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QUESTIONNAIRE ON APPLICATION NUMBERING (TASK NO. 30)

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1.   The former Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT), at its tenth session, in November 2008, agreed that the ST.10/C Task Force should prepare a questionnaire to survey industrial property offices (IPOs) regarding application numbers used. The issues to be addressed in the questionnaire were considered at the eleventh session of the SDWG, held in October 2009, on the basis of a proposal prepared by the Task Force. The SDWG requested the ST.10/C Task Force to prepare specific draft questionnaires for each of the three industrial property modalities (patents, trademarks and industrial designs) focusing only on application and priority application numbers used by the IPOs at present. (See documents SCIT/SDWG/10/12, paragraph 22, and SCIT/SDWG/11/14, paragraphs 23 - 26.)

2.   In accordance with the above-mentioned request by the SDWG, the ST.10/C Task Force has prepared a draft questionnaire on application numbering for consideration and approval by the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) at its first session. The draft questionnaire is reproduced in the Annex to the present document. The report of the ST.10/C Task Force prepared by the Task Force Leader is published separately and is available on the WIPO website
(*http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=20212*).

3.   With regard to the recommendations provided by WIPO Standard ST.13 for application numbers, the SDWG, at its eighth session, held in March 2007, agreed on maintaining, in the WIPO *Handbook on Industrial Property Information Documentation* (WIPO Handbook), a list of industrial property right type codes, internal use codes (within the nine-digit serial number) and the control character (check digit) that are unique to an individual IPO. The question was further discussed during ninth and tenth sessions of the SDWG and, according to the final decision taken by the SDWG at its eleventh session,

these issues were taken into consideration by the ST.10/C Task Force and are reflected in the draft questionnaire annexed hereto. (See documents SCIT/SDWG/8/14, paragraph 16; SCIT/SDWG/9/12, paragraph 19; SCIT/SDWG/10/12, paragraph 21; and SCIT/SDWG/11/14, paragraph 23.)

4.   Taking into account the complexity of the survey and in order to simplify preparing the responses by the IPOs, the ST.10/C Task Force came to the conclusion that it would be more expedient to prepare one questionnaire for all industrial property modalities, while inviting IPOs to provide separate responses on each of the numbering systems implemented in their practice.

5.   As stated in the report of the Leader of ST.10/C Task Force, it is proposed that if the questionnaire mentioned above is approved by the CWS, then the Committee will request the Secretariat to carry out the following subsequent actions:

- prepare and issue a circular inviting IPOs to complete the questionnaire;

- prepare summary of responses to the questionnaire and collated results of the survey; and

- publish the finalized results of the survey in Part 7 of the WIPO Handbook.

6.   Considering that the WIPO STAD database, which is under development at present, will include a survey tool for conducting surveys, the Secretariat proposes that the survey referred to above is conducted once the said survey tool is operational, and subsequently published in WIPO STAD.

7.   It should be noted that, at its eleventh session, the SDWG agreed that, once the present survey is completed, a new survey on application and priority application numbers used by the IPOs in the past would be conducted as the second stage of the exercise (see document SCIT/SDWG/11/14, paragraph 25).

8.   The CWS is invited to:

(a)   consider and approve the questionnaire on application numbering as reproduced in the Annex to this document;

(b)   consider and approve the actions to be undertaken by the Secretariat as specified in paragraph 5 above;

(c)   consider and approve the proposal indicated in paragraph 6, above, regarding the time frame for the survey on application numbering systems currently used by IPOs; and

(d)   establish a task requesting the ST.10/C Task Force to prepare a questionnaire for conducting a new survey as indicated in paragraph 7 above.

[Annex follows]

Questionnaire on Application Numbering

INTRODUCTION

1. The revised version of WIPO Standard ST.13 was adopted by the Standards and Documentation Working Group (SDWG) of the Standing Committee on Information Technologies (SCIT) in February 2008. This revision introduced guidelines on a prototype numbering format of application numbers, including guidelines for coding the types of industrial property rights (IPRs), codes for internal use, control numbers, etc.

2. Application numbers are assigned by industrial property offices (IPOs) in order to identify each application received, and are used by applicants and other offices, for instance, when the priority is claimed. It is important that IPOs, applicants, and users of IP information are always able to identify application numbers, and particularly priority application numbers, as well as their parts, in a unique, clear, and unambiguous manner.

3. The term priority application number in the context of this questionnaire is the reference to an application for a patent, trademark, design or any other IPR, previously received by the Office/Organization, and to which the applicant wishes to refer in a further application, usually filed with another Office/Organization. Generally, these numbers are provided on priority documents or priority certificates.

4. IPOs use a variety of codes in their application numbers, for instance, for coding types of IPRs, regional filing information, and check digits. The codes used by each IPO are unique, and the detailed information on them, as well as on the application number format, might be very important for other IPOs to facilitate their subsequent procedures, e.g. when claiming a priority right.

5. The SDWG requested the International Bureau to conduct a survey on application and priority application numbering systems currently used by the IPOs. The International Bureau should also maintain a list of codes for the types of IPRs, the codes for internal use and the control numbers (check digits) used by the IPOs in the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation* (WIPO Handbook).

6. The main part of the present Questionnaire (Questions 1 – 11) is devoted to application numbering systems. Question 12 concentrates on priority application numbering in details. Question 13 relates to the compliance of the IPO's practices with WIPO Standard ST.13. Examples of application numbers and priority application numbers along with relevant remarks are to be provided in response to Question 14.

7. Please note that the objective of this questionnaire is to collect information about numbering systems currently implemented in the IPOs. It is expected that once this exercise is completed the ST.10/C Task Force will prepare a questionnaire to conduct a second survey to collect information about numbering systems used by the IPOs in the past.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

8. The following WIPO Standards are of relevance to this survey:
    -   WIPO Standard ST.13: http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-13-01.pdf
    -   WIPO Standard ST.10/C: http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-10-c.pdf

9. Part 7.2 "Numbering systems" of the WIPO Handbook could be also helpful when you prepare your response to this questionnaire: http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/part_07.html.

10. Working materials of the SDWG and the ST.10/C Task Force are available on the following web-pages: http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/topic.jsp?group_id=120, http://www.wipo.int/cws/en/taskforce/st10c/background.htm.

INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING COMPLETION OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

One copy per numbering system

Offices administering the variety of IPRs might have more than one numbering system. Firstly the person who responds to the Questionnaire on behalf of the Office/Organization has to determine the number of different application numbering systems implemented in the Office/Organization. Let this number be N.

> *Example 1:*
> *A given office administers trademarks, industrial designs, and different kinds of patents (national patents, PCT, plant patents).*
>
> *All kinds of patent applications have a numbering system which looks like this:*
> *10 2008 123456   patent application filed in 2008 with the serial number 123456*
> *12 2008 666777   plant patent application filed in the same year with serial number 666777*
> *14 2008 987654   PCT international application filed in 2008 with serial number 987654*
>
> *At the same office, trademark and industrial design applications follow a different numbering system:*
> *123456 T 08   trademark application with serial number 123456 filed in 2008*
> *123456 D 08   industrial design application filed in the same year.*
>
> *Thus, the Office has two numbering systems, N=2*

Next, please copy the following pages (3 to 14, Questions 1 - 14 and Contact details) N times, and fill in a copy for each numbering system your Office/Organization uses. Please enter the number of the copy (and the total number of copies) in the header on each page.

> *In the Example 1 above, the first copy of pages 3 to 14, relating to patents, would be marked "1 of 2", the second copy of pages 3 to 14 relating to trademarks and designs would be marked "2 of 2".*

Help/Questions

If you require further clarifications or any assistance in filling out the questionnaire, please contact the International Bureau at cws.mail@wipo.int. It would be appreciated if a reference to "Questionnaire on application numbering" is quoted in all correspondence.

Copy _____ of _____

Please copy the following pages to fill in a survey for each numbering system implemented in your Office/Organization. See introductory part for explanation.

This copy of the questionnaire relates to one of numbering systems implemented in your Office/Organization. Please provide below contact details of the person the International Bureau can contact regarding the response on a given numbering system.

CONTACT DETAILS

Name:	
Industrial Property Office (IPO):	__ (ST.3 two-letter country/organization code)
Email address:	

TYPES OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPRs) COVERED BY THIS COPY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Question 1

Please indicate which types of IPRs are numbered using this system

- ☐ (a) Patents (excluding the types listed below)
- ☐ (b) International applications filed under the PCT (PCT international phase)
- ☐ (c) International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase)
- ☐ (d) Provisional patent applications (Provisional patents)
- ☐ (e) Innovation/simple/short-term/petty patent applications (Innovations)
- ☐ (f) Plant patents
- ☐ (g) Design patents
- ☐ (h) SPCs (Supplementary Protection Certificates)
- ☐ (i) Utility Models / Utility certificates
- ☐ (j) International utility model applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase)
- ☐ (k) Trademarks
- ☐ (l) Industrial designs
- ☐ (m) Layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits
- ☐ (n) Other (please specify): _____
- ☐ (o) Other (please specify): _____
- ☐ (p) Other (please specify): _____

> *Example 2:*
>
> *Relating to Example 1 in the introductory section, the office would have copied this page and the following pages twice, one – for the numbering system used for patent (and patent-like) applications, and another – for the numbering system used fortrade mark and design applications.*
>
> *In the first copy, the office would tick all check boxes for the patents it numbers using the first system (i.e. boxes a, b, and f).*
>
> *In the second copy, the office would then tick the check boxes for trademarks and designs (k, l) which are numbered using the second system.*

Please specify when this current numbering system was first introduced at your office (date or year):

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PARTS OF APPLICATION NUMBERS

WIPO Standard ST.13 provides that the indispensable part of an application number should consist of a code for the type of IPR, the year designation, and the serial number.

Question 2

Which of these parts does your Office/Organization's application numbering system, covered by this copy of the questionnaire, consist of (please check the appropriate boxes)? If the numbering system in question has additional parts, please specify them briefly:

☐   Code for the type of IPR
☐   Year designation
☐   Serial number
☐   Additional part/s: _____

> *Example 3:*
> *A fictional office has three sub-offices A, B, and C and codes the receiving office in the application number as an additional part. Then the office would indicate "receiving office code" in the last line.*

Additional comments, if any:

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ORDERING OF PARTS

WIPO Standard ST.13 recommends the ordering (sequence) of parts of an application number to be:
`<type> <year> <serial number>.`

Question 3

Please indicate what is the ordering of the parts of an application number in the numbering system covered by this copy of the questionnaire:

☐   Sequence `<type><year><serial number>`
☐   Other (please specify): _____

> *Example 4:*
> *In the case described in Example 3 above, a different sequence could be*
> `<year><receiving office><type><serial number>`

Additional comments, if any:

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LENGTH (FIXED/VARIABLE)

WIPO Standard ST.13 recommends using a fixed length of 15 characters (2 digits for the type of IPR, 4 digits for the year designation, and 9 digits for the serial number) for the application number.

Question 4

a)   Does your Office/Organization use a numbering system of fixed or variable length for application numbers?

☐ Fixed   ☐ Variable

b)   If you checked "Fixed", please indicate the number of characters used for each part of the application number specified in Question 2.

Part of application number		Number of characters
Code for the type of IPR:		_____
Year designation:		_____
Serial number:		_____
Other:	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____

Example 5:
For the case described in Examples 3 and 4 above, the response could be as follows:
- *code for the type of IP right*   *2*
- *year designation*   *4*
- *serial number*   *9*
- *Other: receiving office code*   *1*

c)   If you checked "Variable", please explain briefly how the characters are distributed in the application numbers:

_____

Example 6:
The serial number can have up to 6 digits.
The distribution is: type (2), year (4), serial number (1-6)

Additional comments, if any:

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CODES FOR TYPE OF IPR

WIPO Standard ST.13 recommends coding the type of IPR as an indispensable part of the application number. The following codes are provided for in the Standard:

> 10-19: patent applications
> > 10:   applications for patents for inventions
> > 11:   applications for patents from Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications (PCT applications in the national phase)
> > 12-19: office use

> 20-29: utility model applications
> > 20:   applications for utility models
> > 21:   applications for utility models from PCT applications
> > 22-29: office use

> 30-89: office use (applications for other IPRs: industrial designs, trademarks, layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits, SPCs, etc.)

> 90-99: reserved for use by the International Bureau of WIPO
> > 91:   international applications filed under the PCT in the international phase

Question 5

a)   Does your Office/Organization include the code for the type of IPR in the application number?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

If your answer was "No", please skip the remainder of this question and continue with Question 6

b)   Please indicate whether your Office/Organization uses letters, numerals or both for coding the type of IPR in the application numbers.

☐ Only letters   ☐ Only numerals   ☐ Both letters and numerals

> _Example 7:_
> _"U" for utility model would be "Only letters"; "20" for utility models - "only numerals"_

c)   If your answer to the question 5(a) above was "Yes", but you did not specify the type of IPR as a separate part of the application number in Question 2, please explain briefly where the information on the type of IPR is located:

> _Example 8:_
> _The type is coded implicitly in the serial number: all serial numbers in the range_
> _[0; 9999] indicate a utility model. All others indicate a patent._

d)   Please indicate the codes which your Office/Organization uses in application numbers for the types of IPRs covered by this part of the questionnaire.

Code	IPR

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Example 9:

For the scenario described in Example 1, the table would be filled in as follows:

For copy 1 of 2 (first numbering system which relates to patents and patent-like applications)

Code	IP right
10	*patents*
12	*plant patents*
14	*PCT applications*

For copy 2 of 2 (second numbering system relating to trademarks and designs)

Code	IP right
T	*trademarks*
D	*industrial designs*

Additional comments, if any:

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YEAR DESIGNATION

WIPO Standard ST.13 recommends coding a year with four digits according to the Gregorian calendar. Furthermore, it recommends that if an IPO does not wish to provide a year designation, the corresponding digits in the application number can be set to "0000" for the machine-readable form (electronic storage, exchange or identification), at the same time "0000" can be omitted for the purpose of display or print presentation.

Question 6

a)   Does your Office/Organization code year information in the application number?

☐   Yes   ☐   No

(i)   If your answer was "Yes", does your Office/Organization use four digits for coding the year?
☐ Yes
☐ No (please specify): _____

(ii)   If your answer was "Yes", according to which calendar is the information coded?
☐ Gregorian Calendar: _____
☐ Other (please specify): _____

(iii)   If your answer was "Yes", which year is coded?
☐ Year of filing _____
☐ Other (please specify): _____

(iv)   If your answer was "No", but your Office/Organization nevertheless provides a separate part of the application number for the year designation (as specified in Question 2), please provide information on how the corresponding digits are set for the machine-readable and print form:

The corresponding digits are set to "0000" for the machine-readable form	☐ Yes	☐ No
The corresponding digits "0000" are provided for presentation (print and display)	☐ Yes	☐ No

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Additional comments, if any:

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SERIAL NUMBER

For the serial number as an indispensable part of the application number, WIPO Standard ST.13 recommends a fixed length of nine digits to be used at each office's discretion. All nine digits should be employed in the machine-readable form. Leading zeros may be omitted for presentation. Gaps in sequential numbering schemes are permitted. The order of assignment of serial numbers does not necessarily need to reflect the order of registration. Starting at 1 each year is not necessary. When regional filing information forms a part of the application number, this information must be coded in the first two positions of the serial number.

Question 7

a)   Does your Office/Organization use a serial number in application numbers?

☐   Yes   ☐   No

If your answer was "No", please skip the remainder of this question and continue with Question 8.

b)   Does your Office/Organization use a serial number of fixed or variable length?

☐   Fixed   ☐   Variable

If your answer was "Variable", please explain briefly:

_____

Example 10:
For the case described in Example 6 above the response could be: The serial number begins at 100 each year, and can reach up to six digits at the end of a year. No leading zeros are used.

c)   Are the numbers sequential?

☐   Yes   ☐   No

d)   Are there gaps in the numbering sequences?

☐   Yes   ☐   No

If your answer was "Yes", please specify briefly how the gaps can occur:

_____

Example 11:
Paper filings begin at 1 each year, electronic filings begin at 50000. At the end of the year, there is usually a gap of about 15000 between the last paper filing and the first electronic filing.

e)   Are leading zeros omitted for presentation (print and display)?

☐   Yes   ☐   No

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f)   Does your Office/Organization use an annual numbering system (i.e. a serial number that restarts every year)?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

If the answer was "Yes", does the numbering start at "1" each year?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

Additional comments, if any:

CODE FOR INTERNAL USE

Some IPOs include regional filing information (i.e. the sub-office or state office in which the application was filed) in the application number. WIPO Standard ST.13 states that this information can be coded in the 9 digit serial number and if included it must be located at the first two positions of the serial number. In this case, these two positions can also be characters. If a country code is used for identifying different member offices of intergovernmental organizations, WIPO Standard ST.3 applies.

Question 8

a)   Does your Office/Organization include codes for internal use in the application number?

Yes ☐   No ☐

If your answer was "No", please skip the remainder of this question and continue with Question 9.

b)   Where does your Office/Organization code this information?

☐ As a part of the serial number

Please identify in what position/s this information is coded (leftmost position = 1).

Example 12:
In digits 1 and 2 of the serial number.

☐ As a separate part of the application number (see Questions 2 and 3)

c)   Which kinds of characters (alphabetic and or numeric) does your Office/Organization use for codes for internal use?

☐ Numeric characters only
☐ Alphabetic characters only
☐ Both numerical and alphabetic characters

d)   Please briefly explain these codes:

Example 13:
Three sub-offices in towns A, B, and C, as assumed in Example 3, could be coded as:

Sub-office in town A:	*Code "a"*
Sub-office in town B:	*Code "b"*
Sub-office in town C:	*Code "c"*

Additional comments, if any:

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CONTROL NUMBER (CHECK DIGIT)

WIPO Standard ST.13 recommends the following basic rules for control numbers (check digits): they should consist of a single numeral, be in a computer-readable form, and be located at the last position (furthest to the right) of the nine-digit serial number.

Question 9

a) Does your Office/Organization use a control number (check digit)?

☐ Yes, it is a part of the application number
☐ Yes, but it is not a part of the application number
☐ No

If your answer was "No", please skip the remainder of this question and continue with Question 10.

b) Where is the control number located? Please indicate/describe the position of the check digit.

☐ After the application number
☐ In part _____ , _____ of the application number

Example 14:
For the system with fixed length of the application numbers
In part `<serial number>`*, digit in position 6 (leftmost position is 1) of the application number*
For the system with variable length of the application number
In part `<serial number>`*, last digit of the application number*

c) What characters are used as control number (check digit) in your Office/Organization?

☐ Single numeric character
☐ Single alphabetic character
☐ Single alphanumeric character
☐ Control number consists of more than one character (please explain):

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Example 15:
The last answer could be:
"The control number can be a number from 1 to 12, or the letter A."

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d)   Please specify when the control number / check digit is used:

    ☐   In the computer-readable form only
    ☐   For presentation only (print and display)
    ☐   Both in the computer-readable form and for presentation

e)   What is the algorithm for computing the control number(s)/character(s)?

Additional comments, if any:

OTHER INFORMATION

Question 10

Do the application numbers described in the above numbering system contain any other information not already covered in this questionnaire? If so, please describe briefly:

> *Example 16:*
> *Our office additionally codes e-filing information in the application number. E-filings have serial numbers 50000-100000, where 50000-74999 are e-filings using epoline, and 75000-10000 are e-filings using PCT-SAFE.*

SEPARATORS

WIPO Standard ST.13 provides that separators may be used for separating different elements in the application number (the type of IPR, the year designation, and the serial number). The Standard recommends that separators are not included in the computer-readable form, and should be used only for presentation. According to the Standard the following elements may be used as separators: a slash "/", a hyphen "-" or a space " ".

Question 11

a)   Does your Office/Organization use one or more separators in application numbers?

          Yes   ☐   No   ☐

If your answer was "No", please skip the remainder of this question and continue with Question 12.

b)   Please indicate what separators does your Office/Organization use

    ☐ Slash '/'
    ☐ Hyphen '-'
    ☐ Space ' '
    ☐ Other (please specify)

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c)   Please describe how these separators are used (see example below):

_____

_____

Example 17:
_Between the type of IPR and the year designation there is a space, between the
year designation and the serial number there is a slash and between the serial
number and the check digit there is a dot._ `<IPR type>space<year>/<serial
number>.<check digit>` _e.g. 10 2010/345678.4_

d)   Please specify, in which formats separators are used:

☐   In the computer-readable form only
☐   For presentation only (print and display)
☐   Both in the computer-readable form and for presentation

Additional comments, if any:

_____

NUMBERING OF PRIORITY APPLICATIONS

Question 12

a)   Does your Office/Organization use the same format and presentation for priority application
numbers as for application numbers as described above in Questions 2 - 11?

Yes   ☐   No   ☐

If your answer was "Yes", please skip the remainder of this question and continue with
Question 13.

b)   Please describe below the system of priority applications numbering implemented in your
Office/Organization and indicate any essential discrepancy between it and the system of
numbering applications.

(i)   Parts of priority application numbers (please check the appropriate boxes and specify
additional parts, if any):

☐   Code for the type of IP right
☐   Year designation
☐   Serial number
☐   Additional part/s: _____

(ii)   Ordering of parts

☐   According to ST.13: `<type><year><serial number>`
☐   Other (please specify):   _____

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(iii) Length

☐ Fixed   ☐ Variable

- If you checked "fixed", please indicate the number of characters used for each part of the priority application number.

Part of priority application number		Number of characters
Code for the type of IPR:		_____
Year designation:		_____
Serial number:		_____
Other:	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____

- If you checked "Variable", please explain briefly how the digits are distributed in priority application numbers:

_____

(iv) Please summarize below the discrepancies between formats and presentation of the following parts of priority application and application numbers, if any.

Code for the type of IPR:	_____
Year designation:	_____
Serial number:	_____
Code for internal use:	_____
Control numbers (check digits):	_____
Other information:	_____
Use of separators:	_____

Example 18:

In the case described in Example 17 above the application number is "10 2010/345678.4", the Office could recommend using presentation "10 2010 345678 P" as the priority application number. Then the discrepancies take place for:

Code for the type of IPR:
  In priority application numbers the type of IPR is coded with both letters and numerals

Control numbers (check digits):
  There is no check digit in priority application numbers

Use of separators:
  Only spaces are used as separators in priority application numbers

Other fields, i.e. Year designation, Serial number, Code for internal use, and Other information, remain empty.

Additional comments, if any:

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COMPLIANCE WITH WIPO STANDARD ST.13

Question 13

a) Does the numbering system, covered by this copy of the questionnaire, conform to WIPO Standard ST.13?

☐ Yes ☐ Partly ☐ No

(i) If your answer to the Question 13(a) was "Partly", please indicate which parts deviate from the Standard:

_____

_____

Example 19:
In the case described in Examples 3 and 4 above the response could be as follows: Deviations in the ordering of parts, additional part for regional filing information.

(ii) If your answer to the Question 13(a) was "No", does your Office/Organization plan to introduce the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.13? If so, when?

☐ Yes When? _____
☐ No

(iii) If your answer to the Question 13(a) was "Yes", when did your Office/Organization introduce the guidelines according to WIPO Standard ST.13?

_____

Additional comments, if any:

_____

EXAMPLES OF APPLICATION NUMBERS AND PRIORITY APPLICATION NUMBERS

Question 14

Please fill in the table below.

Note: In the column "Remarks", in addition to providing information on the type, serial number, code for internal use, and control number, please explain the general idea of the structure and/or characteristic of your application numbering system under the bullet "Description of the numbering system", if needed.

Country or Organization	Example of application number	Recommended presentation in abbreviated form as a priority application number	Remarks
XX Name of Office/ Organization			Used from (date) - Description of the numbering system - Type of IP rights (Position:) - Year designation (Position:) - Serial number (Position:) - Code for Internal Use (Position:) - Control Number/Check Digit (Position:) Further remarks if any:

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Example 20:
Table filled in by various Offices

Country or Organization	Example of application number	Recommended presentation as a priority application number	Remarks
EP European Patent Office	79100953.3	79100953	(Used from XXXX) - Explanation of numbering system - Type of IP rights (Position: N/A) - Year designation (Position: 1-2) The first two digits indicate the last two numbers of the year of filing of the application. - Serial number (Position: 5-8) - Code for Internal Use (Position: 3-4) - Control Number/Check Digit (Position: 9, after the dot)

Country or Organization	Example of application number	Recommended presentation as a priority application number	Remarks
DE German Patent and Trademark Office (DPMA)	10 2004 000 001.7 20 2004 000 001.3 50 2004 000 001.4 60 2004 000 001.9	10 2004 000 001 20 2004 000 001 U	Used from 2004 - Explanation of numbering system - Type of IP rights (Position: 1-2) 10: DE patent application. 11: PCT patent application in the national phase. 12: SPC application 20: Utility models 21: Utility models resulting from PCT applications 22: topographies 50: Patents granted by EPO, filed in German 60: Patents granted by EPO, filed in English or French - Year designation (Position: 3-6) - Serial number (Position: 7-12) - Code for Internal Use (Position: N/A) - Control Number (Check Digit) (Position: 13, after the dot)

Country or Organization	Example of application number	Recommended presentation as a priority application number	Remarks
DK Denmark	PA 1998 01234 BA 1998 00123	1998 01234 1998 00123 U	Used from 1998 - Explanation of numbering system - Type of IP rights (Position: 1-2) These letter codes do not appear on the first pages of the published documents. The letter "U" indicating applications for utility model appears only in the Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number. PA: Patent application BA: Utility model applications - Year designation (Position: 3-6) The numerals in the third to sixth positions represent the year of filing of the application. - Serial number (Position: 7-11) The last five numerals represent a serial number assigned to the application. - Code for Internal Use (Position: N/A) - Control Number (Check Digit) (Position: N/A)

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