

# Annual Technical Reports - 2024

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# What do Annual Technical Reports (ATRs) refer to?



## ATRs are official reports prepared by IP offices

- ATRs provides an overview of recent developments in services and information offered by IP offices
- Includes information on **patents, trademarks, and industrial designs**



## Objective of the ATRs

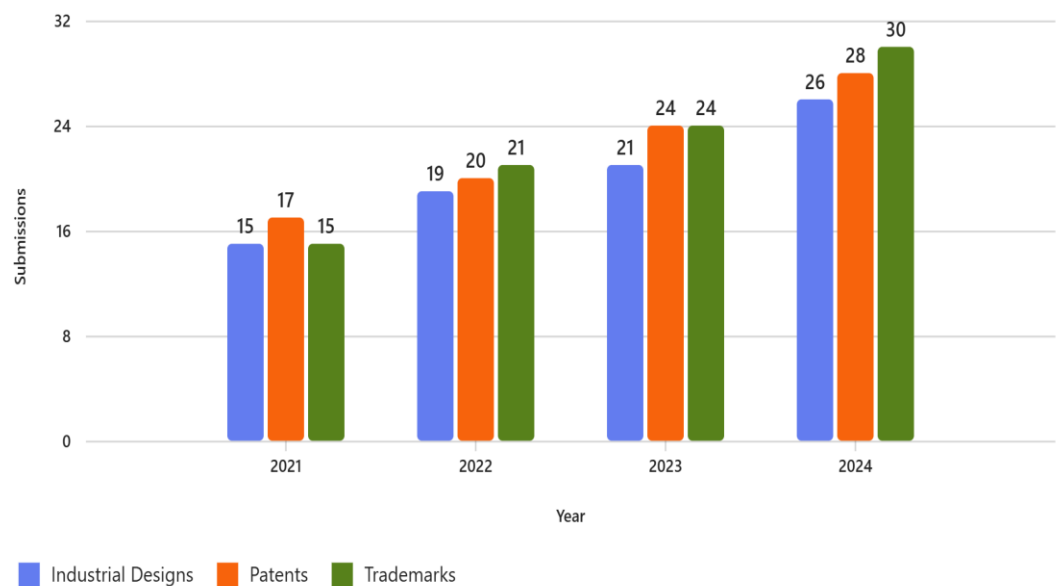
- Helps interested IP offices and users to access accurate and timely information about the office's activities
- Promote the exchange of technical and procedural knowledge between IP offices



## Procedure collecting ATRs

- Each year, the Secretariat issues circulars inviting IP offices to submit ATRs on their activities from the preceding year
- Reports are published on a dedicated page:  
<https://confluence.wipo.int/confluence/spaces/ATR/pages/62983121/Browse+by+Year>

# Statistics on ATR Submissions



	2021 ACTIVITES	2022 ACTIVITES	2023 ACTIVITIES	2024 ACTIVITIES
Industrial Designs Information	15	19	21	26
Patent Information	17	20	24	28
Trademark Information	15	21	24	30
TOTAL	47	60	69	84

## Key Insights:

- Trademarks show the largest growth, doubling from 15 in 2021 to 30 in 2024.
- Patents increased steadily from 17 to 28.
- Industrial Designs reports are increased from 15 to 26, indicating consistent interest.

# Inclusion of the WIPO Standard implantation status in ATRs

## **ATR/PI – Patents:**

Standards ST.3, ST.6, ST.9, ST.10/C, ST.13, ST.14, ST.16, ST.18, ST.26, ST.36, ST.37, ST.50, ST.90, ST.91, ST.92 and ST.96;

## **ATR/TM – Trademarks:**

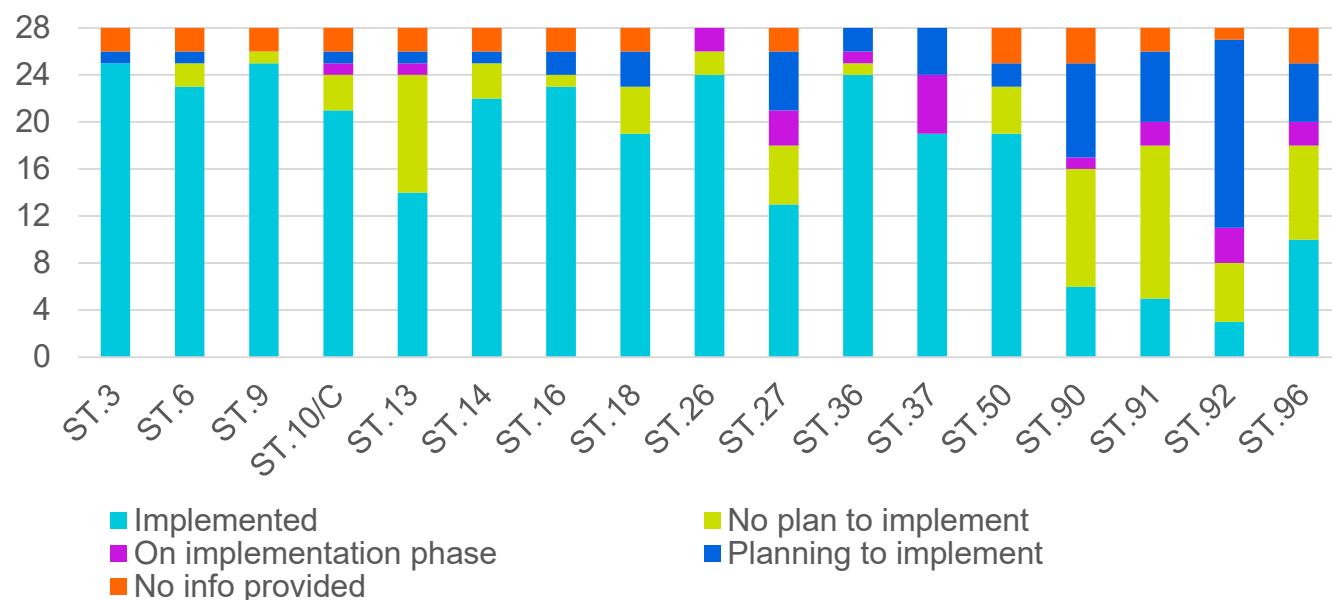
Standards ST.3, ST.13, ST.60, ST.61, ST.63, ST.66, ST.67, ST.68, ST.90, ST.91, ST.92 and ST.96; and

## **ATR/ID – Industrial Designs:**

Standards ST.3, ST.13, ST.80, ST.81, ST.86, ST.87, ST.88, ST.90, ST.91 and ST.96.

**Status Categories:** *"Implemented", "On implementation phase", "Planning to implement" "No plan to implement"*

# WIPO Standards implementation status – Patents

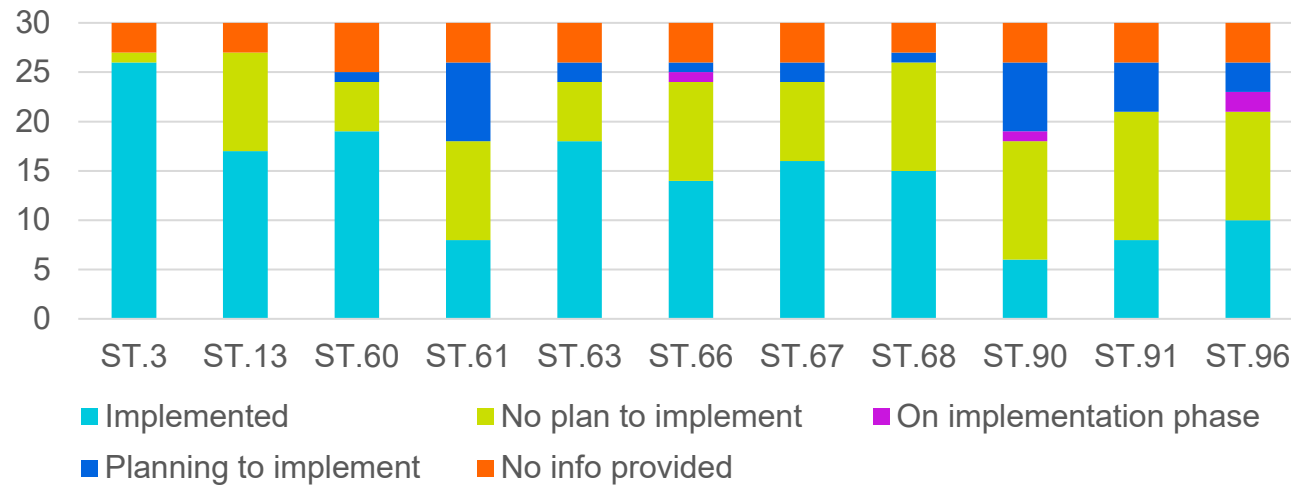


WIPO Standard	Implemented	Planning to implement	On implementation phase	No plan to implement	No info provided
ST.3	25	1	0	0	2
ST.6	23	1	0	2	2
ST.9	25	0	0	1	2
ST.10/C	21	1	1	2	2
ST.13	14	1	1	10	2
ST.14	22	1	0	3	2
ST.16	23	2	0	1	2
ST.18	19	3	0	4	2
ST.26	24	0	2	2	0
ST.27	13	5	3	5	2
ST.36	24	2	1	1	0
ST.37	19	4	5	0	0
ST.50	19	2	0	4	3
ST.90	6	8	1	10	3
ST.91	5	6	2	13	2
ST.92	3	16	3	5	1
ST.96	10	5	2	8	3

## Key Findings

- Most of reporting IP offices are actively implementing WIPO Standards for patents.
- Over 20 offices have already implemented key standards like ST.3, ST.9, ST.26, and ST.36.
- Some standards (such as ST.13, ST.90, and ST.91) have lower implementation rates, but many offices are planning or currently working on them.
- The new ST.92 standard is already planned for adoption by 16 offices.

# WIPO Standards implementation status – Trademarks

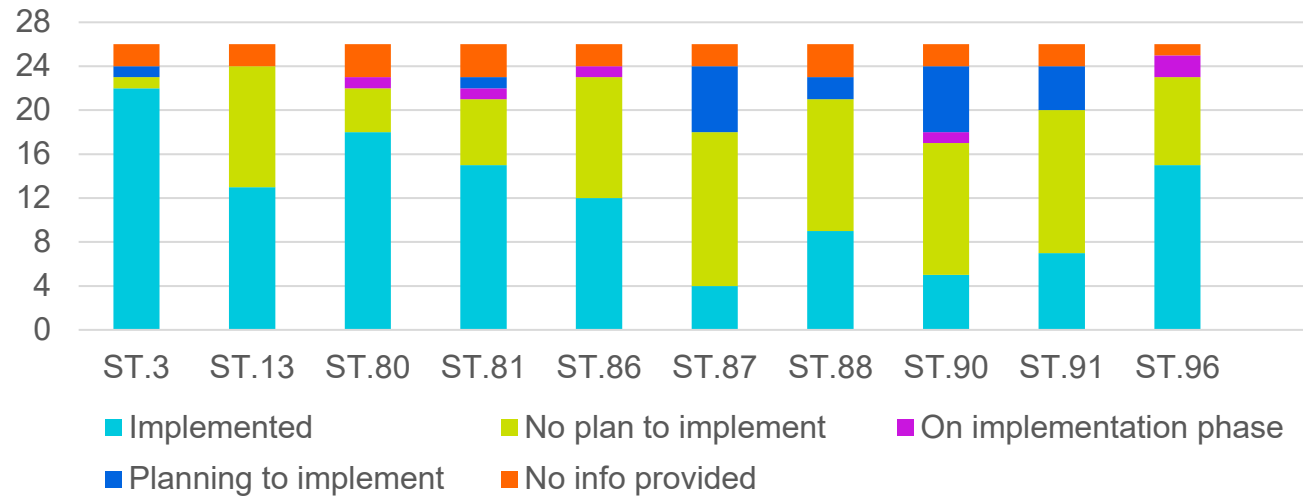


WIPO Standard	Implemented	No plan to implement	On implementation phase	Planning to implement	No info provided
ST.3	26	1	0	0	3
ST.13	17	10	0	0	3
ST.60	19	5	0	1	5
ST.61	8	10	0	8	4
ST.63	18	6	0	2	4
ST.66	14	10	1	1	4
ST.67	16	8	0	2	4
ST.68	15	11	0	1	3
ST.90	6	12	1	7	4
ST.91	8	13	0	5	4
ST.96	10	11	2	3	4

## Key Findings

- Core standards (e.g., ST.3, ST.60, ST.63, ST.67) are widely implemented by many IP offices.
- Some standards (e.g., ST.13, ST.90, ST.96) have lower implementation rates, with several offices reporting “No plan to implement.”
- A number of offices are planning or currently implementing newer standards.
- Gaps in reporting (“No info provided”) remain in trademark reports as well.

# WIPO Standards implementation status – Industrial Designs



WIPO Standard	Implemented	No plan to implement	On implementation phase	Planning to implement	No info provided
ST.3	22	1	0	1	2
ST.13	13	11	0	0	2
ST.80	18	4	1	0	3
ST.81	15	6	1	1	3
ST.86	12	11	1	0	2
ST.87	4	14	0	6	2
ST.88	9	12	0	2	3
ST.90	5	12	1	6	2
ST.91	7	13	0	4	2
ST.96	15	8	2	0	1

## Key Findings

- Several standards (like ST.13, ST.86, ST.87, ST.88, ST.90, ST.91) have low adoption.
- Number of IP offices not planning to implement certain WIPO Standards is higher for industrial designs.
- Reporting gaps also exist.



# Progress on Implementing WIPO Standards

- Across all three IP domains, several offices are actively planning to implement recent adopted WIPO Standards, such as WIPO Standard ST.92.
- Highest level of implemented or planning to implement observed in the **patent** domain.
- Interest on WIPO Standards indicates clear trend on harmonization and modernization in IP information and documentation management.





# Challenges and Next Steps

- A higher proportion of offices reported having no plans to implement certain standards in **trademark** and **industrial design**, whereas this figure is lower for patents.
- There is a need to increase awareness of WIPO Standards, especially mandatory ones like ST.26. Two Offices indicated that they currently have no plan to implement ST.26.
- Some IP offices may not realize that they are already applying certain WIPO standards to their existing systems.



# Next steps

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## Increase awareness on importance of the WIPO Standard implementation

- The Secretariat will continue to organize information sessions for interested IP offices to enhance their understanding and implementation of WIPO Standards.
- The Secretariat will further increase awareness through WIPO's communication channels.

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## Update the Section VII of the ATR template

- The Secretariat will revise the list of standard and the statuses to ensure up to date questionnaire.
- Option of the possible status on implementation will be revised as well to cover all cases.


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## Improvement of the platform used for the collection and publication of ATRs

- These aim to make the system more accessible and user-friendly for IP offices.
- Increase its analytical capabilities for comparing and assessing the submitted data.



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