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REPORT ON THE SURVEY ON APPLICATION AND PRIORITY APPLICATION NUMBERING SYSTEMS USED BY INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICES IN THE PAST

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1. The Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) at its reconvened fourth session held in March 2016, approved the questionnaire “Numbering of applications and priority applications – former practices” prepared by the ST.10/C Task Force and requested the International Bureau to carry out the following actions:

- (a) prepare and issue a circular inviting industrial property (IP) offices to complete the questionnaire;
- (b) prepare a survey report; and
- (c) present the results of the survey for consideration by the CWS at its next session in order to approve their publication in Part 7 of the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation* (WIPO Handbook).

(See document CWS/4/4 and paragraphs 29 to 34 of document CWS/4BIS/16.)

2. This survey, once published, will complement the survey “Numbering of applications and priority applications – Current practices”, which is published in Part 7.2.6 of the WIPO Handbook.

3. Following this decision of the CWS, the International Bureau has issued circulars C.CWS 73 of June 16, 2016, inviting IP offices to submit responses and share information on the former practices of application and priority application numbering.

4. Along with their responses regarding former application and priority application numbering systems, the IP offices were invited to submit or update, if necessary, their entries in Part 7.2.6 of the WIPO Handbook related to current practices of application numbering.

5. According to the work plan for updating surveys published in Part 7 of the WIPO Handbook, the International Bureau together with Part 7 Task Force incorporated, where it was possible, the information contained in Parts 7.2.1, 7.2.2 and 7.2.3 of the WIPO Handbook into Part 7.2.6 and new Part 7.2.7 of the WIPO Handbook (see Annex II to document CWS/4BIS/6).

6. The following 18 entries were updated in or added to Part 7.2.6 of the WIPO Handbook:

AT	Austria	IT	Italy
AU	Australia	JP	Japan
BE	Belgium	KR	Republic of Korea
CN	China	MD	Republic of Moldova
DE	Germany	PL	Poland
ES	Spain	RU	Russian Federation
GB	United Kingdom	SA	Saudi Arabia
HR	Croatia	SE	Sweden
IE	Ireland	SK	Slovakia

The International Bureau published the revised Part 7.2.6 of the WIPO Handbook in March 2017 at <http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/07-02-06.pdf>.

7. The results of the survey on former practices of application and priority application numbering are presented in the Annex to this document for consideration and decision by the CWS for their publication as new Part 7.2.7 of the WIPO Handbook.

8. If the CWS approves the publication of the survey in the WIPO Handbook, Task No. 30 should be considered completed and removed from the CWS Task List; ST.10/C Task Force should be therefore discontinued.

9. *The CWS is invited to:*

(a) *note the content of the present document and its Annex;*

(b) *note that Part 7.2.6 of the WIPO Handbook was updated in March 2017, as referred to in paragraphs 4 to 6 above;*

(c) *consider and decide on the publication of the survey “Numbering of applications and priority applications – former practices” as new Part 7.2.7 of the WIPO Handbook, as referred to in paragraph 7 above;*

(d) *consider Task No. 30 as completed and decide on whether it should be removed from the Task List of the CWS, as referred to in paragraph 8 above; and*

(e) *decide on the discontinuation of the ST 10/C Task Force, as referred to in paragraph 8 above.*

[Annex follows]

NUMBERING OF APPLICATIONS AND PRIORITY APPLICATIONS – FORMER PRACTICES

Editorial note by the International Bureau

The following survey provides examples of application and priority application numbers assigned by industrial property offices (IPOs) in the past, as well as information on the codes used for indicating the type of industrial property rights, position of different parts of application number and other relevant remarks. This survey complements the survey “Numbering of applications and priority applications – Current practices”, which is published in [Part 7.2.6](#) of the WIPO Handbook.

NUMBERING OF APPLICATIONS AND PRIORITY APPLICATIONS – FORMER PRACTICES

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Country or Organization	Example of Application Number	Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number	Remarks
<p>AU AUSTRALIA</p>	<p>69179/91 10611/92 39945/89</p>	<p>69179/91 10611/92 39945/89</p>	<p>Used from January 1, 1989, to July 5, 2002 for: Patents, International applications filed under the PCT (PCT international phase), International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase)</p> <p>Used from January 1, 1989, to May 23, 2001 for: Innovation/simple/short-term/petty patent applications (Innovations)</p>
	<p>– Description: In the above examples 69179/91 is a patent application filed directly at IPAU in 1990 10611/92 - patent application filed directly at IPAU in 1992 39945/89 - petty Patent application filed directly at IPAU in 1989</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: N/A</p> <p>– Year designation: 2 digits in positions 6-7 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar</p> <p>– Serial number: fixed length of 5 digits in positions 1 to 5.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p> <p>Slash separates the main body of application number from the year of filing.</p> <p>Code for the type of IP rights hadn't been used by IP Australia before it moved to 10 digit application numbering system</p> <p>Note: Separators used (slash) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		
<p>AU AUSTRALIA</p>	<p>1991PF1774 1993PL6640 1995PN0367 1999PP8031</p>	<p>1991PF1774 1993PL6640 1995PN0367 1999PP8031</p>	<p>Used from January 1, 1989, to July 5, 2002 for: Provisional patent applications (Provisional patents)</p>
	<p>– Description: In the above examples 1991PF1774 - Provisional Patent application filed directly at IPAU in 1991 1993PL6640 – Provisional Patent application filed directly at IPAU in 1993 1995PN0367 – Provisional Patent application filed directly at IPAU in 1995 1999PP8031 – Provisional Patent application filed directly at IPAU in 1999</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: position 5 o Provisional patent applications (Provisional patents)..... P</p> <p>– Year designation: 4 digits in positions 1-4 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar</p> <p>– Serial number: fixed length of 4 digits in positions 7-10.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p> <p>Letter at position 6 is arbitrary increasing over the course of the decades.</p>		

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<p>CN CHINA</p>	93100001.7	93100001.7	<p>Used from April 1, 1985 to September 30, 2003 for: Patents, Utility Models / Utility certificates, Industrial designs</p> <p>Used from January 1993 to September 30, 2003 for: International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase), International utility model applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase)</p>
	<p>– Description: In the above example 93100001.7 is a patent application with serial number 00001 and check digit 7 filed at SIPO in 1993.</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: position 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patents 1 ○ International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase) 8 or 9 (see below) ○ Utility Models / Utility certificates 2 ○ International utility model applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase) 8 or 9 (see below) ○ Industrial designs 3 <p>For PCT applications in the national phase, code 9 was used from April 1, 1994 to December 31, 1995 codes 8 and 9 were used from 1996 to 1997 code 8 was used from 1998 to October 2003</p> <p>– Year designation: 2 digits in positions 1-2 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar.</p> <p>– Serial number: fixed length of five digits in positions 4-8.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: one check digit in position 9, separated by a dot. The algorithm for computing the check digit was adapted by the ISO 7064:1983 (MOD11-2 check digit algorithm).</p> <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p> <p>Note: Separators used (dot) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		

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<p>DE GERMANY</p>	<p>Z 3 S 80015 VIII/21a1 S 71482 R 41613 / 21 Wz</p>	<p>Z 3 S 80015 VIII/21a1 S 71482 R 41613 / 21 Wz</p>	<p>Used from 1877 to 1968 for: Patents Used from 1891 to 1967 for: Utility Models / Utility certificates Used from 1894 to 1994 for: Trademarks</p>
	<p>– Description: Position 1: first letter of the applicant name Position 2 and following: continuous numbering for this letter (see “Serial number”, below) Position 7 (before '/'): patent department (this part was present for patents after 1928) Position 8 (after '/'): for patents after 1928, classification by German DPK classification for trademarks: classification of goods followed by “Wz” (from German “Warenzeichen” = trademark)</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: only for trademarks, positions 9-10 o Trademarks..... Wz</p> <p>– Year designation: N/A</p> <p>– Serial number: variable length of 1 up to 6 digits, beginning at position 2. There are separate numbering cycles for each letter in position 1.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: The first letter of the applicant name is coded in position 1. The patent department is coded in Roman numbers before the slash (/), for patents filed after 1928. (The patent department was probably not publically known.) The classification according to the German classification (DPK) or the classification of goods was coded after the slash. DPK was available for public, as well as the classification for trademarks.</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks: For machine-readable presentation of trademark application numbers, the classification information was omitted and spaces were deleted, for example, R41613.</p> <p>Note: Separators used (slash, space) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		
<p>DE GERMANY</p>	<p>P 18 00 001.6 P 44 45 678.6</p>	<p>P 18 00 001.6 P 44 45 678.6</p>	<p>Used from October 1, 1968, to December 31, 1994 for: Patents</p>
	<p>– Description: P YYNNNNN.C, where “P” is the type of IP rights (patent), YY is a coded year designation (see “Year designation” below), NNNNN is a serial number and C is a control number. In the above example P 18 00 001.6 – patent application filed in 1968.</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: position 1 o Patents P</p> <p>– Year designation: positions 2-3 provide codified information about the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar. The code is computed by subtracting 50 from the two-digit-year, i.e. the year 1968 is coded as follows: 68-50=18.</p> <p>– Serial number: fixed length of 5 digits in positions 4-8. The numbering restarted every year.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: position 9 separated by a dot “.”, the algorithm for computing the control number is unknown.</p> <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p> <p>Note: Separators used (dot, space) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		

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<p>DE GERMANY</p>	<p>28 60 001.3 33 79 999.7 38 82 001.5 33 90 003.5</p>	<p>28 60 001.3 33 79 999.7 38 82 001.5 33 90 003.5</p>	<p>Used from 1978 to 1988 for: European patent applications with DE designation</p> <p>Used from 1983 to 1994 for: International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase)</p>
	<p>– Description: YYTNNNN.C, where YY is a coded year designation (see “Year designation” below), T is a type of IP rights, NNNN is a serial number and C is a control number. In the above examples: 28 60 001.3 – EP patent application with DE designation filed in 1978; 33 90 003.5 – PCT application with DE designation entering the national phase filed in 1988.</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: position 3 o European patent applications with DE designation 6, 7 and 8 o International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase) 9</p> <p>– Year designation: positions 1-2 provide codified information about the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar. The code is computed by subtracting 50 from the two-digit-year, i.e. the year 1968 is coded as follows: 68-50=18.</p> <p>– Serial number: fixed length of 4 digits in positions 4-7. The serial number runs consecutively inside the types coded in position 3.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: position 8 separated by a dot “.”, the algorithm for computing the control number is unknown.</p> <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p> <p>Note: Separators used (dot, space) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		
<p>DE GERMANY</p>	<p>MR 28 192</p>	<p>MR 28 192</p>	<p>Used until June 30, 1988 for: Industrial Designs</p>
	<p>– Description: MRNNNNN, where “MR” is the type of IP rights (industrial designs, from German “Musterregister” = registry of designs) and NNNNN is a serial number.</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: positions 1-2 o Industrial Designs MR</p> <p>– Year designation: N/A</p> <p>– Serial number: variable length of up to 5 digits in positions 3-7, continuous numbering.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks: It is unknown whether the machine-readable presentation of application numbers was different from the print presentation described above.</p> <p>Note: Separators used (space) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		

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<p>DE GERMANY</p>	<p>1 95 01 234.8 1 94 75 010.8 1 96 80 001.3 5 00 12 345.4 6 02 12 345.3 G 68 00 001.6 92 12 345.7 2 97 12 345.9 T 87 50 002.7 2 95 75 001.4 M 88 03 034.2 4 98 12 345.6 4 99 09 150.7 4 00 50 001.9 3 95 12 345.3 3 07 99 200.4</p>	<p>1 95 01 234.8 1 94 75 010.8 1 96 80 001.3 5 00 12 345.4 6 02 12 345.3 G 68 00 001.6 92 12 345.7 2 97 12 345.9 T 87 50 002.7 2 95 75 001.4 M 88 03 034.2 4 98 12 345.6 4 99 09 150.7 4 00 50 001.9 3 95 12 345.3 3 07 99 200.4</p>	<p>Used from 1995 to 2003 for: Patents, International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase), SPCs (Supplementary Protection Certificates) Used from 1989 to 2003 for: Granted European patents with DE designation Used from 1968 to 2003 for: Utility Models / Utility certificates Used from 1987 to 2003 for: Layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits Used from 1995 to 2007 for: Trademarks, Geographical indications Used from July 1, 1988, to 2007 for: Design patents, Typographies</p>
<p>– Description: T YY NNNNN.C, where T is a type of IP rights, YY is a year designation, NNNNN is a serial number and C is a control digit.</p> <p>In the above examples:</p> <p>Patents and patent-related: 1 95 01 234.8 is a patent application filed in 1995 1 94 75 010.8 – SPC filed in 1994 (this is the SPC number, the base patent has a separate number) 1 96 80 001.3 – PCT in the national phase 5 00 12345.4 – granted EP filed in 2000 in German 6 02 12345.3 – granted EP filed in 2002 in English</p> <p>Utility models: G 68 00001.6 – utility model dated 1968 92 12345.7 – utility model dated 1992 2 97 12345.9 – utility model dated 1997</p> <p>Topographies: T 87 50 002.7 – topography dated 1987 (until 1994) 2 95 75001.4 – topography dated 1995 (after 1994)</p> <p>Trademarks and Geographical indications: 3 95 12345.3 – trademark application dated 1995 3 07 99200.4 – geographical indication dated 2007</p> <p>Designs and typographies: M 88 03034.2 – design application dated 1988 (until June 30, 1998) 4 98 12345.6 – design dated 1998 (after June 30, 1998) 4 99 09 150.7 – design dated 1999 (after June 30, 1998) 4 00 50 001.9 – typography dated 2000</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: position 1 (see also "Serial number", below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patents 1 ○ International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase) 1 ○ SPCs (Supplementary Protection Certificates)..... 1 ○ Granted European patents with DE designation in German..... 5 ○ Granted European patents with DE designation in English or French .. 6 ○ Utility Models / Utility certificates..... G (often omitted) or 2 (1995 – 2003) ○ Layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits T (1987 - 1994) or 2 (1995 - 2003) ○ Trademarks 3 ○ Geographical indications 3 ○ Design patents M (until 30.06.1998) or 4 ○ Typographies..... 4 <p>– Year designation: two digits in positions 2-3 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar.</p> <p>– Serial number: fixed length of 5 digits in positions 4-8. Serial numbers are consecutive inside types (position 1). For utility models filed before 1995, the numbering restarted every year; after 1994, numbering was continuous within number range. For topographies filed until 1994, the numbering restarted every year at 50000.</p>			

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			<p>For IP right code "1", the following numbering ranges in the serial number were used: 00001-74999: national patent applications 75001-79999 SPCs (years 1995-2001) 99001-99999 SPCs (years 2001-2003)</p> <p>For IP right code "2", (utility models or topographies filed after 1994) the following numbering ranges in the serial number were used: 00001-74999 = utility models 75001-79999 = topographies 80001-99999 = utility models from PCT application in the national phase</p> <p>For IP right code "3", the following numbering ranges in the serial number were used: 99000-99999 = geographical indications</p> <p>For IP right code "4", the following numbering ranges in the serial number were used: 50000-99999 = typographies (between 1998 and the end of 2004)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: position 9 separated by a dot "." <p>Assumed algorithm: modulo 8 algorithm: each digit of the base, from right to left, is multiplied by 2, 3, 4, 5 etc., respectively. The products of the separate digits are summed and then divided by 8. The remainder of the Division is subtracted from 8 to give the check digit.</p> <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above. Note: Separators used (dot, space) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>
<p>DE GERMANY</p>	<p>WP 22 f7 / 9269 AP A01D / 260 426 1</p>	<p>WP 22 f7 / 9269 AP A01D / 260 426 1</p>	<p>Used from 1949 to 1990 in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR) for: Patents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: Positions 1-2 indicate subtypes of patents (see below). Positions 3-6 contain classification information. Positions 7 and following (after the slash '/') contain consecutive serial number. Between 1949 and 1951, additional numbers were inserted in positions 3-4 and the classification information was provided only in positions 5-6, like, for example, in WP 22 f7 / 9269. After 1951, the very last digit is a check digit (like in "AP A01D / 260 426 1", above). - Code for the type of IP rights: positions 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Exclusive patent..... AP (from German "Ausschließungspatent") o Economic patent WP (from German "Wirtschaftspatent") <p>Exclusive patents are similar to a patent in the regular sense. Economic patents were for inventions by nationally owned companies or state organizations. These economic patents could be used by all socialist companies.</p> - Year designation: N/A - Serial number: variable length from position 7 onwards, continuous numbering. - Code for internal use: Classification information was indicated in positions 5-6 or, after 1951, in positions 3-6 as IPC. - Control number/Check digit: After 1951, the last digit of the application number (no separators used); the algorithm for computing it is unknown <p>Further remarks: A slash separated classification information from the serial number. It is unknown whether the machine-readable presentation of application numbers was different from the print presentation described above. Note: Separators used (slash, space) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>

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<p>DE GERMANY</p>	<p>19712 GM 19712 GM 2a/28849 W12345 H17</p>	<p>19712 GM 19712 GM 2a/28849 W12345 H17</p>	<p>Used from 1949 to 1963 in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR) for: Utility Models / Utility certificates</p> <p>Used from 1949 to 1990 in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR) for: Trademarks</p> <p>Used from 1985 to 1990 in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR) for: Geographical Indications</p>
	<p>– Description: Continuous numbers, which could be prefixed by indication of the type of IP rights and, in some cases, classification information (see below). The whole number could also be prefixed by DDR (German abbreviation for German Democratic Republic)</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: positions 1-2 (or after the abbreviation DDR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utility Models / Utility certificates GM (from German "Gebrauchsmuster") ○ Trademarks..... W (from German "Warenzeichen") ○ Geographical Indications..... H (from German "Herkunftsangabe") <p>– Year designation: N/A</p> <p>– Serial number: variable length, continuous numbering, last part of the number.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: Utility models could have classification information positioned between GM and the serial number; this classification information was separated from the serial number with a slash "/". For example, "2a" in "GM 2a/28849".</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks: It is unknown whether the machine-readable presentation of application numbers was different from the print presentation described above.</p> <p>Note: Separators used (slash, space) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		
<p>DE GERMANY</p>	<p>Gs.5497 U7124 MP7121</p>	<p>Gs.5497 U7124 MP7121</p>	<p>Used from 1952 to 1990 in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR) for: Industrial designs</p> <p>Used from 1973 to 1990 in the former German Democratic Republic (GDR) for: Originator's certificates, Design patents</p>
	<p>– Description: In the above examples: Gs.5497 is an industrial design with serial number 5497 U7124 is an originator's certificate with serial number 7124 MP7121 design patent with serial number 7121</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: position 1 (or 1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Industrial designs Gs ○ Originator's certificates..... U ○ Design patents..... MP <p>– Year designation: N/A</p> <p>– Serial number: fixed length of 4 digits after the prefix (positions 3-6 or 2-5), continuous numbering, last part of the number.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks: It is unknown whether the machine-readable presentation of application numbers is different from the print presentation described above.</p>		

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EE ESTONIA	9800001	9800010	Used from May 23, 1994, to December 31, 1998 for: Patents, International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: In the above example 9800010 - patent application filed in 1998 with serial number 10. - Code for the type of IP rights: N/A - Year designation: two digits in positions 1-2 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar - Serial number: fixed length of five digits in positions 3-7 - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p>		
EE ESTONIA	U9800001	U9800001	Used from May 23, 1994, to December 31, 1998 for: Utility Models / Utility certificates, International utility model applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: In the above example U9800001 – utility model application filed in 1998 with serial number 1. - Code for the type of IP rights: position 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Utility Models / Utility certificates U o International utility model applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase) U - Year designation: two digits in positions 2-3 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar - Serial number: fixed length of five digits in positions 4-8 - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p>		
EE ESTONIA	9900001	9900001	Used from October 1, 1992, to December 31, 1999 for: Trademarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: In the above example 9900001 - trademark application filed in 1999 with serial number 1 - Code for the type of IP rights: N/A - Year designation: two digits in positions 1-2 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar - Serial number: fixed length of five digits in positions 3-7 - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p>		

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<p align="center">JP JAPAN</p>	<p>特願平11-123456</p>	<p>特願平11-123456</p>	<p>Used until the end of 1999 for: Patents, Design patents, Utility Models / Utility certificates, Trademarks</p>
	<p>– Description: 特願YY-ZZZZZ, where leading 2 Kanji letters indicate a type of IP rights, the third Kanji letter is an era name of Japanese calendar, YY is the year of filing according to Japanese calendar, ZZZZZ is the serial number</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: positions 1-2 (Kanji letters)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patents 特願 ○ Design patents..... 意願 ○ Utility Models / Utility certificates 実願 ○ Trademarks..... 商願 <p>– Year designation: Positions 3-5 A Kanji letter in position 3 indicates the era of Japanese calendar and the following 2 digits (in positions 4-5) indicate the year of filing according to the Japanese calendar.</p> <p>– Serial number: fixed length of six digits in positions 6-11.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks: Hyphen is used as a separator between the year designation and the serial number.</p> <p>For machine-readable presentation, ten digits were used: YYYYZZZZZZ, where YYYY is a year designation according to Gregorian calendar and ZZZZZZ is a serial number.</p> <p>Note: Separators used (hyphen) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		

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KR REPUBLIC OF KOREA	특허 95-012345 or 특 1995-012345 특허 95-701234 or 특 1995-701234 실용 95-012345 or 실 1995-012345 실용 95-701234 or 실 1995-701234	95-012345 95-701234 95-012345 U 95-701234 U	Used until the end of 1998 for: Patents, International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase), Utility Models / Utility certificates, International utility model applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: In the above example 특허 95-012345 is a patent application filed in 1995 with a serial number 012345 - Code for the type of IP rights: positions 1-2 (Korean letters) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Patents 특허 o International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase) 특허 o Utility Models / Utility certificates 실용 or U o International utility model applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase) 실용 or U - Year designation: two digits in positions 3-4 (or four digits in positions 2-3) indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar. - Serial number: fixed length of six digits in positions 6-11 (or 5-10) after the hyphen. Annual numbering system. - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Further remarks: Serial numbers of international patent and utility model applications begin with "7" (after the hyphen, position 6 or 5)</p> <p>The letter code "U" was used for utility model priority application numbers.</p> <p>Note: Separators used (hyphen) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		
KR REPUBLIC OF KOREA	상표 95-012345 or 상 1995-012345 의장 95012345 or 의 1995-012345	95-012345	Used until the end of 1998 for: Trademarks, Industrial designs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: In the above example 상표 95-012345 is a trademark application filed in 1995 with a serial number 012345 - Code for the type of IP rights: position 1-2(Korean letters) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Trademarks..... 상표 o Industrial designs..... 의장 - Year designation: two digits in positions 1-2 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar. - Serial number: fixed length of six digits in positions 3-8 after the hyphen. Annual numbering system. - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Note: Separators used (hyphen) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		

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KR REPUBLIC OF KOREA	95-0012	95-0012	Used until the end of 1998 for: Layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: In the above example 95-0012 is an application filed in 1995 with a serial number 0012 - Code for the type of IP rights: N/A - Year designation: two digits in positions 1-2 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar. - Serial number: fixed length of four digits in positions 3-6 after the hyphen. Annual numbering system. - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Note: Separators used (hyphen) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		
LT LITHUANIA	IP 0001 ZP 00001 PP 001	IP 0001 ZP 00001 PP 001	Used from July 1, 1991, to December 31, 1994, for: Patents, Trademarks, Industrial designs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: - Code for the type of IP rights: positions 1-2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Patents IP or RP (see below) o Trademarks..... ZP or RL (see below) o Industrial designs..... PP or RP (see below) - Year designation: two digits in positions 1-2 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar. - Serial number: Continuous series. Variable length of up to four digits (for patents) up to five digits (for trademarks) up to three digits (for industrial designs). - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Further remarks: Codes RP and RL were used for registrations of the former Soviet Union.</p> <p>Note: Separators used (space) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		
LT LITHUANIA	95-001 95-0001 95-001	95-001 95-0001 95-001	Used from January 1, 1995, to December 21, 1999 for: Patents, Trademarks, Industrial designs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: - Code for the type of IP rights: N/A - Year designation: two digits in positions 1-2 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar. - Serial number: Annual series. Fixed length of three digits in positions 3-5 (for patents and industrial designs); four digits in positions 3-6 (for trademarks). - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Note: Separators used (hyphen) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		

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RU RUSSIAN FEDERATION	94000180	RU93043072	Used from January 1, 1992, to January 31, 1994 for: Patents, International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase), Design patents, Utility Models / Utility certificates, Trademarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: YYNNNNNN, where: YY is a year designation, NNNNNN - serial number RUYNNNNNNN, where: where RU is a national code, YY - year designation, NNNNNN - serial number - Code for the type of IP rights: N/A - Year designation: two digits in positions 1-2 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar. - Serial number: fixed length of six digits in positions 3-8. All six positions should be filled, if it is needed – by zeros. - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Further remarks: Index of examiner department is specified in the publications of corresponding patents (in the field "application number"); it is placed after the application number and separated from it by a slash (/). This additional information does not form the part of the application number but follows it on these publications and is available to the public.</p> <p>The examiner department index is not indicated in the machine-readable presentation of application numbers. Otherwise, machine-readable presentation is the same as print presentation described above</p>		
RU RUSSIAN FEDERATION	930044	For this type of IP rights, the concepts of "priority" and "priority application" are not provided	Used from January 1, 1992, to December 31, 1999 for: Layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits, Computer Programs Databases
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: YYNNNN, where YY is a year designation and NNNN is a serial number. - Code for the type of IP rights: N/A - Year designation: two digits in positions 1-2 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar - Serial number: fixed length of four digits in positions 3-6. Annual numbering system (the numbering started at "0001" every year) - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p>		
SA SAUDI ARABIA	08290767	08290767	Used from July 26, 1989, until November 29, 2008 for: Patents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: SA GGHH YYYY, where SA is a national code, GG – year of filing (Gregorian calendar) HH – year of filing (Islamic calendar), YYYY – serial number. - Code for the type of IP rights: N/A - Year designation: two digits in positions 1-2 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar, two digits in positions 3-4 indicate the year of filing according to Islamic calendar. - Serial number: fixed length of 4 digits in positions 5-8. - Code for internal use: N/A - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above</p>		

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<p>SK SLOVAKIA</p>	<p>O-57125-90 V-25142/92 PVZ 25142/92</p>	<p>O-57125-90 PVZ 25142/92</p>	<p>Used until December 31, 1992 for: Trademarks, Industrial Designs</p>
	<p>– Description: In the above examples O-57125-90 – trademark application filed in 1990 V-25142/92 and PVZ 25142/92 – industrial design applications filed in 1992</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: position 1 (or 1-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Trademarks..... O (from Slovak "Ochranná známka") o Industrial designs..... PVZ or V (from Slovak "Priemyselny vzor") <p>– Year designation: two digits in positions 7-8 (or 9-10) indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar</p> <p>– Serial number: variable length in positions 2-6 or 4-8 (between code for the type of IPR and the year designation). The serial number was allotted in continuous ascending order.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks: Between the code for the type of IPR and the serial number there is a hyphen (or space) and between the serial number and the year designation there is a hyphen or slash.</p> <p>Note: Separators used (hyphen, slash) are not counted for defining the position of elements of the application number.</p>		
<p>SU SOVIET UNION</p>	<p>64421 21189</p>	<p>For this type of IP rights, the concepts of "priority" and "priority application" are not provided</p>	<p>Used from January 1, 1965, to December 31, 1991 for: Design patents, International utility model applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase), Industrial Design Certificates</p>
	<p>– Description: In the above examples: 21189 - Design patent application with serial number 21189.</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: N/A</p> <p>– Year designation: N/A</p> <p>– Serial number: variable length, continuous numbering, last part of the number.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p>		
<p>SU SOVIET UNION</p>	<p>182</p>	<p>For this type of IP rights, the concepts of "priority" and "priority application" are not provided</p>	<p>Used from January 1, 1990, to December 31, 1991 for: Layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits, Computer Programs Databases</p>
	<p>– Description: NNN, where NNN is a serial number</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: N/A</p> <p>– Year designation: N/A</p> <p>– Serial number: variable length, continuous numbering.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p>		

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<p>SU SOVIET UNION</p>	4916608	SU2765960	<p>Used from 1924 to December 31, 1992 for: Patents, International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase), Trademarks, Author's certificate for an invention, Inventor's certificates of addition</p>
	<p>– Description: For application numbers: N...N - continuing numbering series. For priority application numbers: SUN...N, where SU is a national code and N...N - preceding serial number.</p> <p>– Code for the type of IP rights: N/A</p> <p>– Year designation: N/A</p> <p>– Serial number: variable length, continuous numbering series.</p> <p>– Code for internal use: N/A</p> <p>– Control number/Check digit: N/A</p> <p>Further remarks:</p> <p>The application number on patent publications was followed by a slash and some internal office information (usually, index of the examination department). This additional information does not form the part of the application number.</p> <p>The examiner department index was not indicated in the machine-readable rendering of the patent.</p> <p>Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p>		
<p>UA UKRAINE</p>	94105979	94105979	<p>Used from July 1, 1994, to December 31, 1999 for: Patents, International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase), Utility Models / Utility certificates, International utility model applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase), Trademarks, Industrial designs</p>
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UA UKRAINE	2000031611 2001128827 2002043110 2003098487 20041211014	2000031611 2001128827 2002043110 2003098487 20041211014	Used from January 1, 2000, to December 31, 2004 for: Patents, International patent applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase), Utility Models / Utility certificates, International utility model applications under the PCT (PCT applications in the national phase), Trademarks, Industrial designs, Layout-designs (topographies) of integrated circuits, Qualified indications of origin of goods
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Description: YYYYMMNNNN, where YYYY is the year of filing, MM – month of filing, NNNN - serial number - Code for the type of IP rights: N/A - Year designation: four digits in positions 1-4 indicate the year of filing according to Gregorian calendar, two digits in positions 3-4 indicate the month. - Serial number: variable length of four or five digits in positions 7-10 (or 7-11) - Code for internal use: one letter code placed after the application number and separated by a slash. For example: 2000031611/M - international patent application filed in 2000 under the PCT (national phase) with a serial number 1611, 2004081195/I - patent application filed in 2004 with a serial number 1195 by a non-resident. This code was not available for public. - Control number/Check digit: N/A <p>Further remarks: Machine-readable presentation of application numbers is the same as print presentation described above.</p>		

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