

USE OF IDENTIFIERS FOR APPLICANTS BY IPOs

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2. Question page

2. 1. What are the perceived advantages of using Applicant Identifiers in your Office? Please mark all that apply:
For purposes of this survey, applicant identifiers refers to standardized names or numeric codes which belong to a single legal entity. See question 6a for examples.

1a. advantages for the Office itself:

Effective management of applicant information

Easy to change applicant's information in all relevant records simultaneously

Effective management of foreign applicant names

Other - Please specify:: Unificación en las carteras de PI; Idoneidad en el registro; Evita errores en las examinaciones;

Transparencia en la información consignada en el registro.

3. 1b. Advantages for Applicants and Patent Information Users:

No need to repeatedly input the same information

Accurate statistics on patent applicants and owners

Eliminating confusion and inconsistency by unifying multiple versions of an applicant name into a single, standardized name

Avoiding mistakes, such as where the inventor's name incorrectly appears as the patentee name

Improving accuracy for re-assignments

4. 2a. Does your Office publish (or intend to publish) the identifier(s) you use (or plan to use) assigned to the applicant?
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Yes

Comments:

5. 2b. If yes, how:

Hace parte de la información bibliográfica de los trámites, ya que es parte de la información de los solicitantes y/o titulares.

6. 3. Does your Office include (or plan to include) the identifiers in the set of data for the exchange of patent information with other IP Offices?

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No

Comments:

7. 4. Which approach to assigning identifiers does your Office use (or plan to use)?

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Normative (code assigned by a national authority)

Procedural (code assigned by an international authority, e.g. WIPO, based on the applicant's IP portfolio in an agreed international database)

8. 5. How does your Office ensure that an applicant has only one identifier?

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In case of national applicants,: Contamos con restricciones en el sistema que no permite la duplicidad en la relación tipo de identificación y número de identificación.

In case of foreign applicants,: Contamos con un sistema que le asigna un número aleatorio a las personas creadas en la vía nacional. Respecto a las personas comunicadas por OMPI mantenemos el Código de identificación OMPI

9. 6a. What information does your Office request in order to determine identifiers for national applicants?

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Tax number

Passport number

Copy from the register of legal entities

Other. Please specify:: Cedúla de ciudadanía y Cedúla de extranjería

Comments:

10. 6b. What information does your Office request in order to determine identifiers for foreign applicants?

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Tax number

Passport number

Other. Please specify:: Cedúla de extranjería

11. 7a. Does your Office consider that a Global Identifier (GID) would be a desirable solution for applicant name standardization?

Yes

Comments:

12. 7b. If yes, could you suggest how the GID should be established and maintained?

Consideramos pertinente la creación de un registro único para la asignación del GID en el cual los solicitantes puedan obtener un número único de identificación asignado por OMPI y consideramos importante que se refleje la siguiente información:

- Tipo de persona: Natural o jurídica
- Número de identificación : GID
- Nombre de la persona
- Naturaleza de la persona jurídica
- Domicilio
- Dirección
- Correo electrónico

13. 7c. In case a GID is established, will your Office use both the GID and a national identifier at the same time, or will your

Office use the GID instead of a national identifier?

Para las solicitudes internacionales utilizaríamos únicamente el GID

Para las solicitudes de la vía nacional utilizaríamos el identificador nacional.

14. PART B - NO IDENTIFIER

8a. If your Office does not use or does not intend to use identifiers for applicants, please explain why:

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15. 8b. Please describe any alternative approach to the use of identifiers that your office is using or contemplates using, including how that approach deals with issues of name ambiguity (misspellings, multiple spellings, different character sets, etc):

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16. 9. Please explain any drawbacks or legal complications your Office may have related to using identifiers:

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17. 10. Which of the following options would you consider for investigation in your Office?

*[Note * Normalization – correction of “trivial” errors (which leave the possibility of multiple name variants for one applicant)*

*** Standardization – using one name variant for an applicant (which might not be the ultimate owner, as IP rights can be registered in the name of a subsidiary when the beneficiary is the parent company)]*

Please mark each option that you choose with (L: Low), (M: Medium) or (H: High) depending on the priority attributed by your office.

	L: Low	M: Medium	H: High
Use of identifiers			X
Normalized* names			X
Use of “dictionaries” of patentee names by patent information	X		
Use of standardized** names designated by applicants	X		

Other. Please specify:

18. 11. What is your Office’s desired outcome from the Name Standardization Task Force (set of recommendations, public database, etc.)? Please explain:

La creación de un Sistema de unificación de personas que tenga los siguientes efectos:

- Depuración de la base de datos de persona existentes

- Mantenimiento de la información de las personas que hacen parte del sistema
- Actualización de los registros administrados por la OMPI y designados a los países partes contratantes.

19. 12. Where should the standardization effort be focused? For example, on internal systems in IPOs or for externally-held IP databases?

Consideramos que debe centralizarse en la Oficina Internacional

20. 12a. Does your Office use (or plan to use) a computer algorithm for the normalization or standardization of applicant names?

Yes

Comments:

21. 12b. If yes, please briefly describe the algorithm.

A detailed description is not necessary. If the algorithm has a commonly recognized name, that may be sufficient. If not, a few words or sentences describing the general approach of the algorithm are enough. If multiple algorithms are used in combination, please briefly explain each one.

Example: "The algorithm removes non-latin characters and repeated whitespace, then uses a dictionary to replace known abbreviations with a standard format, such as "L.L.C." and "LLC." being replaced with "LLC".

El algoritmo busca personas contenidas en los criterios de búsqueda establecidos y se procede a definir la persona correcta que quedará en el sistema. Posteriormente se escogen las personas que serán unificadas a la persona final.

Por último, el algoritmo reemplaza las personas seleccionadas para unificar por la persona final en todos los trámites de PI en los que actuaban y las personas reemplazadas quedan inactivas en el sistema.

22. 13. If Offices use different approaches to managing applicant names, should the standardization effort harmonize the different approaches for the purpose of the international exchange of patent information?

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