



Update of Part 7 of WIPO Handbook on Intellectual Property Information and Documentation

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What is Part 7 of the Handbook on Intellectual Property Information and Documentation?

- The WIPO Handbook , **Part 7 – “Examples and Intellectual Property Office Practices”** provides detailed information on how IP offices worldwide manage and publish IP information and documentation, and how they implement WIPO Standards in their daily operations.
- It contains practical examples, surveys, and analyses on topics such as numbering, data formats, bibliographic information, and digital transformation practices.
- The purpose of this section is to promote consistency, transparency, and harmonization in IP documentation across national and regional offices.

Current practice for updating Part 7 of WIPO Handbook

Currently there are different approaches to update Part 7

1. Ad-Hoc Approach: Part 7.13: Mapping national/regional IP legal status events to standard events.
2. Periodic updates (twice per year): Part 7.14: Authority file of published patent documents provided by offices.
3. Through surveys (after approval by the CWS): Applied to the remaining sections of Part 7.

Proposals for Updating WIPO Handbook Part 7.3: Examples and Patent Document Kind Codes

- **Option 1:** Continue with the current survey-based update. This option involves conducting regular and comprehensive surveys of all IP offices every few years to collect updated data.
- **Option 2:** Adopt a fully ad-hoc update. IP offices can submit information to update the WIPO Handbook Part 7.3, at any time without waiting for a formal survey cycle.
- **Option 3:** Implement a hybrid approach. This approach combines periodically structured surveys (for example every four to five years) with an ad-hoc submission channel that allows Offices to provide updates as changes occur throughout the cycle.

Extending the same approach to other Part 7 sections update


Part 7.1: Representation of calendar dates

Part 7.2: Numbering systems

Part 7.6: Bibliographic information in patent gazettes



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