

SUMMARY

regarding numbering systems and date formats
introduced or planned to be applied
with regard to the arrival of the year 2000

1. The International Bureau of WIPO conducted a survey about plans by industrial property offices to change over to new numbering systems for applications and/or published documents according to WIPO Standards ST.13 and ST.6, or to a new format for the representation of calendar dates according to WIPO Standard ST.2, in view of the forthcoming millennium.
2. A summary reflecting the information received by the International Bureau as of May 1, 1998, is given in Tables I (numbering systems) and II (date formats).
3. In the date element representing the year designation of an application or publication number (Table I) and in the calendar date format (Table II), the letter “C” represents a digit used in the thousands and hundreds components of the time element “year”; “Y” represents a digit used in the tens and units components of the time element “year”; “M” represents a digit used in the time element “month”; and “D” represents a digit used in the time element “day.”
4. For further information regarding numbering systems and formats of priority application numbers or the representation of calendar dates, please refer to the “Survey of numbering systems used, or intended to be used, by industrial property offices with regard to applications, published documents and registered rights” (see Part 7.5 of the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*), the Appendix to WIPO Standard ST.10/C or the Appendix to WIPO Standard ST.2, respectively.
5. The above-mentioned WIPO Standards and the Survey are published on the WIPO *Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation* CD-ROM and on the WIPO Web site (<http://www.wipo.int>).

[Table I follows]

Table I: Changes in numbering systems

Country or Organization	Previous format	New format	Date of changeover to new format/ Comments
AP			
Patent applications	AP/P/YY/XXXXX	AP/P/CCYY/XXXXX	} January 1, 2000
Industrial design applications	AP/D/YY/XXXXX	AP/D/CCYY/XXXXX	
Trademark applications	AP/M/YY/XXXXX	AP/M/CCYY/XXXXX	
AT			
Patent applications	A XXXX/YY }	XXXXX/CCYY	January 1, 2000. The numbering system for published documents and registrations will not be changed since a serial numbering system is used.
Utility model applications	GM XXXX/YY }		
Applications for supplementary protection certificates	SZ XXXX/YY }		
Industrial design applications	MU XXXX/YY }		
Trademark applications	AM XXXX/YY }		
BE			
Patent applications	YYXXXXX	CCYY/XXXX	January 1, 2000. In the new format, the letter "C" in the fifth position before the slash indicates the supplementary protection certificate. Application numbers of SPCs are used as publication numbers.
Applications for supplementary protection certificates	YYCXXXX	CCYYC/XXX	
BY		CCYYXXXX (e.g., BYa 1998 0001, for an application for a patent for an invention)	January 1, 1998
CH			
Patent applications	XXXXX/YY	XXXXX/CCYY	During the year 1999.
CZ			(Format to be applied as from January 1, 2000, not determined yet)

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DK			
Patent applications	XXXX/YY	PA CCYY XXXXX	} June 4, 1998. CCYY means, in the case of utility models, supplementary protection certificates and topographies, the year of filing, or in the case of trademarks, collective marks and industrial designs, the year of registration, and XXXXX(X), in the case of patents for inventions is a serial number assigned at the time of grant (continuous series), in the case of utility models, supplementary protection certificates and topographies a serial number assigned to the application within the year of filing, or in the case of trademarks, collective marks and industrial designs a serial number assigned to the registration within the year of registration. Letter codes PA, PR, BA and BR are not included in the publication numbers on patent and utility model documents.
Utility model applications	YY XXXXX	BA CCYY XXXXX	
Applications for supplementary protection certificates	CA CCYY XXXXX	CA CCYY XXXXX	
Industrial design applications	MA XXXX CCYY	MA CCYY XXXXX	
Trademark applications	VA XXXXX CCYY	VA CCYY XXXXX	
Applications for collective marks	FA XXXXX CCYY	FA CCYY XXXXX	
Applications for topographies of integrated circuits	TA XXXX CCYY	TA CCYY XXXXX	
Patents for inventions	XXXXXX	PR XXXXXX	
Utility models	YY XXXXX	BR CCYY XXXXX	
Supplementary protection certificates	CR CCYY XXXXX	CR CCYY XXXXX	
Industrial designs	MR XXXX CCYY	MR CCYY XXXXX	
Trademarks	VR XXXXX CCYY	VR CCYY XXXX	
Collective marks	FR XXXXX CCYY	FR CCYY XXXXX	
Topographies of integrated circuits	TR XXXX CCYY	TR CCYY XXXXX	
EA			
Patent applications	YYXXXX	CCYYXXXXX	} January 1, 1998
Patents	XXXX (e.g., 0024 is the last number of the four-digit system)	XXXXXX (e.g., 000025 is the first number of a patent under the new system)	

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Country or Organization	Previous format	New format	Date of changeover to new format/ Comments
EP		The number format of EP applications will not be changed, and in the year 2000 the application numbers will therefore start with the digits "00"; the numbering of EP published patents will not change; the numbering sequence will continue serially, with no year-number component.	
ES Patent applications Utility model applications Applications for supplementary protection certificates Applications for topographies of integrated circuits		PCCYYXXXXX UCCYYXXXXX CCCYYXXXXX TCCYYXXXXX	} } } January 1, 2000. The first letter given in each of the number formats indicates the type of I.P. right. }
GE Patent applications Utility model applications Industrial design applications Trademark applications Patents for inventions Utility models Industrial designs Trademarks		A CCYY XXXXXX U CCYY XXXXXX F CCYY XXXXXX T CCYY XXXXXX P CCYY XXXX (e.g., P 1998 1145 B) U CCYY XXX (e.g., U 1998 240 Y) D CCYY XXX (e.g., D 1998 535 S) M CCYY XXXX (e.g., M 1998 1200)	} } } } } July 1, 1998. The letter following the serial number indicates the publication level. } } }

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JP		PCCYY-XXXXXX	}
	Patent applications		}
	Utility model applications	UCCYY-XXXXXX	}
	Industrial design applications	DCCYY-XXXXXX	}
	Trademark applications	TCCYY-XXXXXX	}
	Published patents for inventions (if based on a PCT application, starting with the number 500001)	PCCYY-XXXXXXA (PCCYY-500001A)	}
	Granted patents (Starting with the number 2500001)	2500001	}
	Published utility models (if based on a PCT application, starting with the number 600001)	UCCYY-XXXXXXU (UCCYY-600001U)	} January 1, 2000. The JPO will start to publish on January 1, 2000, certain documents with a pre-determined number.
	Utility model registrations (Starting with the number 3000001)	3000001	}
	Published industrial designs	XXXXXXX	}
Industrial design publications (Relation to other similar design. The number 01 after the slash is a number allotted to the registered design.)	XXXXXXX/01	}	
Registered trademarks (Starting with the number 4000001)	4000001	}	

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<p>NL</p> <p>Patent applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="203 569 397 722">– number of a patent application filed under the Patent Act 1910 <li data-bbox="203 743 397 926">– publication number of a patent application filed under the Patent Act 1910 <li data-bbox="203 947 397 1129">– publication number of an examined application under the Patent Act 1910 <li data-bbox="203 1150 397 1304">– publication number of a patent granted under the Patent Act 1910 <li data-bbox="203 1325 397 1478">– number of a patent application filed under the Patent Act 1995 <li data-bbox="203 1499 397 1682">– publication number of a patent application filed under the Patent Act 1995 <li data-bbox="203 1703 397 1856">– publication number of a patent granted under the Patent Act 1995 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="425 569 516 590">9900000 <li data-bbox="425 743 516 764">9900000 <li data-bbox="425 947 505 968">191452 <li data-bbox="425 1150 505 1171">191452 <li data-bbox="425 1325 516 1346">1000001 <li data-bbox="425 1499 516 1520">1000001 <li data-bbox="425 1703 516 1724">1000001 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="652 569 743 590">9900000 <li data-bbox="652 743 862 800">9900000 (e.g., NL 9900000 A) <li data-bbox="652 947 846 1003">191452 (e.g., NL 191452 B) <li data-bbox="652 1150 846 1207">191452 (e.g., NL 191452 C) <li data-bbox="652 1325 743 1346">1000001 <li data-bbox="652 1499 862 1556">1000001 (e.g., NL 1000001 A) <li data-bbox="652 1703 862 1759">1000001 (e.g., NL 1000001 C) 	<p data-bbox="915 569 1414 695">From 1995 on, only divisional applications can be filed under this Act. Therefore, the numbering for this kind of application will not be changed from the year 1999. From the year 1999 on, the number must be interpreted as a serial number.</p> <p data-bbox="915 1325 1008 1346">unaltered</p>

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Country or Organization	Previous format	New format	Date of changeover to new format/ Comments
NL (cont'd.) Supplementary protection certificates			
– application number for a certificate for a medicinal product	950001	300001	}
– certificate number for a medicinal product	950001	300001	}
– application number for a certificate for plant protection	951001	350001	} From 2000 on, it will be a serial number.
– certificate number for plant protection	951001	350001	}
Topographies of integrated circuits	TB970001	500001	}
RU			
Patent applications		CCYY XXXXXX (e.g., a 2000 123456)	} The letter codes “a,” “u” and “s” preceding the year designation indicate the type of industrial property right.
Utility model applications		CCYY XXXXXX (e.g., u 2000 000456)	} New format intended to be applied as from January 1, 2000.
Industrial design applications		CCYY XXXXXX (e.g., s 2000 003456)	}
TR			
Patent applications		CCYY/XXXXX (e.g., a 2000/01255)	New format applied as from January 1, 1998. The letter codes “a,” “u” and “s” preceding the year designation indicate the type of industrial property right.
Utility model applications		CCYY/XXXXX (e.g., u 2000/00350)	
Patents for inventions		TR CCYY XXXXX A1 (e.g., TR 2000 01255 A1)	} The kind-of-document codes following the document number are used according to the provisions of WIPO Standard ST.16.
Utility models		TR CCYY/XXXXX U (e.g., TR 2000/00350 U)	}

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Country or Organization	Previous format	New format	Date of changeover to new format/ Comments
WO			The International Bureau has decided to maintain the present numbering system (with two digits to indicate the year of receiving or publishing the international application). The year designation might be changed to a four-digit indication in the future.

[Table II follows]

Table II: Changes in date formats

Country or Organization	Previous format	New format	Date of changeover to new format/ Comments
AT	DD.MM.CCYY	DD.MM.CCYY	No changes with respect to the date format in publications and in announcements in the official gazettes. Format to be used for screen display of online information services as from January 1, 2000.
	CCYYMMDD	CCYY MM DD	
	YY MM DD	DD.MM.CCYY	
DK	DD [month] CCYY Month abbreviated	CCYY-MM-DD	June 4, 1998. The new format will be used in industrial property documents, entries in official gazettes and electronic records containing I.P. data.
EA	DD.MM.YY	CCYY.MM.DD	January 1, 1998. Format used in all data carriers covering patent documents.
EG		CCYY MM DD	January 1, 1998
EP		Printed dates include a year indication of four digits wherever necessary; all dates on outgoing electronic media are being reviewed, with the objective of extending to a four-digit year where necessary, and at the most opportune moment.	
ES		CCYY MM DD	Format planned to be used for electronic data storage and for data transfer as from January 1, 2000.
		DD.MM.CCYY	Format planned to be used in printed documents as from January 1, 2000.
GE	DD.MM.CCYY	CCYY MM DD	July 1, 1998
JP	平成9年(1997)12月7日	平成12年2月28日(2000.2.28)	January 1, 2000
NL		CCYYMMDD	The format will be used as from January 1, 2000, for electronic data exchange as well as in printed documents and the patent bulletin.
RU		CCYY MM DD DD MM CCYY	As from January 1, 2000, for electronic records or for documents in paper form, respectively.
TR	DD.MM.CCYY	CCYY.MM.DD	March 1, 1998