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INTERCHANGE OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS ON PAPER OR MICROFORM

In order to facilitate the interchange of priority documents among industrial property offices, this document lists a group of industrial property offices indicating for each office:

- (a) the form in which the office is prepared to produce, or to receive, priority documents according to this recommendation either according to the paper form or the microfiche form;
- (b) in the case of paper form, information as to which solution is acceptable (i.e., according to paragraph 6, subparagraph (i), paragraph 6, subparagraph (ii), or paragraphs 6(i) and (ii) of WIPO Standard [ST.21](#));
- (c) in the case of the microfiche alternative, the form of the certificate of authenticity acceptable to the office (i.e., paragraph 16 of WIPO Standard [ST.21](#));
- (d) further information concerning the presentation of priority documents, if specified by the office.

Table of offices able to produce or to receive priority documents according to either the "paper" or the "microfiche" solution

OFFICE	TO ISSUE						TO RECEIVE						further remarks (see below)
	PAPER		MICROFICHE				PAPER		MICROFICHE				
	reduction in size (ST.21 , para. 6 i)	recto-verso (ST.21 , para. 6 ii)	image arrangement No. 1 (ST.21 , Appendix 2, fig. 1)	image arrangement No. 2 (ST.21 , Appendix 2, fig. 2)	Certific. form		reduction in size (ST.21 , para. 6 I)	recto-verso (ST.21 , para. 6 ii)	image arrangement No. 1 (ST.21 , Appendix 2, fig. 1)	image arrangement No. 2 (ST.21 , Appendix 2, fig. 2)	Certific. form		
AP		X					X	X	X		X	X	X
AT	X	X					X	X					
BR	X	X					X	X					
CA							X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CH		X		X		X		X		X		X	X
CS							X	X					
DE							X	X					
DK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
EP	X	X					X	X					
ES							X	X					
FI							X	X	X		X		
FR	X	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	
GB							X	X					
HU	X	X					X	X					
IE							X	X					
JP		X					X	X					
NL							X	X					X
NO	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
PL		X						X					
SE	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RU			X	X					X	X		X	
US							X	X					
WO	X		X		X		X		X	X	X		X



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In addition to the information provided in the table above, further requirements or remarks concerning the presentation of priority documents have been notified to the International Bureau as follows:

- AP: It is planned to issue microfiches with image arrangement No.1 (WIPO Standard [ST.21](#), Appendix 2, fig. 1) giving the certificate of authenticity on a sheet of paper.
- CA: The production of microfiches with image arrangement No.2 (WIPO Standard [ST.21](#), Appendix 2, fig. 2), using either form of certification, is planned after new Patent Legislation comes into force.
- CH: Priority documents on microfiche can be delivered within 15 working days.
- NL: Paper alternative: Drawings should not be reduced in size.
- SE: The certificate of authenticity given on a label stuck on the fiche is preferred.
- WO:
 1. The International Bureau issues priority documents where it is a receiving Office under the Patent <Cooperation Treaty (PCT).
 2. The International Bureau, when it receives priority documents under Rule 17.1 of the PCT Regulations, must reproduce them and distribute the copies thus made to certain designated Offices.
 3. Paper alternative: Provided all designated Offices accepted to receive priority documents with reduction in size.
 4. Microfiche alternative: Provided the microfiches are of a sufficient quality to allow for reproduction for the purposes of Rule 17.2(a) of the PCT Regulations and provided all designated Offices accept to receive priority documents in the form of microfiches.

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