

To: UTC
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RE: 10857 IMPERIAL ARAMAIC SECTION SIGN

In the WG2 consent docket (L2/08-397), Ken Whistler uncovered a discrepancy in the character count in Imperial Aramaic between what was approved by the UTC versus what WG2 had approved. The culprit was identified as the IMPERIAL ARAMAIC SECTION SIGN.

Background:

The Imperial Aramaic script was approved at the in August 2007 UTC. The repertoire was based on Michael Everson's Aramaic proposal L2/07-197R2, and included 30 characters.

The proposal was revised shortly after the August UTC meeting by Michael; this revision included the addition of one character, IMPERIAL ARAMAIC SECTION SIGN, for which evidence was finally located. The revised proposal with the SECTION SIGN appeared in the L2 document registry after the August UTC (L2/08-288, dated 25 August 2007), and contained 31 characters. The WG2 meeting, held in Hangzhou in September 2007, approved the 31-character repertoire with the SECTION SIGN.

Because the SECTION SIGN was added after the UTC had approved the script, it slipped through the works. It now needs to be approved in order for the repertoires to be in synch.

I can confirm that evidence for this character was provided. It is included in L2/08-288 in figs. 17 and 18.

Recommendation:

I recommend the UTC approve this character.

Its properties should be as follows (not contained in L2/08-288):

10857;IMPERIAL ARAMAIC SECTION SIGN;Po;0;R;;;;N;;;;;