INTRODUCTION

1. This recommendation is intended to improve the informative value of Official Gazettes, by including standard codes with the various headings which normally are printed above announcements made in those Gazettes.

2. The inclusion of codes to identify various headings of announcements should allow the user to find more easily those announcements which are of interest to him, without any particular knowledge of the language in which the Official Gazette is published, or without any specialized knowledge of the industrial property laws involved.

3. The codes are not designed to give a legal interpretation of the headings of announcements nor of the subsequent data involved.

DEFINITIONS

4. For the purposes of this recommendation:

(a) the term “Official Gazette” means an official publication containing announcements with respect to industrial property rights made in accordance with requirements under industrial property laws or international industrial property conventions or treaties;

(b) the terms “publication” and “published” are used in the sense of making available either:

   (i) the relevant document to the public for inspection, or supplying a copy thereof on request, or
   
   (ii) multiple copies of the relevant document produced by printing or like process;

(c) the expressions “examined” and “non-examined” refer to an examination made as to substance, as distinct from an examination made as to form which latter examination is ordinarily made by an industrial property office immediately upon receipt of an application.

THE ELEMENTS OF THE CODE

5. The code consists of four positions which should always appear in the following order: “LETTER-LETTER-NUMERAL-LETTER.”

6. The code consists of the following two basic constituent parts:

(a) PART A: two letters to identify:

   – the procedural step involved during the filing and examination procedure leading to and including the grant or registration of an industrial property right, or
   
   – the action or decision taken after the grant or registration of this right;

The procedural steps and the actions or decisions are categorized. The generic headings are coded with double letters AZ, BZ, CZ, DZ, etc., and comprise the following subject matter:
(i) Actions or decisions taken with regard to an application for an industrial property right during the filing and examination procedure and up to and including the granting:

- **AZ** FILING PROCEDURE
- **BZ** PUBLICATION
- **CZ** OPPOSITION
- **DZ** AMENDMENTS OF SPECIFICATIONS OR CLAIMS
- **EZ** SEARCH AND EXAMINATION
- **FZ** GRANTING PROCEDURE
- **GZ** LEGAL STATUS; LICENSE
- **HZ** CORRECTION; CHANGE; MISCELLANEOUS

(ii) Actions or decisions taken after the grant or the registration of an industrial property right:

- **KZ** FEES
- **LZ** RESTRICTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT
- **MZ** DISCONTINUATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT
- **NZ** CONTINUATION OR EXTENSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT
- **PZ** LEGAL STATUS
- **QZ** LICENSE
- **RZ** DECISIONS NOT PROVIDED FOR ELSEWHERE
- **SZ** PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
- **TZ** CORRECTION; CHANGE; MISCELLANEOUS.

(b) **PART B**: a numeral and a letter to identify the prospective industrial property right(s) or the industrial property right(s) which is(are) the subject of the action or decision in the sense of subparagraph (a), more particularly:

(i) the numeral to specify the "status" of the industrial property right application, and

(ii) the letter to identify the type of industrial property right.

7. The following coding elements set forth the details of Parts A and B of the Code respectively:

**PART A (i):** ACTIONS OR DECISIONS TAKEN WITH REGARD TO AN APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT DURING THE FILING AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURE AND UP TO AND INCLUDING THE GRANTING

- **AZ** FILING PROCEDURE

  - **AA** Filing
  - **AB** Filing of documents in respect of an earlier filed application, e.g., divisional application
  - **AC** Request for continuation, e.g., extension of time limits
  - **AD** Continuation, e.g., extension of time limits
  - **AE** Restoration of lapsed or forfeited application
  - **AF** International (PCT) Application for which the country is a designated State
  - **AG** European Application for which the country is a designated State
  - **AH** Application for recognition according to the CMEA Agreement on the mutual recognition of inventors' certificates and other titles of protection for inventions

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BZ PUBLICATION

BA By making available multiple copies
BB By laying open for public inspection or by supplying a copy on request
BC Secrecy order
BD Withdrawal of secrecy order
BE Unsealing (industrial designs or models)
BF Cancellation of earlier publication

CZ OPPOSITION

CA Opposition invited
CB Opposition to grant initiated
CC Opposition rejected
CD Application refused following opposition
CE Application withdrawn following opposition
CF Objection of applicant to intervention of third party
CH Other opposition proceedings not specifically mentioned above

DZ AMENDMENTS OF SPECIFICATIONS OR CLAIMS

DA Request for amendment of the specification or the claims
DB Rejection of the request for amendment of the specification or the claims
DC Amendment of the specification or the claims accepted

EZ SEARCH AND EXAMINATION

EA Request for documentary search
EB Request for additional search
EC Establishment of a documentary search report
ED Request for deferred examination
EE Request for examination
EF Request for examination declared void

FZ GRANTING PROCEDURE

FA Abandonment or withdrawal
FB Suspension of granting procedure
FC Refusal
FD Application declared void or lapsed, e.g., due to non-payment of fee
FE Partial withdrawal
FF Provisional grant; provisional registration
FG Grant; registration
FH Recognition granted according to the CMEA Agreement (see AH above)

GZ LEGAL STATUS; LICENSE

GA Conversion from one type of application for an industrial property right to another
GB Transfer or assignment
GC Availability or offer of license
GD License granted or registered
HZ  CORRECTION; CHANGE; MISCELLANEOUS

HA  Naming of inventor
HB  Correction of names
HC  Change of names
HD  Correction of addresses
HE  Change of addresses
HF  Correction of dates
HG  Correction of classifications
HH  Correction or change in general
HK  Errata in Official Gazettes

(*) PART A (ii): ACTIONS OR DECISIONS TAKEN AFTER THE GRANT OR THE REGISTRATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT

KZ  FEES
KA  Renewal fees due
KB  Payment of renewal fees
KC  Renewal fees not paid

LZ  RESTRICTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT
LA  Request for restriction of right initiated
LB  Request for restriction of right refused
LC  Invalidation of claims
LD  Partial disclaimer
LE  Suspension of the industrial property right

MZ  DISCONTINUATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT
MA  Abandonment or withdrawal
MB  Plea of annulment
MC  Annullment
MD  Opposition action initiated
ME  Revocation action initiated
MF  Right revoked following opposition or revocation
MG  Other revocation decisions
MH  Disclaimer
MK  Expiration of term
ML  Annulment of the extension of term
MM  Annulment or lapse due to non-payment of fees
MN  Renewal refused
MP  Refusal of national protection

(*) For the purpose of the application of this set of letters the grant or the registration of an industrial property right is considered also to have resulted in a publication in the sense of paragraph 4(b), above.
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PART B (i): NUMERAL TO IDENTIFY THE “STATUS” OF THE APPLICATION

1  Application which has been neither searched nor examined
2  Application which has been searched, but not examined
3  Application which has been examined, but not searched
4  Application which has been searched and examined
9  Applications pertaining to more than one of the categories 1 to 4

PART B (ii): LETTER TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT

A  Patent for invention
B  Patent of addition
C  Patent of improvement
D  Patent of importation, introduction or similar nature
E  Plant patent
F  Inventor’s certificate or similar industrial property right
G  Inventor’s certificate of addition or similar industrial property right
H  Utility certificate
J  Utility certificate of addition
X  Industrial property right falling in more than one of the types A to J
K  Utility model
L  Design, design patent, design certificate
Q  Industrial model, industrial model certificate
Y  Industrial property right not specifically identified, or falling in more than one of the types A to Q, above.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. The Code should be applied to all headings or announcements, including errata notices, made in Official Gazettes as far as relevant codes for the said headings are unequivocally provided for.

9. Each code should be associated with the corresponding heading of the announcement, by putting it in capitals, immediately preceding or following the text of the said headings. If, in a given situation, the use of two or more codes is necessary to code the entries given under a particular heading, then all such codes should be given, preferably separated by a slash. If the heading of the announcement is printed in more than one language, the code(s) may be used only once.

10. In order that the users of official gazettes may be assisted to make maximum use of the codes, this recommendation, as well as the list of the codes with their respective headings, as intended to be used, should be published in the official gazette prior to its implementation and at regular intervals as deemed necessary.

[End of Standard]