

1. Identification page

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2. Questions page

1. In what formats does your Office/Organization ingest applications? Please select all that apply.

PDF

XML in WIPO ST.96

XML in WIPO ST.36 / 66 / 86

Microsoft Word DOCX (free form, no template)

Paper

Fax

Other (specify): TIFF, PNG, JPEG (Image formats of Trademarks and Industrial Designs)

Comments: We are live with Madrid-ST.96, Hague-ST.96, PCT-ST.36-ish. Madrid-eFiling, PCT ISA (PCT Safe) PCT PatentScope, and Our ECOM filings and exchanges are being modernized.

2. How does your Office/Organization capture markups (insertions, deletions) in amendments, corrections, and rectifications? Please select all that apply.

Applicant submits clean copy of the amendments

XML in WIPO ST.96

Other (specify): We perform XML diffs to derive the changed structured text/data.. Otherwise if no structured text then document is visually inspected. Our eCommerce app captures/flags changes.

Comments:

3. Does your Office/Organization provide initial content-based validations to applicants prior to submission to reduce the number of formality non-compliances?

Yes

Comments:

4. What does your Office/Organization validate prior to submission? Please select all that apply.

Missing required application parts

Informalities such as typographical errors or missing claim numbers

Improper claim dependencies

Other (specify): Future initiative to improve upon Patents filings. Plus we also validate addresses and dates, and we control the data which may be amended – based on state of the IP application.

Comments:

5. Metadata Scrubbing

Does your Office/Organization provide a scrubbing tool to remove unwanted metadata from the documents prior to submission?

No

If yes, which types of metadata are removed?

Comments: Our ITM project is introducing capabilities to auto-populate form templates, plus also to auto-scan OCR uploaded documents.

6. Does your Office/Organization provide a feedback document, additional document or online messages during the filing process detailing potential problems within the submitted application documents based on the above validations?

Yes

Comments: We provide a formatted version of their application, and messages where applicable.

7. What does your Office/Organization consider the authoritative copy of the submission?

Originally submitted application documents

Comments:

8. If your Office/Organization converts or plans to convert the submitted document to XML, in which format would you preserve embedded images? Please select all that apply.

Original format if possible

TIFF

PNG

JPEG

Comments: For office use, convert from TIFF or JPEG if required.

9. When the submitted document is transformed to XML, in what format does your Office/Organization preserve mathematical equations?

Originally submitted format

10. When the submitted document is transformed to XML, in what format does your Office/Organization preserve chemical formulae?

Originally submitted format

Comments: Future plans to be determined in regards to Math and Chemical formula.

11. When the submitted document is transformed to XML, in what format does your Office/Organization preserve table or tabular data? Please select all that apply.

Originally submitted format

Comments: Future plans for table format to be determined

12. Is your Office/Organization moving away from paper-based rules for applicant submissions, such as page count, margins line spacing and focus more on the amount of characters/words in a document or file size?

We are considering it

Other (specify): We are trying to reduce amount of paper, and paper formatting rules. Though at same time, CIPO's policy is that we need to accommodate filings in paper. Patents examiners do wish for us to preserve the text spacings for ease of deriving context against the electronic image of the document

Comments:

13. If your Office/Organization is not considering moving away from paper-based rules, select the presentation elements your Office/Organization needs to preserve from the submitted application documents. Please select all that apply.

- Page count
- Page dimensions
- Margins
- Line spacing
- Text and background colors

Comments: Original text spacing is important to patent examiners to inspect context.

14. Select the formats by which your Office/Organization displays or would display an application for examination or administration purposes. Select all that apply.

- Originally submitted format using an appropriate software application
- Rendered XML
- It can vary depending on the input format
- Other (specify): PDF

Comments:

15. Select the formats which your Office/Organization uses or would use to publish documents submitted by applicants.

- Converted format used by our Office/Organization
- Other (specify): X Other (specify) GIF plus download in PDF for Patents. For Trademarks - PDF with embedded PNG – for images

Comments:

16. Specify the content management system your Office/Organization uses to store and manage documents. Please provide either names of commercial products or brief description of custom-built systems.

Currently a mix of IBM CM8 content engine for Patent, and OpenText plus an in-house developed file system for other business/IP subject matter. Our plan is to move all of our IP content to IBM's FileNet content mgt system.

17. In what formats do you publish your Official Gazette? Select all that apply.

- Electronic format with paper-based layout (e.g. PDF)
- Purely digital format (e.g. HTML pages)

Comments:

18. If you still publish in a physical format, are you considering discontinuing physical publication within the next five years?

Comments: N/A

19. If you still publish in an electronic format with paper-based layout (e.g. PDF), are you considering discontinuing this format in favor of a purely digital format within the next five years?

No

Comments:

4. Thank You!

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