11. Identification of any document cited, and available in paper form or in a page-oriented presentation mode (e.g., facsimile, microform, etc.) shall be made by indicating the following elements in the order in which they are listed:

(a) In the case of a patent document:

   (i) the industrial property office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3);

   (ii) the number of the document as given to it by the industrial property office that issued it (for Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document);

   (iii) the kind of document, by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 (Recommended Standard Code for the Identification of Different Kinds of Patent Documents) or, if not indicated on that document, as provided in that Standard, if possible;

   (iv) the name of the patentee or applicant (in capital letters and, where appropriate, abbreviated);

   (v) the date of publication of the cited patent document (using four digits for a year designation according to the Gregorian calendar);

   (vi) where applicable, the pages, columns, lines or paragraph numbers where the relevant passages appear, or the relevant figures of the drawings.

The following examples illustrate the citation of a patent document according to paragraph (a), above:


Example 4: US 5635683 A (R. M. MCDERMOTT et al.) 3 June 1997 (03.06.1997), column 7, lines 21 to 40.

(b) In the case of a monograph or parts thereof, e.g., contributions to conference proceedings, etc.:

   (i) the name of the author (in capital letters); in the case of a contribution, the name of the author of the contribution;

   (ii) in the case of a contribution, the title of the contribution followed by “In:”;

   (iii) the title of the monograph; in the case of a contribution, the designation of the editorship;

   (iv) the number of the edition;

   (v) the place of publication and the name of the publisher (where only the location of the publisher appears on the monograph, then that location shall be indicated as the place of publication; in the case of company publications, the name and postal address of the company);

   (vi) the year of publication, by four digits,

   (vii) the location within the monograph by indicating the pages, columns or lines where the relevant passages appear, or the relevant figures of the drawings (where applicable);

   (viii) where applicable, the standard identifier and number assigned to the item, e.g., ISBN 2-7654-0537, ISSN 1045-1064. It should be noted that these numbers may differ for the same title in the print and electronic versions.
The following examples illustrate the citation of a monograph (Example 1), as well as of published conference proceedings (Example 2), according to paragraph (b), above:


(c) In the case of an article published in a periodical or other serial publication:

(i) the name of the author (in capital letters)2 ;

(ii) the title of the article (where appropriate, abbreviated or truncated) in the periodical or other serial publication;

(iii) the title of the periodical or other serial publication (abbreviations conforming to generally recognized international practice may be used, see Appendix 1 to this Standard);

(iv) the location within the periodical or other serial publication by indicating date of issue by four digits for the year designation, issue designation, pagination of the article (where year, month and day are available, the provisions of WIPO Standard ST.2 should be applied);

(v) where applicable, the relevant passages of the article and/or the relevant figures of the drawings;

(vi) where applicable, the standard identifier and number assigned to the item, e.g., ISBN 2-7654-0537, ISSN 1045-1064. It should be noted that these numbers may differ for the same title in the print and electronic versions.

The following example illustrates the citation of an article published in a periodical or other serial publication according to paragraph (c), above:


(d) In the case of an abstract not published together with the full text document which serves as its basis:

the identification of the document containing the abstract, the abstract and the full text document shall be made on the basis of whatever bibliographic data may be available in respect thereof.

The following examples illustrate the citation of an abstract according to paragraph (d), above:

Example 1: Chem. abstr., Vol.75, No.20, 15 November 1971 (Columbus, OH, USA), page 163, column 1, the abstract No. 120718k, SHETULOV, D.I. ‘Surface Effects During Metal Fatigue,’ Fiz.-Him. Meh. Mater. 1971, 7(2), 7-11 (Russ).


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Attention is drawn to the following items which should be provided in the locations indicated:

(i) Type of medium in square brackets [ ] after the title of the publication, e.g., [online] [CD-ROM] [disk]. If desired, the type of publication (e.g. monograph, serial, database, electronic mail) may also be specified in the type of medium designator;
Office copies of an electronic document should be retained if the document may not be available for retrieval in the future. This is especially important for sources such as the Internet and online databases.

If an electronic document is also available in paper form or in a page-oriented presentation mode (see paragraph 11 above) it does not need to be identified as an electronic document, unless it is considered desirable or useful to do so.

The following examples illustrate the citation of an electronic document not available in paper form or in a page-oriented presentation mode:

Examples 1-3: Documents retrieved from online databases outside the Internet


Examples 4-11: Documents retrieved from the Internet

Example 4: (Entire Work – Book or Report)


Example 5: (Part of Work -- chapter or equivalent designation)


Example 6: (Electronic Serial - Entire Serial)


Example 7: (Electronic Serial - articles or other contributions)


Example 8: (Electronic bulletin boards, message systems, and discussion lists - Entire System)

Example 9: (Electronic bulletin boards, message systems, and discussion lists - Contributions)


Example 10: (Electronic mail)


Example 11: (Product Manual/Catalogue or other information obtained from a Web-site)


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1 These elements are to be indicated only in a search report.
2 Where a surname can be identified, forenames or initials should follow the surname. Such surnames and initials should be given in capital letters.
3 When the year of publication coincides with the year of the application or of the priority claim, the month and, if necessary, the day of publication of a monograph or parts thereof should be indicated in accordance with the provisions set out in WIPO Standard ST.2.

[Annex II follows]