Madrid e-Filing - JPO experience

Madrid Working Group Roundtable

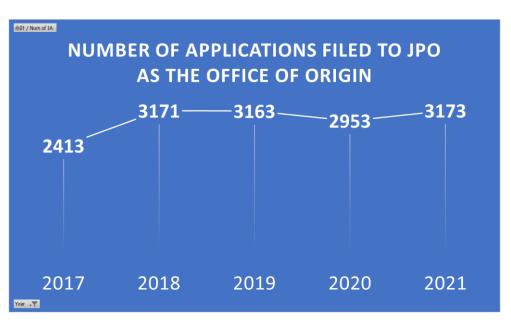
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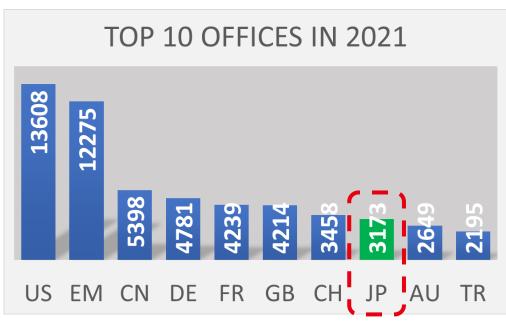
Japan Patent Office



JPO as the Office of Origin

- Joined Madrid Protocol (2000)
- Annually received 3000 filings (2021)





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https://www3.wipo.int/ipstats/

JPO's Practice Before June 2022

- No available online filing option for users
- Manual processing of filed applications

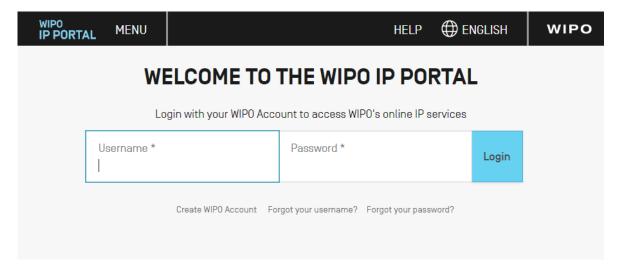


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Madrid e-Filing (MeF)

Year	Country		
2022	Japan		
	United Arab Emirates		
2021	Islamic Republic of Iran		
	Spain		
	Türkiye		
	Ukraine		
2020	Bulgaria		
	Iceland		
	Norway		
	Republic of Moldova		
2019	Austria		
	Canada		
	Estonia		
	Lithuania		
2018	Georgia		
2010	Jeorgia		
2015	Australia		
2014	Benelux		

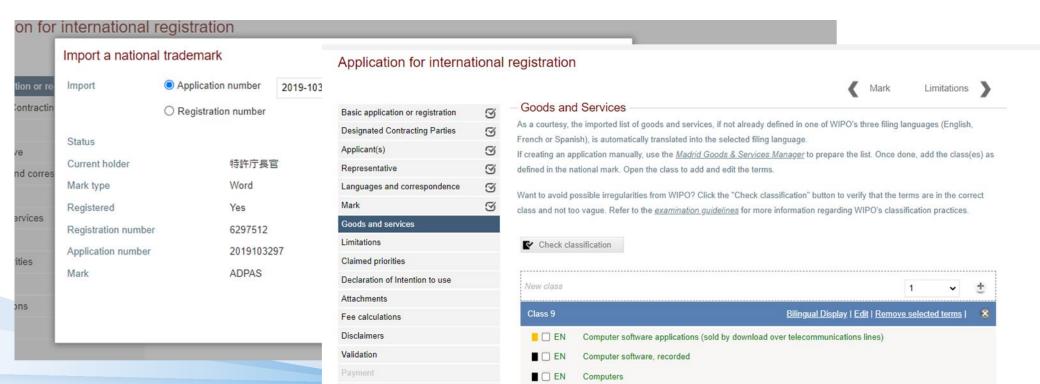
- JPO started the receipt of international applications with Madrid e-Filing in Japan (June 1, 2022)
- 17th participating IP Office



What changed with Madrid eFiling?

For applicants:

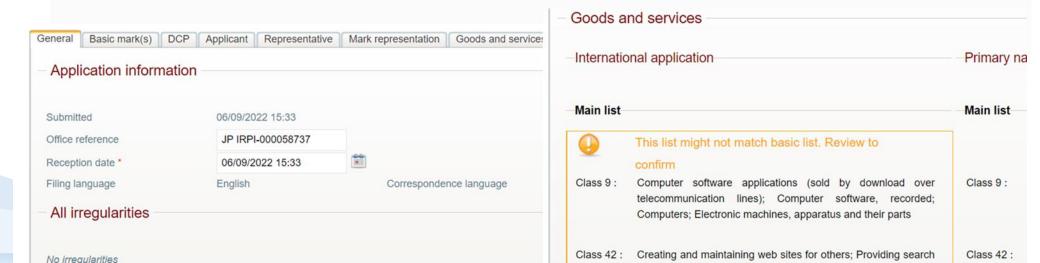
- 1. Easy creation of applications by using supporting functions
- 2. Online fee payment (except for the Office's handling fees)
- 3. Smarter communications with JPO and WIPO in the procedures



What changed with Madrid eFiling?

For JPO as the Office of Origin (OO):

- 1. Speedy implementation of MeF with little or no IT effort required by OO
- 2. Support and maintenance of MeF provided by WIPO
- 3. MeF is compliant with all rule changes little or no IT effort required by OO
- 4. Ongoing improvements to MeF based on OO needs



JPO's consideration process

Jan – Dec 2021	Prepared fo	r the revision	of related	domestic
	regulations			

Jan – May 2022 Adjusted internal operations

Dec 2020 - May 2022 Held multiple consultations with WIPO

June 2022 Launched the Madrid e-Filing service in Japan

What's next?

 Conduct promotion activities to expand user base in Japan and collection of user feedback to improve the service

 Explore opportunities to closely communicate and collaborate with WIPO for future improvements including sharing JPO's experience to the other Offices

Thank you!

