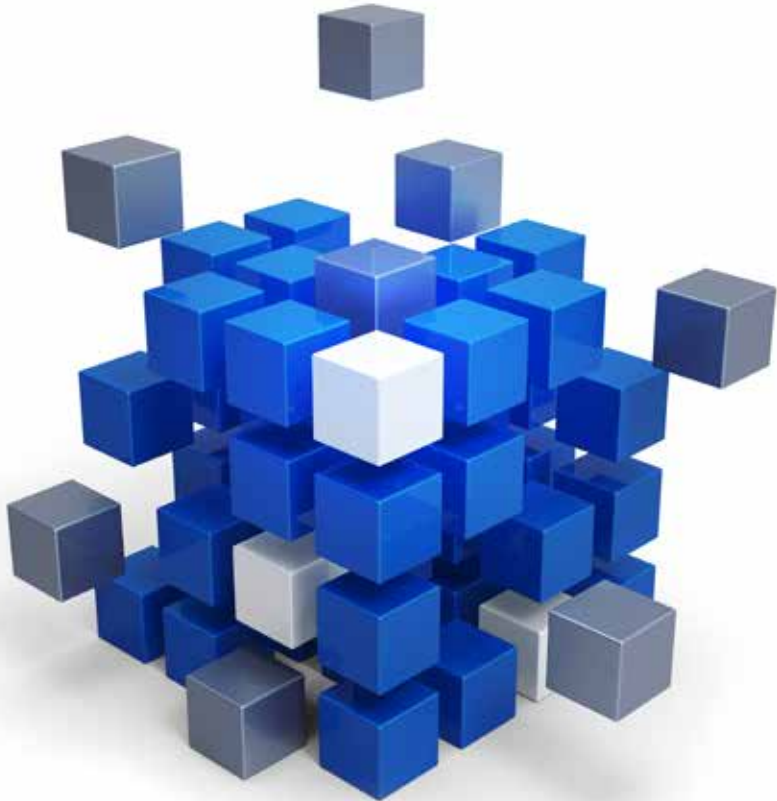


WIPO Standards

The common framework for industrial property information and documentation



What are WIPO Standards?

WIPO Standards provide a single, common framework for working with the information contained in industrial property documents.

Why use WIPO Standards?

Using agreed terminology and information formats – for example, citing prior art in a standard way – helps to make IP systems efficient and cost-effective. It simplifies the work of IP Offices, facilitates international cooperation and means that IP information is easier to understand for everyone.

They are used in global services for protecting intellectual property (IP) like the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), Madrid and Hague Systems, publications issued by IP Offices, global IP databases and business software solutions for IP Offices such as IPAS, WIPO Publish and WIPO Scan.

Who sets WIPO Standards?

WIPO Standards reflect best practices around the world. They are drafted with the help of experts from many countries in meetings and online fora organized by WIPO.

What do WIPO Standards cover?

WIPO Standards cover [patents](#), [trademarks](#) and [industrial designs](#) and are used at all stages of the industrial property prosecution process (filing, examination, publication, grant) as well as for data dissemination.

WIPO Standards

Relate to:

- Patents
- Trademarks
- Industrial designs

Apply to:

- IP documents
- Databases
- Data exchange

Used by:

- IP Offices
- IP information users
- Applicants

Who uses WIPO Standards?

WIPO Standards are aimed at three main groups of users and facilitate working in different systems and languages.

1. **IP Offices** use WIPO Standards to number documents, communicate in a common language with other Offices, and prepare official gazettes, among many other things. WIPO Standards also help IP Offices modernize their information systems.
2. **IP information users** can use them to cross-reference country and organization codes, retrieve documents from citations and read search reports.
3. **Applicants for IP protection** use WIPO Standards when they cite prior art, file sequence listings, make their applications suitable for digitization and indicate dates.

Where can I find WIPO Standards?

The authoritative source of WIPO Standards, Recommendations and Guidelines is the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*.

For more information:

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