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RECOMMENDED STANDARD ON TWO-LETTER CODES FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

1. This Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to industrial property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of industrial property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of industrial property.
2. The designation of States or other entities in this Recommended Standard does not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever concerning the legal status of any State or territory, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers.
3. This Recommended Standard is aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Code contained in International Standard ISO 3166-1:2006, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes", published in January 2007 by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). It is also aligned with the announcements published in ISO 3166-1 Newsletters.

RECOMMENDED STANDARD CODE

4. This Recommended Standard is intended to be implemented for any use by industrial property offices requiring the identification of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in coded form.
5. The recommended codes are contained in Annex A in two sections, organized as follows:
 - (i) Section 1 presents a list of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in alphabetic sequence of their short names and their corresponding codes;
 - (ii) Section 2 presents the codes referred to in (i) in alphabetic order and the corresponding (short) names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations.

MAINTENANCE

6. ISO has entrusted a Maintenance Agency with the management of International Standard ISO 3166.
7. WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work. The International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard at intervals following the decisions of the Maintenance Agency and of the respective WIPO body with regard to the inclusion of new two-letter alphabetic codes or the amending of existing two-letter alphabetic codes.

IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR USERS

8. To assist users of documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefor, Annex B, Section 1, to this Recommended Standard lists those States for which the code in force prior to January 1, 1978, was subsequently replaced by a new code. A list of States or organizations, with their respective codes, that ceased to exist is given in Annex B, Section 2.
9. The codes contained in Annex A to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefor, even when referring to documents for which a different code existed before January 1, 1978.
10. The letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEX A, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE OF THEIR SHORT NAMES,
AND THEIR CORRESPONDING CODES

AFGHANISTAN	AF	CONGO (see Congo, below; Democratic Republic of the Congo)	
AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) ⁽¹⁾	OA	CONGO	CG
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) ⁽¹⁾	AP	COOK ISLANDS	CK
ALBANIA	AL	COSTA RICA	CR
ALGERIA	DZ	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	CI
ANDORRA	AD	CROATIA	HR
ANGOLA	AO	CUBA	CU
ANGUILLA	AI	CURAÇAO	CW
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	AG	CYPRUS	CY
ARGENTINA	AR	CZECH REPUBLIC	CZ
ARMENIA	AM	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KP
ARUBA	AW	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	CD
AUSTRALIA	AU	DENMARK	DK
AUSTRIA	AT	DJIBOUTI	DJ
AZERBAIJAN	AZ	DOMINICA	DM
BAHAMAS	BS	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
BAHRAIN	BH	ECUADOR	EC
BANGLADESH	BD	EGYPT	EG
BARBADOS	BB	EL SALVADOR	SV
BELARUS	BY	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	GQ
BELGIUM	BE	ERITREA	ER
BELIZE	BZ	ESTONIA	EE
BENELUX OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (BOIP) ⁽²⁾	BX	ETHIOPIA	ET
BENIN	BJ	EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO) ⁽¹⁾	EA
BERMUDA	BM	EUROPEAN UNION TRADE MARK AND DESIGNS OFFICE (See Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market)	
BHUTAN	BT	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) ⁽¹⁾	EP
BOLIVIA, PLURINATIONAL STATE OF	BO	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	FK
BONAIRE, SAINT EUSTATIUS AND SABA	BQ	FAROE ISLANDS	FO
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	FIJI	FJ
BOTSWANA	BW	FINLAND	FI
BOUVET ISLAND	BV	FRANCE	FR
BRAZIL	BR	GABON	GA
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BN	GAMBIA	GM
BULGARIA	BG	GEORGIA	GE
BURKINA FASO	BF	GERMANY ⁽³⁾	D E
BURUNDI	BI	GHANA	GH
CAMBODIA	KH	GIBRALTAR	GI
CAMEROON	CM	GREECE	GR
CANADA	CA	GREENLAND	GL
CAPE VERDE	CV	GRENADA	GD
CAYMAN ISLANDS	KY	GUATEMALA	GT
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CF	GUERNSEY	GG
CHAD	TD	GUINEA	GN
CHILE	CL	GUINEA-BISSAU	GW
CHINA	CN		
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE (EUROPEAN UNION) (CPVO)	QZ		
COLOMBIA	CO		
COMOROS	KM		

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GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (see Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf)		MONACO	MC
GUYANA	GY	MONGOLIA	MN
HAITI	HT	MONTENEGRO	ME
HOLY SEE	VA	MONTSERRAT	MS
HONDURAS	HN	MOROCCO	MA
HONG KONG (See The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China)		MOZAMBIQUE	MZ
HUNGARY	HU	MYANMAR	MM
ICELAND	IS	NAMIBIA	NA
INDIA	IN	NAURU	NR
INDONESIA	ID	NEPAL	NP
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) ⁽⁴⁾	IB, WO	NETHERLANDS	NL
IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF	IR	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	AN
IRAQ	IQ	NEW ZEALAND	NZ
IRELAND	IE	NICARAGUA	NI
ISLE OF MAN	IM	NIGER	NE
ISRAEL	IL	NIGERIA	NG
ITALY	IT	NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE (NPI).....	XN
JAMAICA	JM	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	MP
JAPAN	JP	NORWAY	NO
JERSEY	JE	OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET (TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS) (OHIM)	EM
JORDAN	JO	OMAN	OM
KAZAKHSTAN	KZ	PAKISTAN	PK
KENYA	KE	PALAU	PW
KIRIBATI	KI	PANAMA	PA
KOREA (see Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea)		PAPUA NEW GUINEA	PG
KUWAIT	KW	PARAGUAY	PY
KYRGYZSTAN	KG	PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF (GCC)	GC
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ...	LA	PERU	PE
LATVIA	LV	PHILIPPINES	PH
LEBANON	LB	POLAND	PL
LESOTHO	LS	PORTUGAL	PT
LIBERIA	LR	QATAR	QA
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	LY	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KR
LIECHTENSTEIN	LI	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	MD
LITHUANIA	LT	ROMANIA	RO
LUXEMBOURG	LU	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	RU
MACAO	MO	RWANDA	RW
MACEDONIA (see The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)		SAINT HELENA, ASCENSION AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA	SH
MADAGASCAR	MG	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	KN
MALAWI	MW	SAINT LUCIA	LC
MALAYSIA	MY	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	VC
MALDIVES	MV	SAMOA	WS
MALI	ML	SAN MARINO	SM
MALTA	MT	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	ST
MAURITANIA	MR	SAUDI ARABIA	SA
MAURITIUS	MU	SENEGAL	SN
MEXICO	MX	SERBIA	RS
MOLDOVA (see Republic of Moldova)		SEYCHELLES	SC
		SIERRA LEONE	SL
		SINGAPORE	SG

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SINT MAARTEN (Dutch part).....	SX	TURKEY	TR
SLOVAKIA	SK	TURKMENISTAN	TM
SLOVENIA	SI	TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	TC
SOLOMON ISLANDS	SB	TUVALU	TV
SOMALIA	SO		
SOUTH AFRICA	ZA	UGANDA	UG
SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	GS	UKRAINE	UA
SPAIN	ES	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	AE
SRI LANKA	LK	UNITED KINGDOM	GB
SUDAN	SD	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	TZ
SURINAME	SR	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	US
SWAZILAND	SZ	URUGUAY	UY
SWEDEN	SE	UZBEKISTAN	UZ
SWITZERLAND	CH		
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	SY	VANUATU	VU
		VATICAN CITY STATE (See Holy See)	
TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA	TW	VENEZUELA, BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF ...	VE
TAJIKISTAN	TJ	VIET NAM	VN
TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania)		VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH	VG
THAILAND	TH		
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	MK	WESTERN SAHARA ⁽⁵⁾	E H
THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	HK	WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) (INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF) ⁽⁴⁾	WO, IB
TIMOR-LESTE	T L		
TOGO	TG	YEMEN	YE
TONGA	TO		
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	TT	ZAMBIA	ZM
TUNISIA	TN	ZIMBABWE	ZW

[Section 2 follows]

ANNEX A, SECTION 2

LIST OF CODES, IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE, AND THE CORRESPONDING (SHORT) NAMES OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AD Andorra	DE Germany ⁽³⁾
AE United Arab Emirates	DJ Djibouti
AF Afghanistan	DK Denmark
AG Antigua and Barbuda	DM Dominica
AI Anguilla	DO Dominican Republic
AL Albania	DZ Algeria
AM Armenia	
AN Netherlands Antilles	EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) ⁽¹⁾
AO Angola	EC Ecuador
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ⁽¹⁾	EE Estonia
AR Argentina	EG Egypt
AT Austria	EH Western Sahara ⁽⁵⁾
AU Australia	EM Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trademarks and Designs) (OHIM)
AW Aruba	EP European Patent Office (EPO) ⁽¹⁾
AZ Azerbaijan	ER Eritrea
	ES Spain
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina	ET Ethiopia
BB Barbados	
BD Bangladesh	FI Finland
BE Belgium	FJ Fiji
BF Burkina Faso	FK Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
BG Bulgaria	FO Faroe Islands
BH Bahrain	FR France
BI Burundi	
BJ Benin	GA Gabon
BM Bermuda	GB United Kingdom
BN Brunei Darussalam	GC Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)
BO Bolivia, Plurinational State of	GD Grenada
BQ Bonaire, Saint Eustatius and Saba	GE Georgia
BR Brazil	GG Guernsey
BS Bahamas	GH Ghana
BT Bhutan	GI Gibraltar
BV Bouvet Island	GL Greenland
BW Botswana	GM Gambia
BX Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) ⁽²⁾	GN Guinea
BY Belarus	GQ Equatorial Guinea
BZ Belize	GR Greece
	GS South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
CA Canada	GT Guatemala
CD Democratic Republic of the Congo	GW Guinea-Bissau
CF Central African Republic	GY Guyana
CG Congo	
CH Switzerland	HK The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
CI Côte d'Ivoire	HN Honduras
CK Cook Islands	HR Croatia
CL Chile	HT Haiti
CM Cameroon	HU Hungary
CN China	
CO Colombia	IB International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) ⁽⁴⁾
CR Costa Rica	ID Indonesia
CU Cuba	IE Ireland
CV Cape Verde	IL Israel
CW Curaçao	IM Isle of Man
CY Cyprus	
CZ Czech Republic	

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IN India	NR Nauru
IQ Iraq	NZ New Zealand
IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)	OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) ⁽¹⁾
IS Iceland	OM Oman
IT Italy	PA Panama
JE Jersey	PE Peru
JM Jamaica	PG Papua New Guinea
JO Jordan	PH Philippines
JP Japan	PK Pakistan
KE Kenya	PL Poland
KG Kyrgyzstan	PT Portugal
KH Cambodia	PW Palau
KI Kiribati	PY Paraguay
KM Comoros	QA Qatar
KN Saint Kitts and Nevis	QZ Community Plant Variety Office (European Union) (CPVO)
KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	RO Romania
KR Republic of Korea	RS Serbia
KW Kuwait	RU Russian Federation
KY Cayman Islands	RW Rwanda
KZ Kazakhstan	SA Saudi Arabia
LA Lao People's Democratic Republic	SB Solomon Islands
LB Lebanon	SC Seychelles
LC Saint Lucia	SD Sudan
LI Liechtenstein	SE Sweden
LK Sri Lanka	SG Singapore
LR Liberia	SH Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
LS Lesotho	SI Slovenia
LT Lithuania	SK Slovakia
LU Luxembourg	SL Sierra Leone
LV Latvia	SM San Marino
LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	SN Senegal
MA Morocco	SO Somalia
MC Monaco	SR Suriname
MD Republic of Moldova	ST Sao Tome and Principe
ME Montenegro	SV El Salvador
MG Madagascar	SX Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	SY Syrian Arab Republic
ML Mali	SZ Swaziland
MM Myanmar	TC Turks and Caicos Islands
MN Mongolia	TD Chad
MO Macao	TG Togo
MP Northern Mariana Islands	TH Thailand
MR Mauritania	TJ Tajikistan
MS Montserrat	TL Timor-Leste
MT Malta	TM Turkmenistan
MU Mauritius	TN Tunisia
MV Maldives	TO Tonga
MW Malawi	TR Turkey
MX Mexico	TT Trinidad and Tobago
MY Malaysia	TV Tuvalu
MZ Mozambique	TW Taiwan, Province of China
NA Namibia	TZ United Republic of Tanzania
NE Niger	UA Ukraine
NG Nigeria	UG Uganda
NI Nicaragua	
NL Netherlands	
NO Norway	
NP Nepal	

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US United States of America
UY Uruguay
UZ Uzbekistan

VA Holy See
VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
VE Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
VG Virgin Islands (British)
VN Vietnam
VU Vanuatu

WO World Intellectual Property Organization
(WIPO) (International Bureau of)⁽⁴⁾
WS Samoa

XN Nordic Patent Institute (NPI)

YE Yemen

ZA South Africa
ZM Zambia
ZW Zimbabwe

[Annex B follows]

ANNEX B, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES IN RESPECT OF WHICH CODES HAVE CHANGED

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978	Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Albania	AN	AL	Japan	JA	JP
Algeria	AG	DZ	Kuwait	KU	KW
Austria	OE	AT	Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Bahrain	BB	BH	Madagascar	MD	MG
Bangladesh	BA	BD	Mali	MJ	ML
Barbados	BD	BB	Malta	ML	MT
Benin	DA	BJ	Mauritania	MT	MR
Bhutan	BH	BT	Mauritius	MS	MU
Botswana	BT	BW	Mongolia	MO	MN
Burkina Faso	UV	HV/BF ⁽⁶⁾	Myanmar	BU	MM ⁽⁸⁾
Burma (see Myanmar)			Nicaragua	NA	NI
Cambodia	CD	KH	Niger	NI	NE
Cameroon	KA	CM	Nigeria	WN	NG
Central African Republic	ZR	CF	Oman	MU	OM
Chad	TS	TD	Panama	PM	PA
Chile	CE	CL	Papua New Guinea	PP	PG
China	RC	CN	Paraguay	PG	PY
Congo	CF	CG	Poland	PO	PL
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia)			Republic of Korea	KS	KR
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	KN	KP	Romania	RU	RO
Democratic Republic of the Congo	CB	ZR/CD ⁽⁷⁾	Sierra Leone	WL	SL
Dominican Republic	DR	DO	Sri Lanka	CL	LK
East Timor (see Timor–Leste)	–	–	Sweden	SW	SE
Egypt	ET	EG	Syrian Arab Republic	SR	SY
El Salvador	SL	SV	Timor–Leste	TP	TL ⁽⁹⁾
Ethiopia	EA	ET	Togo	TO	TG
Finland	SF	FI	Tonga	TI	TO
Gambia	GE	GM	Trinidad and Tobago	TD	TT
Germany	DT	DE	United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Guatemala	GU	GT	Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo)		
Guinea	GI	GN	Zambia	ZB	ZM
Haiti	HI	HT			
Holy See	CV	VA			
Honduras	HO	HN			
Ireland	EI	IE			

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ANNEX B, SECTION 2

LIST OF STATES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 1978, BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST

Czechoslovakia	CS	
Democratic Yemen	SY	/YD ⁽¹⁰⁾
German Democratic Republic		DL/DD ⁽¹¹⁾
International Patent Institute		IB
Soviet Union	SU	
Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro		YU ⁽¹²⁾

[End of Annex B and of Standard]

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- (1) Intergovernmental organizations (regional patent offices) acting for certain Contracting States under the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). In case of the European Patent Office, it also acts as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.
- (2) The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) (former Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices) have replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.
- (3) In the electronic database of the International Register of Marks, the International Bureau of WIPO uses the following additional codes, not part of the active codes of Standard ST.3: “DD” to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the Federal Republic of Germany; “DT” to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the German Democratic Republic.
- (4) The code “WO” is used in relation to the international publication under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of international applications filed with any PCT receiving Office, as well as in the publication of international deposits of industrial designs under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (33) given in WIPO Standards [ST.9](#) and [ST.80](#). The code “WO” is also the appropriate code to be used with respect to international registrations of marks under the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. The code “IB” is used in relation to the receipt of international applications under the PCT filed with the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as a PCT receiving Office.
- (5) Provisional name.
- (6) Code BF adopted in 1984..
- (7) Code CD adopted in 1997.
- (8) Code MM adopted in 1989.
- (9) Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002.
- (10) Code SY used before 1.1.1978.
- (11) Code DL used before 1.1.1978.
- (12) Subsequent to the country name change of “Yugoslavia” to “Serbia and Montenegro”, that took effect on February 4, 2003, and to the decision by the ISO 3166/MA to use the new country name and new two-letter code “CS” (to replace “YU”), which was announced on July 23, 2003, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group agreed, at its fifth session, in November 11, 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code “YU” continue to be used for “Serbia and Montenegro” in the industrial property field because code “CS” raised certain problems due to its former use to represent “Czechoslovakia” until 1993.