

**Liaison Report to ISO****Date of Report: August 2009****Date received by Secretariat:****ISO/TC 68 SC4****N_****National Body or Liaison Organization:****ANNA (Association of National Numbering Agencies)****Head of Delegation/ Names of Delegates:****Dan Kuhnel, ANNA Chairman****General Information on National Standards or Mirror Committee Program – (attach additional sheet if needed)****Historical Background**

ANNA was formed under Belgian law as an 'scrl' Association in 1992 with 22 National Numbering Agencies as the original founding members. Today, ANNA has 78 National Numbering Agencies with full membership rights and an additional 27 associate members (ANNA partners) covering 117 countries. As a direct result of the current number of ANNA members; the coverage of ISIN assignment (in accordance with the ISO 6166 standard) is in excess of 200 countries worldwide. The wide coverage versus the actual number of members is due to establishment of substitute numbering agencies to assist with ensuring wider market adoption and the promotion of the ISO 6166 standard. Substitute agencies have been designated to assign ISIN numbers in jurisdictions where no National Numbering Agency exists – hence the achieved global coverage.

The ANNA Service Bureau ("ASB") (operated with direct oversight by ANNA) has been in production since July 2001. It is due to the efforts and commitment of the ANNA members as a whole, to ensure availability of ISINs via the ASB, that as of the end of June 2009, the ASB had in excess of 9.25 million ISINs in its' database. Of this number, in excess of 4.26 million ISINs were 'live' issuances trading in one or more of the global financial markets. Additionally the ASB database has over 6.77 million CFI codes of which 3.42 million are 'live' issuances.

The database requires an initial bulk ISIN/CFI master file from the ANNA members which is periodically re-submitted to ensure coverage, availability and accuracy. Where ANNA has not achieved ISIN coverage or where ISO 6166 compliance issues exist with a specific NNA, the ANNA Board of Directors analyses the specific case, determines the appropriate course of action and implements a sequence of preventative measures to rectify the situation.

Participation by Country/Liaison in ISO TC68, SC2, SC4, SC7, RMG, SEGs, other

ANNA representation and the views of its' members has been directly involved and provided input in the following areas:

- revision of ISO 6166 through active participation in the SC4/WG1 forum;
- cooperation with SWIFT on ensuring timely and accurate updates of ISO 10383 (MIC) as per market changes advised by the NNAs;
- promotion, assistance and thus increased assignment/coverage and usage of ISO 10962 (CFI);
- revision of ISO 10962 through active participation in the SC4/WG6 forum
- continued assessment of IGI (Issuer Guarantor Identifier) developments via the SC4/WG8 forum and,
- development of implementation and governance criteria for the ISO 18773 (Abbreviations) and ISO 18774 (Financial Instrument Short Name) standards
- development of implementation and governance criteria for the IGI standard

National Adoptions of ISO standards or Implementation by Liaisons – (list key standards)

- see above

Major changes in financial services in your country since last report and expected in next two years

Key principles of ISIN standard Registration Authority Agreement finalized with ISO Central Secretariat. Drafted Agreement has been provided to the ISO Council for consideration and voting. Anticipate formal feedback on ISO Council vote in September 2009. Assuming outcome is an endorsement of conceptual concepts, drafted agreement would be presented to ANNA membership at November EGM for voting

ANNA Task Force 20 has been created and is working on governance and implementation processes related to ISO 18773 and 18774 standards. A comprehensive overview of the plan will be presented to the ANNA membership in

Nov 2009 for consideration. Assuming ANNA membership endorsement is achieved, ANNA would be in a position to formally apply to SC4 to assume the role of Registration Authority for the two standards.

ANNA Task Force 20 has also identified implementation synergies with the drafted concepts inherent in the IGI standard and has also begun assessment and development of an implementation plan to be presented to the ANNA membership in Nov 2009

TF-20 has determined, in the process of assessing implementation requirements, that for the ISO 18773, 18774 and IGI standards; the ANNA membership is ideally placed to assume the role as the Registration Authority. Given the complexity of implementing and maintaining these standards, without an adequate contingency process, it is envisioned it will be very difficult for all NNAs to fulfill the Registration Authority requirements. Therefore TF-20 has noted it is vital to successful implementation of the standard, that a robust substitute NNA function is in place to provide coverage for those NNAs not in a position to support the new standards from the outset. This is a key concept being developed at the level of the Task Force.

As most will be aware, the EU Commission initiated a review of the licensing practices of US ISINs applied by the US National Numbering Agency – the CUSIP Service Bureau. The ANNA Board anticipates a decision to be taken prior to the end of 2009; the outcome of which will likely have an impact on ANNA's developing short/medium to long term strategy.

Technology Developments in Financial Services that may have potential impact on domestic/international standards

Country/Liaison issues with current ISO TC 68 or SC Developments

The ANNA Board remains concerned with the suggested changes/additions being discussed within SC4/WG6 (CFI standard revision). The suggested additions will make the standard even more complex than it is today and will present significant issues for the ANNA membership in terms of implementation and compliance should the new proposed standard be adopted.

Other

ANNA has raised concerns and requested assistance from both the ISO Central Secretariat and SC4 convener in respect of a requirement inherent in the ISO 6166 Registration Authority Agreement. ANNA is requested to obtain Liability Insurance which will adequately indemnify ISO and its members against any claim of any NNA or any user of the Registration services. ANNA has requested direction from ISO CS and SC4. ANNA requires information related to Liability Insurance secured by other Registration Authorities for financial standards. To date this remains an open item. Directly linked to the above, the ANNA Board notes that as the RA for the CFI, it is logical to assume ANNA will also be required to execute an RA Agreement for the ISO 10962 standard, with inherent Liability Insurance clauses included. Further to this, as ANNA is deemed to be the most ideally placed organisation to undertake the RA function of the ISO 18773 and 18774 standards, plus the developing IGI standard, liability insurance matters would also be required to be addressed to comply with the ISO requirement that all RAs have adequate liability insurance. Thus ANNA needs to resolve this matter quickly and to the agreement of all parties.

ANNA has also requested clarification of the terminology related to the indemnification of ISO and its members. ISO CS were unable to provide any additional clarification of what situations may arise where this clause may be triggered.