

Title: Upcoming version of the Ideographic Variation Database  
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Following Amendment #3, clause 20.4 contains the following text:

Only the variation sequences defined or referenced in this clause indicate a specific variant form of graphic symbol; all other such sequences are undefined.

[...]

Variations sequences composed of a unified ideograph as the base character and one of VARIATION SELECTOR-17 to VARIATION SELECTOR-256 from the Supplementary Special-purpose Plane (SSP) are registered in the Ideographic Variation Database defined by Unicode Technical Standard #37.

NOTE 2 – The Ideographic Variation Database is currently empty. When entries are registered, these variation sequences will be referenced by this standard.

The Unicode Consortium has received a submission, and while it has not yet resulted in a new version of the Ideographic Variation Database (IVD), we anticipate that this will happen soon. This stable version of the IVD will be identified by a date. In preparation, we would like to propose that in a future amendment, the note be changed to:

The sequences in version yyyy-mm-dd of the Ideographic Variation Database are considered to be referenced by this clause.

or some similar wording.