# DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE ON NUMBERING SYSTEMS USED BY INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICES

## INTRODUCTION

Publication and registration numbers are assigned by Industrial Property Offices (IPOs) in order to identify each publication or registration document issued by the IPO. They are used by applicants and other offices to reference specific documents.  It is important that IPOs, applicants, and users of IP information are always able to identify publication and registration numbers in a unique, clear, and unambiguous manner.

At the fifth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS/5), the Committee noted the Part 7 Task Force's tentative work plan to update the surveys in Part 7 of the WIPO Handbook. This includes updating the information on publication and registration numbering systems, which is accomplished by the present survey.

Information on application numbering systems is provided by [Part 7.2.6](https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/standards/en/pdf/07-02-06.pdf) and [Part 7.2.7](https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/standards/en/pdf/07-07-01.pdf) of the WIPO Handbook.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

The following [WIPO Standards](https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/part_03_standards.html) are relevant to this survey:

* ST.6: Numbering of published patent documents
* ST.13: Numbering of applications for IPRs

[Part 7.2 “Numbering systems” of the WIPO Handbook](http://www.wipo.int/standards/en/part_07.html" \l "7.2" \t "_blank)  could also be helpful when you prepare your response to this questionnaire. In particular, [Part 7.2.2](https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/standards/en/pdf/07-02-02.pdf) contains responses from the previous survey on this topic in 2001.

## INSTRUCTIONS

For each type of right that your Office provides, please fill in the chart below for each publication or registration numbering system in use since 1970. If you plan to use other numbering systems in the future, please include them also.

In particular, please note the following:

* The columns “From” and “Until” should contain the dates that the system was used in WIPO ST.2 format. If precise dates are not available, please list the year.
* If a numbering system is currently in use, put "present" in the “Until” column.
* If a numbering system is not yet in use, put the expected start date in the “From” column if known, otherwise leave blank. Leave the “Until” column blank.
* In the Explanation column, please note what the numbering system is used for (publication, registration, or both) and explain the meaning of the format.
* Only one numbering format should be provided per row. Add as many rows as required to cover your numbering systems.
* Common types of Intellectual Property (IP) rights are listed in the table. If your Office issues a type of IP right not listed, please add it to your answers.

Examples

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| **Type of Right** | **Sample Publication or Registration Number** | **From** | **Until** | **Explanation of format** |
| Patents for invention | 400 770 | 2000-06-01 | present | Publication numbers are given by consecutive series number allotted in ascending order. |
| Patents for invention | E 129 079 | 2003-04-01 | present | The publication number for a translation of a European patent specification. Such publication numbers consist of the letter E followed by a serial number allotted in ascending order. |
| Industrial Designs | AP/D/00049 | 1970-01-01 | 1991-01-01 | Registration numbers are given as a continuous series. The letter D indicates a registered industrial design. |
| Industrial Designs | AU-S-126223 | 2022-01-01 |  | Registration number consisting of the country code, a dash, the publication code S, a dash and a six-digit serial number. Intended for use starting in 2022. |

## RESPONSES

Question 1.

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| **Type of Right** | **Sample Publication or Registration Number** | **From** | **Until** | **Explanation of format** |
| Patents for invention |  |  |  |  |
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| Utility models |  |  |  |  |
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| Supplementary protection certificates (SPCs) |  |  |  |  |
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| Plant patents |  |  |  |  |
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| Design patents |  |  |  |  |
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| Industrial designs |  |  |  |  |
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| Topographies of integrated circuits |  |  |  |  |
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| Trademarks |  |  |  |  |
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