

STANDARD ST.3

RECOMMENDED STANDARD ON TWO-LETTER CODES FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

1. This Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to intellectual property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of intellectual property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of intellectual property.
2. The designation of States or other entities in this Recommended Standard does not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever concerning the legal status of any State or territory, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers.
3. The two-letter alphabetic codes in this Recommended Standard are aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Codes listed in International Standard ISO 3166-1, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes", which is available on the [Online Browsing Platform](#) of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The short form of state names in this Recommended Standard is aligned with the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM) with a few exceptions. These exceptions, as well as the territory names, are based on established WIPO practice, reflecting official requests by the states concerned.

RECOMMENDED STANDARD CODE

4. This Recommended Standard is intended to be implemented for any use by intellectual property offices requiring the identification of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in coded form.
5. The recommended codes with respective names are contained in Annex I in two sections, organized as follows:
 - (i) Section 1 presents a list of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in alphabetic sequence of their short names and their corresponding codes;
 - (ii) Section 2 presents the codes referred to in (i) in alphabetic order and the corresponding (short) names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations.
6. In addition to the said recommended codes, the two-letter alphabetic code "XX" is recommended to refer to unknown states, other entities or organizations.

MAINTENANCE

7. ISO has entrusted a Maintenance Agency with the management of International Standard ISO 3166. WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work.
8. The International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard at intervals following the decisions of the Maintenance Agency and of the respective WIPO body with regard to the inclusion of new two-letter alphabetic codes or the amending of existing two-letter alphabetic codes. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of states and territories, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following UNTERM with a few exceptions described in paragraph 3 above. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following communications received from the intergovernmental organization concerned and established WIPO practice in this regard. The revision procedure of this Recommended Standard is provided in Annex III.

IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR USERS

9. To assist users of documents relating to intellectual property titles and/or applications therefore, Annex II, Section 1, to this Recommended Standard lists those States for which the code in force prior to January 1, 1978, was subsequently replaced by a new code. A list of States or organizations, with their respective codes, that ceased to exist is given in Annex II, Section 2.
10. The codes contained in Annex I to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to intellectual property titles and/or applications therefore, even when referring to documents for which a different code existed before January 1, 1978.
11. The letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XT, XW, XY, XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEX I, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS,
IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE OF THEIR SHORT NAMES,
AND THEIR CORRESPONDING CODES

AFGHANISTAN	AF	CONGO (see Congo, below; Democratic Republic of the Congo)	
AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) ^{(1) (13)}	OA	CONGO	CG
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) ^{(1) (13)}	AP	COOK ISLANDS	CK
ALBANIA	AL	COSTA RICA	CR
ALGERIA	DZ	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	CI
ANDORRA	AD	CROATIA	HR
ANGOLA	AO	CUBA	CU
ANGUILLA	AI	CURAÇAO	CW
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	AG	CYPRUS	CY
ARGENTINA	AR	CZECHIA	CZ
ARMENIA	AM	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KP
ARUBA	AW	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	CD
AUSTRALIA	AU	DENMARK	DK
AUSTRIA	AT	DJIBOUTI	DJ
AZERBAIJAN	AZ	DOMINICA	DM
		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
BAHAMAS	BS	ECUADOR	EC
BAHRAIN	BH	EGYPT	EG
BANGLADESH	BD	EL SALVADOR	SV
BARBADOS	BB	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	GQ
BELARUS	BY	ERITREA	ER
BELGIUM	BE	ESTONIA	EE
BELIZE	BZ	ESWATINI	SZ
BENELUX OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (BOIP) ^{(2) (13)}	BX	ETHIOPIA	ET
BENIN	BJ	EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO) ^{(1) (13)}	EA
BERMUDA	BM	EUROPEAN UNION ⁽¹⁴⁾	EU
BHUTAN	BT	EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (EUIPO) ^{(13) (14)}	EM
BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)	BO	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) ^{(1) (13) (14)}	EP
BONAIRE, SINT EUSTATIUS AND SABA	BQ	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	FK
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	FAROE ISLANDS	FO
BOTSWANA	BW	FIJI	FJ
BOUVET ISLAND	BV	FINLAND	FI
BRAZIL	BR	FRANCE	FR
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	VG	GABON	GA
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BN	GAMBIA	GM
BULGARIA	BG	GEORGIA	GE
BURKINA FASO	BF	GERMANY ⁽³⁾	DE
BURUNDI	BI	GHANA	GH
CAMBODIA	KH	GIBRALTAR	GI
CAMEROON	CM	GREECE	GR
CANADA	CA	GREENLAND	GL
CABO VERDE	CV	GRENADA	GD
CAYMAN ISLANDS	KY	GUATEMALA	GT
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CF	GUERNSEY	GG
CHAD	TD	GUINEA	GN
CHILE	CL	GUINEA-BISSAU	GW
CHINA	CN		
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE (EUROPEAN UNION) (CPVO) ^{(13) (14)}	QZ		
COLOMBIA	CO		
COMOROS	KM		

GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (see Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf)		MONTENEGRO.....	ME
GUYANA	GY	MONTserrat	MS
HAITI	HT	MOROCCO	MA
HOLY SEE	VA	MOZAMBIQUE	MZ
HONDURAS	HN	MYANMAR	MM
HONG KONG, China.....	HK	NAMIBIA	NA
HUNGARY	HU	NAURU	NR
ICELAND	IS	NEPAL	NP
INDIA	IN	NETHERLANDS	NL
INDONESIA	ID	NEW ZEALAND	NZ
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) ^{(4) (13)}	IB, WO	NICARAGUA	NI
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES OF PLANTS (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾	XU	NIGER	NE
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	IR	NIGERIA	NG
IRAQ	IQ	NIUE	NU
IRELAND	IE	NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE (NPI) ^{(1) (13)}	XN
ISLE OF MAN.....	IM	NORTH MACEDONIA.....	MK
ISRAEL	IL	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	MP
ITALY	IT	NORWAY	NO
JAMAICA	JM	OMAN	OM
JAPAN	JP	PAKISTAN	PK
JERSEY	JE	PALAU	PW
JORDAN	JO	PANAMA	PA
KAZAKHSTAN	KZ	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	PG
KENYA	KE	PARAGUAY	PY
KIRIBATI	KI	PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF (GCC Patent Office) ⁽¹³⁾	GC
KOREA (see Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea)		PERU	PE
KUWAIT	KW	PHILIPPINES	PH
KYRGYZSTAN	KG	POLAND	PL
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ...	LA	PORTUGAL	PT
LATVIA	LV	QATAR	QA
LEBANON	LB	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KR
LESOTHO	LS	REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	MD
LIBERIA	LR	ROMANIA	RO
LIBYA	LY	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	RU
LIECHTENSTEIN	LI	RWANDA	RW
LITHUANIA	LT	SAINT HELENA, ASCENSION AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA	SH
LUXEMBOURG	LU	SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	KN
MACAO, CHINA	MO	SAINT LUCIA	LC
MADAGASCAR	MG	SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	VC
MALAWI	MW	SAMOA	WS
MALAYSIA	MY	SAN MARINO	SM
MALDIVES	MV	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	ST
MALI	ML	SAUDI ARABIA	SA
MALTA	MT	SENEGAL	SN
MARSHALL ISLANDS.....	MH	SERBIA	RS
MAURITANIA	MR	SEYCHELLES	SC
MAURITIUS	MU	SIERRA LEONE	SL
MEXICO	MX	SINGAPORE	SG
MOLDOVA (see Republic of Moldova)		SINT MAARTEN (Dutch part)	SX
MONACO	MC	SLOVAKIA	SK
MONGOLIA	MN	SLOVENIA	SI
		SOLOMON ISLANDS	SB
		SOMALIA	SO
		SOUTH AFRICA	ZA

SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	GS	UGANDA	UG
SOUTH SUDAN	SS	UKRAINE	UA
SPAIN	ES	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	AE
SRI LANKA	LK	UNITED KINGDOM	GB
SUDAN	SD	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	TZ
SURINAME	SR	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	US
SWEDEN	SE	URUGUAY	UY
SWITZERLAND	CH	UZBEKISTAN	UZ
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	SY		
		VANUATU	VU
TAIWAN PROVINCE OF CHINA	TW	VATICAN CITY STATE (See Holy See)	
TAJIKISTAN	TJ	VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF) ..	VE
TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania)		VIET NAM	VN
THAILAND	TH	VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI) ^{(1) (13)} ..	XV
TIMOR–LESTE.....	TL		
TOGO	TG	WESTERN SAHARA ⁽⁵⁾	EH
TONGA	TO	WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)	
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	TT	(INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF) ^{(4) (13)}	WO, IB
TUNISIA	TN		
TÜRKIYE	TR	YEMEN	YE
TURKMENISTAN	TM		
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS	TC	ZAMBIA	ZM
TUVALU	TV	ZIMBABWE	ZW

[Section 2 follows]

ANNEX I, SECTION 2

LIST OF CODES, IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE, AND THE CORRESPONDING (SHORT) NAMES
OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AD	Andorra	DK	Denmark
AE	United Arab Emirates	DM	Dominica
AF	Afghanistan	DO	Dominican Republic
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	DZ	Algeria
AI	Anguilla		
AL	Albania	EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) ^{(1) (13)}
AM	Armenia	EC	Ecuador
AO	Angola	EE	Estonia
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ^{(1) (13)}	EG	Egypt
AR	Argentina	EH	Western Sahara ⁽⁵⁾
AT	Austria	EM	European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) ^{(13) (14)}
AU	Australia	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) ^{(1) (13) (14)}
AW	Aruba	ER	Eritrea
AZ	Azerbaijan	ES	Spain
		ET	Ethiopia
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	EU	European Union ⁽¹⁴⁾
BB	Barbados		
BD	Bangladesh	FI	Finland
BE	Belgium	FJ	Fiji
BF	Burkina Faso	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
BG	Bulgaria	FO	Faroe Islands
BH	Bahrain	FR	France
BI	Burundi		
BJ	Benin	GA	Gabon
BM	Bermuda	GB	United Kingdom
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent Office) ⁽¹³⁾
BO	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	GD	Grenada
BQ	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	GE	Georgia
BR	Brazil	GG	Guernsey
BS	Bahamas	GH	Ghana
BT	Bhutan	GI	Gibraltar
BV	Bouvet Island	GL	Greenland
BW	Botswana	GM	Gambia
BX	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) ⁽²⁾ ⁽¹³⁾	GN	Guinea
BY	Belarus	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
BZ	Belize	GR	Greece
		GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
CA	Canada	GT	Guatemala
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	GW	Guinea-Bissau
CF	Central African Republic	GY	Guyana
CG	Congo		
CH	Switzerland	HK	Hong Kong, China
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	HN	Honduras
CK	Cook Islands	HR	Croatia
CL	Chile	HT	Haiti
CM	Cameroon	HU	Hungary
CN	China		
CO	Colombia	IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) ^{(4) (13)}
CR	Costa Rica	ID	Indonesia
CU	Cuba	IE	Ireland
CV	Cabo Verde	IL	Israel
CW	Curaçao	IM	Isle of Man
CY	Cyprus	IN	India
CZ	Czechia	IQ	Iraq
		IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
DE	Germany ⁽³⁾	IS	Iceland
DJ	Djibouti		

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IT	Italy	OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) ^{(1) (13)}
JE	Jersey	OM	Oman
JM	Jamaica	PA	Panama
JO	Jordan	PE	Peru
JP	Japan	PG	Papua New Guinea
KE	Kenya	PH	Philippines
KG	Kyrgyzstan	PK	Pakistan
KH	Cambodia	PL	Poland
KI	Kiribati	PT	Portugal
KM	Comoros	PW	Palau
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	PY	Paraguay
KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	QA	Qatar
KR	Republic of Korea	QZ	Community Plant Variety Office (European Union) (CPVO) ^{(13) (14)}
KW	Kuwait	RO	Romania
KY	Cayman Islands	RS	Serbia
KZ	Kazakhstan	RU	Russian Federation
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	RW	Rwanda
LB	Lebanon	SA	Saudi Arabia
LC	Saint Lucia	SB	Solomon Islands
LI	Liechtenstein	SC	Seychelles
LK	Sri Lanka	SD	Sudan
LR	Liberia	SE	Sweden
LS	Lesotho	SG	Singapore
LT	Lithuania	SH	Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
LU	Luxembourg	SI	Slovenia
LV	Latvia	SK	Slovakia
LY	Libya	SL	Sierra Leone
MA	Morocco	SM	San Marino
MC	Monaco	SN	Senegal
MD	Republic of Moldova	SO	Somalia
ME	Montenegro	SR	Suriname
MG	Madagascar	SS	South Sudan
MH	Marshall Islands	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MK	North Macedonia	SV	El Salvador
ML	Mali	SX	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
MM	Myanmar	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
MN	Mongolia	SZ	Eswatini
MO	Macao, China	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	TD	Chad
MR	Mauritania	TG	Togo
MS	Montserrat	TH	Thailand
MT	Malta	TJ	Tajikistan
MU	Mauritius	TL	Timor–Leste
MV	Maldives	TM	Turkmenistan
MW	Malawi	TN	Tunisia
MX	Mexico	TO	Tonga
MY	Malaysia	TR	Türkiye
MZ	Mozambique	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
NA	Namibia	TV	Tuvalu
NE	Niger	TW	Taiwan Province of China
NG	Nigeria	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
NI	Nicaragua	UA	Ukraine
NL	Netherlands	UG	Uganda
NO	Norway	US	United States of America
NP	Nepal	UY	Uruguay
NR	Nauru	UZ	Uzbekistan
NU	Niue		
NZ	New Zealand		

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VA	Holy See	XN	Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) ^{(1) (13)}
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	XU	International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾
VE	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	XV	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) ^{(1) (13)}
VG	British Virgin Islands	YE	Yemen
VN	Viet Nam	ZA	South Africa
VU	Vanuatu	ZM	Zambia
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) ^{(4) (13)}	ZW	Zimbabwe
WS	Samoa		

[Annex II follows]

ANNEX II, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES IN RESPECT OF WHICH CODES HAVE CHANGED

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978	Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Albania	AN	AL	Japan	JA	JP
Algeria	AG	DZ	Kuwait	KU	KW
Austria	OE	AT	Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Bahrain	BB	BH	Madagascar	MD	MG
Bangladesh	BA	BD	Mali	MJ	ML
Barbados	BD	BB	Malta	ML	MT
Benin	DA	BJ	Mauritania	MT	MR
Bhutan	BH	BT	Mauritius	MS	MU
Botswana	BT	BW	Mongolia	MO	MN
Burkina Faso	UV	HV/BF ⁽⁶⁾	Myanmar	BU	MM ⁽⁸⁾
Burma (see Myanmar)			Nicaragua	NA	NI
Cambodia	CD	KH	Niger	NI	NE
Cameroon	KA	CM	Nigeria	WN	NG
Central African Republic	ZR	CF	Oman	MU	OM
Chad	TS	TD	Panama	PM	PA
Chile	CE	CL	Papua New Guinea	PP	PG
China	RC	CN	Paraguay	PG	PY
Congo	CF	CG	Poland	PO	PL
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia)			Republic of Korea	KS	KR
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	KN	KP	Romania	RU	RO
Democratic Republic of the Congo	CB	ZR/CD ⁽⁷⁾	Sierra Leone	WL	SL
Dominican Republic	DR	DO	Sri Lanka	CL	LK
East Timor (see Timor–Leste)	–	–	Sweden	SW	SE
Egypt	ET	EG	Syrian Arab Republic	SR	SY
El Salvador	SL	SV	Timor–Leste	TP	TL ⁽⁹⁾
Ethiopia	EA	ET	Togo	TO	TG
Finland	SF	FI	Tonga	TI	TO
Gambia	GE	GM	Trinidad and Tobago	TD	TT
Germany	DT	DE	United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Guatemala	GU	GT	Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo)		
Guinea	GI	GN	Zambia	ZB	ZM
Haiti	HI	HT			
Holy See	CV	VA			
Honduras	HO	HN			
Ireland	EI	IE			

[Section 2 follows]

ANNEX II, SECTION 2

LIST OF STATES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 1978,
BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST

Czechoslovakia	CS
Democratic Yemen	SY/YD ⁽¹⁰⁾
German Democratic Republic	DL/DD ⁽¹¹⁾
International Patent Institute	IB
Soviet Union	SU
Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro	YU ⁽¹²⁾

[Annex III follows]

ANNEX III

PROCEDURE FOR THE REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.3

1. The International Bureau would revise the short form of names of states, territories and names of intergovernmental organizations in WIPO Standard ST.3 and notify the members of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS members) the revision as follows:

(a) The International Bureau would revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes regarding the short form of state names as adopted by the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM). With regard to territory names or where a deviation from state names in UNTERM is required, the International Bureau would also revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the necessary changes based on established WIPO practice reflecting official requests by the states concerned. With regard to names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau would similarly revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the changes identified or received by the International Bureau from the intergovernmental organizations concerned; and

(b) The International Bureau would then publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3 on WIPO's website, followed by a notification informing the CWS members of the publication of the revision.

2. With regard to a revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 other than the names mentioned in paragraph 1 above, such as changes to two-letter codes, the International Bureau should prepare a proposal for the revision for consideration and approval by the CWS members as follows:

(a) The International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3. In particular, in regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of states and territories, the International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes already adopted by ISO 3166/MA. With regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau will prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating a suitable two-letter code representing the organization concerned;

(b) The International Bureau would issue a circular inviting the CWS members to consider the proposal and respond within two months;

(c) If consensus is reached within the two-month period, then the International Bureau would publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3; and

(d) If consensus is not reached, the International Bureau proposal, together with the remarks submitted, would be forwarded to the following CWS session for consideration and final decision.

[End of Annex III and of Standard]

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- (1) Intergovernmental organizations (regional patent offices) acting for certain Contracting States under the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). In the case of the European Patent Office, it is the operational organ of the European Patent Organization.
 - (2) The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) (former Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices) have replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.
 - (3) In the electronic database of the International Register of Marks, the International Bureau of WIPO uses the following additional codes, not part of the active codes of Standard ST.3: "DD" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the Federal Republic of Germany; "DT" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the German Democratic Republic.

- (4) The code “WO” is used in relation to the international publication under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of international applications filed with any PCT receiving Office, as well as publication of international design registrations under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (33) given in WIPO Standards [ST.9](#) and [ST.80](#). The code “WO” is also the appropriate code to be used with respect to international registrations of marks under the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (330) given in WIPO Standards [ST.60](#). The code “IB” is used in relation to the receipt of international applications under the PCT filed with the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as a PCT receiving Office, and for filing international industrial design applications under the Hague Agreement.
- (5) Provisional name.
- (6) Code BF adopted in 1984.
- (7) Code CD adopted in 1997.
- (8) Code MM adopted in 1989.
- (9) Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002.
- (10) Code SY used before 1.1.1978.
- (11) Code DL used before 1.1.1978.
- (12) Subsequent to the country name change of “Yugoslavia” to “Serbia and Montenegro”, that took effect on February 4, 2003, and to the decision by the ISO 3166/MA to use the new country name and new two-letter code “CS” (to replace “YU”), which was announced on July 23, 2003, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group agreed, at its fifth session, in November 11, 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code “YU” continue to be used for “Serbia and Montenegro” in the intellectual property field because code “CS” raised certain problems due to its former use to represent “Czechoslovakia” until 1993.
- (13) The acronym or abbreviation of an entity is not part of its name.
- (14) The two-letter codes “EP”, “EM”, and “QZ” must be used to indicate the corresponding Office defined in this Standard while the Code “EU” must be used to indicate other institutions in the European Union. Additionally, the codes must be used in the following situations:
- “EP” for documentation and information related to patents administered by the European Patent Office (EPO);
- “EM” for documentation and information related to European Union Trademarks and European Union Industrial Designs administered by the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and for the designation of the European Union in the Madrid and Hague Systems;
- “QZ” for documentation and information related to Community Plant Variety Rights administered by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO); and
- “EU” for documentation and information related to other rights applicable in the European Union and not covered by the codes “EP”, “EM” and “QZ”, such as marketing authorizations approved by the European Medicines Agency or geographical indications protected under EU legislation.