

K**Country Names and Two-Letter Codes****K**

Annex K includes a list of short names and two-letter codes accepted for use in indicating States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations (and their Offices) in documents relating to international applications under the PCT. The list is as set out in WIPO Standard ST.3 (see List of WIPO Standards, Recommendations and Guidelines on the web site at: www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-03-01.pdf).

STANDARD ST.3

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 3166-1:1997.
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]

Country Names and Two-Letter Codes

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

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

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SPAIN	ES	UGANDA	UG
SRI LANKA	LK	UKRAINE	UA
SUDAN	SD	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	AE
SURINAME	SR	UNITED KINGDOM	GB
SWAZILAND	SZ	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	TZ
SWEDEN	SE	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	US
SWITZERLAND	CH	URUGUAY	UY
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	SY	UZBEKISTAN	UZ
TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA	TW	VANUATU	VU
TAJIKISTAN	TJ	VATICAN CITY STATE (See Holy See)	
TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania)		VENEZUELA	VE
THAILAND	TH	VIET NAM	VN
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	MK	VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH	VG
THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	HK	WESTERN SAHARA ⁽⁵⁾	EH
TIMOR-LESTE	TL	WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) (INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF) ⁽⁴⁾	WO, IB
TOGO	TG		
TONGA	TO	YEMEN	YE
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	TT		
TUNISIA	TN	ZAMBIA	ZM
TURKEY	TR	ZIMBABWE	ZW
TURKMENISTAN	TM		
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	TC		
TUVALU	TV		

[Section 2 follows]

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ANNEX A, SECTION 2

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

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

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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 Community) (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
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	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	SZ	Swaziland
ML	Mali	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MM	Myanmar	TD	Chad
MN	Mongolia	TG	Togo
MO	Macao	TH	Thailand
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	TJ	Tajikistan
MR	Mauritania	TL	Timor–Leste
MS	Montserrat	TM	Turkmenistan
MT	Malta	TN	Tunisia
MU	Mauritius	TO	Tonga
MV	Maldives	TR	Turkey
MW	Malawi	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
MX	Mexico	TV	Tuvalu
MY	Malaysia	TW	Taiwan, Province of China
MZ	Mozambique	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
NA	Namibia	UA	Ukraine
NE	Niger	UG	Uganda
NG	Nigeria	US	United States of America
NI	Nicaragua	UY	Uruguay
NL	Netherlands		
NO	Norway		
NP	Nepal		
NR	Nauru		

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UZ	Uzbekistan	WS	Samoa
VA	Holy See	XN	Nordic Patent Institute (NPI)
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	YE	Yemen
VE	Venezuela	ZA	South Africa
VG	Virgin Islands (British)	ZM	Zambia
VN	Viet Nam	ZW	Zimbabwe
VU	Vanuatu		
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) ⁽⁴⁾		

[Annex B follows]

Country Names and Two-Letter Codes

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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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⁾

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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.