

Questionnaire on the Implementation of Paragraph 12(a) of
WIPO Standard ST.10/C

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Paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C sets out the following recommendation:

“12. (a) In order to improve the quality of patent family data and to avoid confusion in the presentation of priority application numbers, the following recommendations are made:

Industrial property offices (IPOs) should always provide priority application number complying with “Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number” given in the Appendix to the Standard ST.10/C when presenting the application number of a patent document in the notification of the first filing and in the certificate of priority. The “Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number” should be presented with the Standard ST.3 code (preferably in a specified line or column along with the title “The country code (in case of the international organization, ‘The organization code’) and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is”) to be easily recognized as priority number by other IPOs and applicants.

Example of presentation of “Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number”:

- (i) in case of the country:
The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is JP2000-001234
- (ii) in case of the international organization:
The organization code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is EP79100953”

WIPO Standard ST.10/C is available at the following URL of WIPO’s website:

<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/standards.htm>

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. (a) Does your Office/Organization comply with the provisions of paragraph 12(a) in WIPO Standard ST.10/C when presenting the application number of a patent document in the notification of the first filing?

YES NO

Comments, if necessary: The applicant receives the application number from the DPMA, which is identical to the publication number. An example for such an application number is 10 2005 012345.6, which complies with ST.10/C, except for the leading country code.

(b) If the answer was "NO", is your Office/Organization planning to implement the said paragraph 12(a) in the notifications of the first filing? If so, when?

YES NO

When?

Comments, if necessary: The DPMA views the notification as in internal receipt issued by the DPMA to the applicant. For official documents, the country code will be included, see below.

2. (a) Does your Office/Organization comply with the provisions of paragraph 12(a) in WIPO Standard ST.10/C when presenting the application number of a patent document in the certificate of priority?

YES NO

Comments, if necessary: Currently, the priority number complies with ST.10/C except for the country code. We are in the process of implementing this addition, which we expect to have in place in several months. Please find a draft example for the coverage of a priority document attached.

(b) If the answer was "NO", is your Office/Organization planning to implement the said paragraph 12(a) in the certificates of priority? If so, when?

YES NO

When?

Comments, if necessary:

Note: Your Office/Organization is kindly invited to provide copies of filing notifications and priority certificates of patent applications along with the responses to this questionnaire.

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