**STATUS AND FURTHER ACTIONS PROPOSED WITH RESPECT TO SURVEYS PUBLISHED IN PART 7 OF THE WIPO HANDBOOK**

This document provides detailed proposal for the update and keeping up-to-date of Part 7 of the WIPO *Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation* (WIPO Handbook). The information related to every survey is presented as follows:

* Survey title and the year of publication of the current version.
* “Related Standards” – list of WIPO Standards directly related to the survey.
* “Related surveys” – list of other surveys published in Part 7 of the WIPO Handbook directly related to the survey, e.g., complementing it, addressing the same or similar issues, etc.
* “Group”

1. recent surveys which contain up-to-date information and do not require updates so far; they should be kept in the WIPO Handbook and eventually updated completely upon request by the CWS. The corresponding questionnaire may also be amended if the CWS so decides;
2. surveys requiring regular checking and subsequent updates;
3. surveys which contain relevant information, but whose subject matter is covered by more recent surveys; relevant information should be transferred to related (recent) surveys, wherever possible; and
4. surveys related to a specific issue which was a matter of discussion in the past, but which have not been updated and are no longer relevant; such surveys should be moved to the Archive.

* “Remarks” – additional information related to the survey.
* “Proposal” – actions with respect to each survey proposed to be considered by the CWS.

## PART 7.1 REPRESENTATION OF CALENDAR DATES - VARIATIONS IN THE REPRESENTATION OF CALENDAR DATES BASED ON THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR, AS PRINTED IN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY DOCUMENTS OR IN OFFICIAL GAZETTES

Current version published in 1997

Related Standards: ST.2

Related surveys: Part 7.2.3

Group: B

Remarks: The subject is relevant, but the information is not updated

Proposal: Part 7.1 should be updated.

## PART 7.2.1 PRESENTATION OF APPLICATION NUMBERS

Current version published in 2005

Related Standards: ST.10/C (reference to the survey in paragraphs 6b and 12a)

Related surveys: Part 7.2.6, Part 7.2.7

Group: C

Remarks: The information is quite out of date. The scope is completely covered by the survey on numbering of applications and priority applications (Part 7.2.6 and Part 7.2.7)

Where it was possible to establish the link between responses, the information regarding IP Offices included in Parts 7.2.6 and 7.2.7 was transferred to revised Part 7.2.6 and new Part 7.2.7. In other cases, it was unclear whether the numbering system was still in use or it had been replaced with a different one.

Proposal: Part 7.2.1 should be removed from the WIPO Handbook and moved to the Archive; and

reference to this survey in ST.10/C should be replaced by the reference to Part 7.2.6 (editorial change).

## PART 7.2.2 SURVEY OF NUMBERING SYSTEMS USED, OR INTENDED TO BE USED, BY INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICES WITH REGARD TO APPLICATIONS, PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS AND REGISTERED RIGHTS

Current version published in 2001

Related Standards: ST.10/C, ST.13, ST.6

Related surveys: Part 7.2.6, Part 7.2.7

Group: C

Remarks: The information is quite out of date. The scope is partially covered by the survey on numbering of applications and priority applications (Part 7.2.6 and Part 7.2.7), except the numbering of published documents and registered rights (Table II).

Where it was possible to establish the link between responses, the information regarding application numbering practices of IP Offices included in Parts 7.2.6 and 7.2.7 was transferred to revised Part 7.2.6 and new Part 7.2.7. In other cases, it was unclear whether the numbering system was still in use or it had been replaced with a different one.

Proposal: New survey on publication and registration numbers should be conducted. Part 7.2.2 should be subsequently removed from the WIPO Handbook and moved to the Archive.

Part 7 Task Force should prepare a questionnaire on publication and registration numbers for consideration and approval at the next (sixth) session of the CWS.

## PART 7.2.3 NUMBERING SYSTEMS AND DATE FORMATS INTRODUCED OR PLANNED TO BE APPLIED WITH REGARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE YEAR 2000

Current version published in 2000

Related Standards: ST.2, ST.13, ST.6

Related surveys: Part 7.1, Part 7.2.6, Part 7.2.7

Group: C

Remarks: The information is quite out of date and the object is less relevant now. The scope is partially covered by the surveys on numbering of applications and priority applications (Part 7.2.6 and Part 7.2.7) and on representation of calendar dates (Part 7.1).

Where it was possible to establish the link between responses, the information regarding IP Offices included in Parts 7.2.6 and 7.2.7 was transferred to revised Part 7.2.6 and new Part 7.2.7. In other cases, it was unclear whether the numbering system was still in use or it had been replaced with a different one.

Proposal: Survey on the representation of dates in industrial property documents and in official gazettes should be updated (see Part 7.1 above); and

Part 7.2.3 should be subsequently removed from the WIPO Handbook and moved to the Archive.

## PART 7.2.4 SURVEY ON THE PRESENTATION OF PRIORITY APPLICATION NUMBERS

Current version published in 2007

Related Standards: ST.10/C (paragraph 12a)

Related surveys: N/A

Group: B

Remarks: The survey contains relevant but not updated information as well as examples of priority certificates issued by IPOs

Proposal: Part 7.2.4 should be updated after CWS/5. The International Bureau should invite IPOs to review the content of Part 7.2.4 and update their entries if necessary.

## PART 7.2.5 SURVEY ON APPLICATION NUMBERING SYSTEMS

Current (first) version published in 2013

Related Standards: ST.13

Related surveys: Part 7.2.6

Group: A

Remarks: This survey contains relevant information and does not yet require the update.

Proposal: Part 7.2.5 should remain in the WIPO Handbook and be updated upon request by the CWS.

## PART 7.2.6 NUMBERING OF APPLICATIONS AND PRIORITY APPLICATIONS – CURRENT PRACTICES

Current version published in 2017

Related Standards: ST.13

Related surveys: Part 7.2.1, Part 7.2.2, Part 7.2.5

Group: B

Remarks: This survey contains relevant information.

In March 2017, the following entries in Part 7.2.6 were updated: AT, AU, BE, DE, ES, GB, HR, IE, IT, JP, KR, MD, PL, RU, SE, SK and a new entry for SA was added.

Proposal: Part 7.2.6 should be updated regularly along with Part 7.2.7. Next update should be carried out in 2020.

## PART 7.2.7 NUMBERING OF APPLICATIONS AND PRIORITY APPLICATIONS – FORMER PRACTICES

First (and current) version published in 2017

Related Standards: ST.13

Related surveys: Part 7.2.1, Part 7.2.2, Part 7.2.5, Part 7.2.6

Group: B

Remarks: This new survey was published in the WIPO Handbook in March 2017. It contains relevant information.

Proposal: Part 7.2.7 should be updated regularly along with Part 7.2.6. Next update should be carried out in 2020.

## PART 7.3.1 EXAMPLES AND KINDS OF PATENT DOCUMENTS LISTED ACCORDING TO CODE

Current version published in 2015

Related Standards: ST.16 (reference to the survey in paragraph 12)

Related surveys: Part 7.3.2, Part 7.3.3, Parts 7.2.6 and 7.2.7 (kind codes)

Group: B

Remarks: This part of WIPO Handbook is derived from Part 7.3.2 (see below) and provides the “index” for its entries, which are listed according to their ST.16 codes.

Proposal: Part 7.3.1 should be updated regularly following the update of Part 7.3.2.

## PART 7.3.2 INVENTORY OF KINDS OF PATENT DOCUMENTS LISTED ACCORDING TO THE ISSUING INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE

Current version published in 2015

Related Standards: ST.16 (reference to the survey in paragraph 12)

Related surveys: Part 7.3.1, Part 7.3.3

Group: B

Remarks: This survey contains relevant information. By circular C.CWS.50 of December 9, 2014, the International Bureau informed IPOs about a partial update of Part 7.3 and the fact that Part 7.3.3 was included in Part 7.3.2. The Circular invited IPOs to review the content of Part 7.3.2 and update their entries if necessary (as a result, entries of AU, ES and SE were updated in 2015).

Proposal: Part 7.3.2 should be updated regularly along with Part 7.3.1. Next update should be carried out in 2018.

## PART 7.3.3 KINDS OF PATENT DOCUMENTS – SAMPLES OF FIRST PAGES Not in WIPO Handbook anymore (incorporated in Part 7.3.2)

Related Standards: ST.16 (reference to the survey in paragraph 12)

Related surveys: Part 7.3.2, Part 7.3.1

Group: N/A

Remarks: This part of WIPO Handbook contained examples of front pages of documents described in Part 7.3.2. During the update of 2015, Part 7.3.3 was incorporated into Part 7.3.2.

Reference to this survey was removed from WIPO Standard ST.16 (editorial change) in December 2016.

Proposal: No action. Part 7.3.3 will be removed from the list after CWS/5

## PART 7.4.1 SURVEY CONCERNING CORRECTION PROCEDURES IN PATENT OFFICES

Current (first) version published in 2009

Related Standards: ST.50

Related surveys: Part 7.4.2

Group: A

Remarks: This survey contains relevant information and does not yet require the update. If this survey is updated, Parts 7.4.2 should be updated accordingly.

Proposal: Part 7.4.1 should remain in the WIPO Handbook and be updated upon request by the CWS along with Part 7.4.2.

## PART 7.4.2 EXAMPLES CONCERNING CORRECTION PROCEDURES OF PATENT OFFICES

Current (first) version published in 2009

Related Standards: ST.50 (multiple references to the survey)

Related surveys: Part 7.4.1

Group: A

Remarks: This survey contains relevant information and does not yet require the update.

Proposal: Part 7.4.2 should remain in the WIPO Handbook and be updated upon request by the CWS along with Part 7.4.1.

## PART 7.5 PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PATENT DOCUMENTS - COMPILATION OF DATA ON PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PATENT DOCUMENTS

Not in WIPO Handbook anymore (moved to Archive)

Related Standards: ST.10/D (reference to the survey in paragraph 5)

Related surveys: N/A

Group: D

Remarks: The information is less relevant and out-of-date.

In December 2016, Part 7.5 was removed from the WIPO Handbook and moved to the Archive; the reference to Part 7.5 was removed from WIPO Standard ST.10/D as well (editorial change).

Proposal: No further actions required. Part 7.5 will be removed from the list after CWS/5.

## PART 7.6 SURVEY OF BIBLIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PATENT GAZETTES AND IN CURRENT INDEXES INSERTED IN PATENT GAZETTES OR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY IN ASSOCIATION WITH PATENT GAZETTES

Current version published in 1990

Related Standards: ST.11 (reference to the survey in paragraph 10)  
ST.19 (reference to the survey in paragraph 22)

Related surveys: N/A

Group: B

Remarks: The CWS at its reconvened fourth session agreed to carry out a complete update of the survey followed by regular updates (see paragraph 71 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

Proposal: Part 7.6 should be updated.

## PART 7.7 SURVEY ON THE GRANT AND PUBLICATION OF “SUPPLEMENTARY PROTECTION CERTIFICATES” FOR MEDICINAL AND PHYTOPHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS OR EQUIVALENT INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (SPCS)

Current version published in 2002

Related Standards: N/A

Related surveys: N/A

Group: B

Remarks: The CWS at its reconvened fourth session agreed to carry out a complete update of the survey followed by regular updates (see paragraph 71 of document CWS/4BIS/16).

Part 7 Task Force prepared the revised questionnaire on the grant and publication of industrial property protection extensions (IPPEs) for consideration and approval by the CWS. (See document CWS/5/13.)

Proposal: If the CWS approves the abovementioned questionnaire, the International Bureau should

* prepare and issue a circular inviting IP Offices to complete the questionnaire;
* prepare a survey report; and
* publish the updated Part 7.7 of the WIPO Handbook for consideration and approval by the CWS at its next session

## PART 7.8 SURVEY OF FILING PROCEDURES AND FILING REQUIREMENTS, AS WELL AS OF EXAMINATION METHODS AND PUBLICATION PROCEDURES, RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS Not in WIPO Handbook anymore (moved to Archive)

Related Standards: N/A

Related surveys: N/A

Group: D

Remarks: The information is very outdated

In December 2016, Part 7.8 was removed from the WIPO Handbook and moved to the Archive.

Proposal: No further actions required. Part 7.8 will be removed from the list after CWS/5.

## PART 7.9 SURVEY CONCERNING CITATION PRACTICES IN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICES

Current (first) version published in December 2008

Related Standards: ST.14

Related surveys: N/A

Group: A

Remarks: This survey contains relevant information and does not yet require the update.

Proposal: Part 7.9 should remain in the WIPO Handbook and be updated upon request by the CWS.

## PART 7.10 SURVEY OF PRACTICES IN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICES REGARDING CODES USED FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES OR INDIVIDUAL USE

Current (first) version published in January 2009

Related Standards: ST.10/C, ST.16, ST.13, ST.6, ST.60, ST.80

Related surveys: Part 7.2.6

Group: A

Remarks: This survey contains relevant information and does not yet require the update; the scope is partially covered by the survey on numbering of applications and priority applications (Part 7.2.6 and Part 7.2.7), except Publication/Fora.

Proposal: Part 7.10 should remain in the WIPO Handbook and be updated upon request by the CWS.

## PART 7.11 SURVEY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND PROMOTION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.22

Current (first) version published in June 2012

Related Standards: ST.22

Related surveys: N/A

Group: A

Remarks: This survey contains relevant information and does not yet require the update.

Proposal: Part 7.11 should remain in the WIPO Handbook and be updated upon request by the CWS.

## PART 7.12 SURVEY ON THE USE OF WIPO STANDARDS

Survey planned to be published in 2017 after CWS/5

Related Standards: all

Related surveys: N/A

Group: B

Remarks: This survey will contain relevant information.

Proposal: Once published, Part 7.12 should be updated upon request by IP offices.

[Annex II follows]