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## 2. Questions page

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XML in WIPO ST.36 / 66 / 86

Microsoft Word DOCX (free form, no template)

Common Application Format (CAF) – DOCX template

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**Comments:** XML is ingested only in WIPO ST36 and not 66 or 86. DOCX is limited to pilot users only filing the request for a new EP application

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Applicant submits amendments with underlines for insertions, and strikethroughs for deletions

Applicant submits clean copy of the amendments

**Comments:**

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No

**Comments:** Annex F compliance check

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Missing required application parts

**Comments:**

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Yes

**Comments:** EPO provides online messages during the filing process, e.g. Annex F compliance of attached documents; guidance on bibliographical information to be provided

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Originally submitted application documents

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Converted to an image format

MathML

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**Comments:**

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**Comments:** We publish the official gazette – the European Patent Bulletin – in PDF format. The underlying ST.36 data are also made available to the public (EBD files).

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**Comments:**

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**19. If you still publish in an electronic format with paper-based layout (e.g. PDF), are you considering discontinuing this format in favor of a purely digital format within the next five years?**

Yes

**Comments:** We are in the process of revisiting the production workflow. But the PDF version is rendered from the existing structured ST. 36 data so we can easily keep it.

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