UK comments accompanying question 2 on J1N5999 - Proposal for a New Work Item, Amendment to the part concerning Korean characters in ISO/IEC 10646-1:1993

The UK approval of the NP is subject to the following four conditions:

a) In accordance with clause 11 of the standard, the names and code positions of all existing characters in the standard shall not be changed, and no characters shall be deleted.

b) If the NP identifies characters that are agreed to be missing from the standard, they may be added, and their names shall be assigned according to the conventions already in use in the standard.

c) Although existing character names cannot be changed, additional explanatory material may be added to the standard regarding alternative names or terms that are in common use in relation to those characters.

d) The standard does not specify or imply any collating sequence for the characters in it. Accordingly no changes shall be made in the standard for any reasons arising from preferred collating sequences of Korean characters.

[Note: Collating sequences are the subject of other ISO/IEC standards, in particular ISO/IEC FCD 14651. That standard provides a Common Tailoring Table, and also specifies the means whereby users can tailor the ordering of Korean characters to the order proposed in the NP.]