardless of its examination stage. The examination of patent applications is carried out upon a request of examination which any person may make within seven years from the filing date of application. Patent is to be granted to the first filed application, not to the first invention.



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December 22nd, 1987

Mr. S. Okubo
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Dear Mr Okubo:

Attached please find a submission from Compression Labs concerning a recently issued patent which we believe is pertinent to the upcoming recommendations by CCITT on Nx384 video codecs. This patent was just granted in October although the time of invention was considerably in the past. Upon advice from our Patent Counsel we were not free to disclose the pending patent until its examination was complete by the United States Patent Office.

In the submission you will also find the usual statement to the effect that this technology will be made available on reasonable terms worldwide, if such is required.

If our firm is granted other patent rights in the future which encompass technology that appears in the CCITT recommendation, we will disclose them to you in similar fashion.

Best Regards,

Todd V. Townsend
Vice-President, Engineering

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Document #
Jan. 18, 1988

Title : Statement on the timing of disclosure of patents

relevant to the 384 and 64 kbit/s moving picture coding

Source : CSELT

CSELT policy regarding release of information to the Specialists Group on Coding for Visual Telephony of CCITT is the following:
CSELT intends to inform the Group when a patent is filed, which corresponds to 18 months before the information becomes public (the so called "dark period"), provided that this anticipation is not in contrast with particular cases foreseen by our national rules and provided that other Members of the Group undertake to do the same.