

Implementation of ST.26

Indian Patent Office

✓ **Big Bang Date: 1st July, 2022**

Any sequence listing (nucleotide or amino acid sequences) in an international application filed on or after 1st July, 2022 has to be submitted in an XML format compliant with ST.26 standards. India started accepting ST.26 sequence listings and complied with the requirement.

Changes Made for the adoption:

- The online patent filing and IT system has been made compliant to accept sequence listing files in XML format at all stages of prosecution.
- Requisite changes for publication were also made.

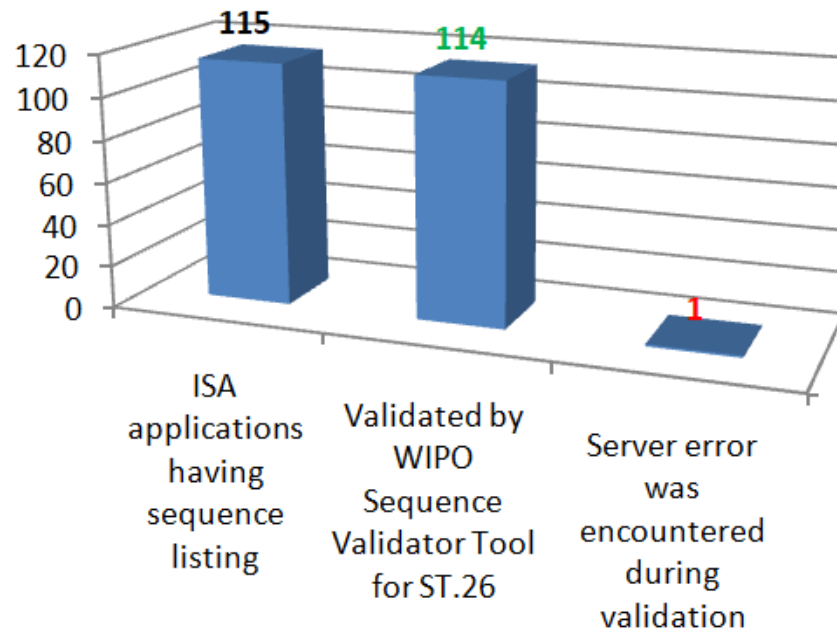
✓ **Examiners have been able to successfully use these sequence listings as submitted by the applicant to conduct the required sequence searches.**

India as ISA (ISA/IN) - PCT Applications:

From 1st July, 2022 to 17th Sep, 2025, ISA/IN received 115 ISA applications having sequence listing, of these 114 were found valid for WIPO Standard ST.26 using the WIPO Sequence Validator tool.

- One application having sequence listing XML file of size 136 MB could not be validated as a server error was encountered during validation which may be due to the large file size.
- Further, for 06 international applications (out of 115) sequence listing (WIPO Standard ST.26 XML file) was submitted by the applicant under Rule 13ter.1(a).

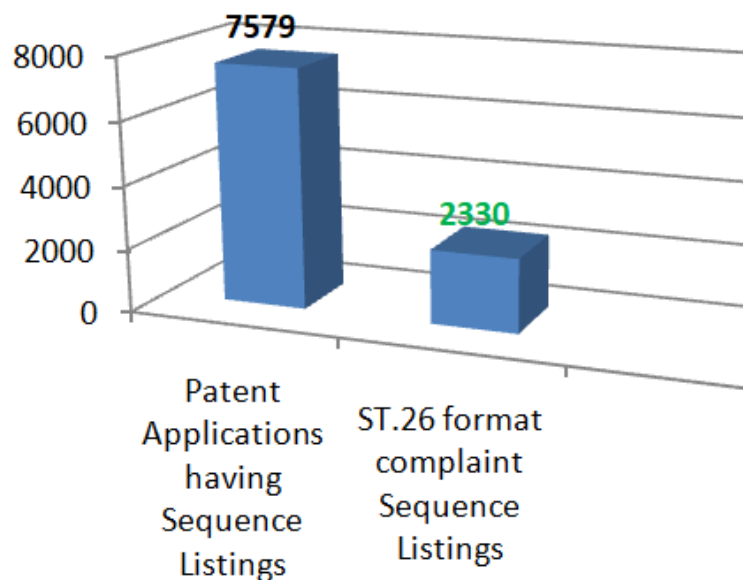
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National/National Phase Applications:

- The Indian Patent Office as a National Office has been accepting sequence listings compliant with WIPO ST.26 in respect of ordinary/convention/national phase patent applications as well from 1st July, 2022.
- However, this is **not a mandatory requirement** in view of the Rule 9(3) of The Patents Rules, 2003 (India) that states *“In case, the application for patent discloses sequence listing of nucleotides or amino acid sequences, the sequence listing of nucleotides or amino acid sequences shall be filed in computer readable text format along with the application”*.

**India as National Office
(IP-India)**
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May, 2025)



Thank You All !

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