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Re: Survey on Numbering of Applications and Priority Applications – Current and Former Practices

Madam,
Sir,

At its twelfth session, held in September 2024, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) approved the conduct of a survey to support the revision of WIPO Handbook Part 7.2.6 and Part 7.2.7. As reflected in paragraph 44 of document CWS/12/29, the CWS requested the Secretariat to issue a circular inviting Offices to participate in this survey.

The objective of this survey is to gather information on both former and current practices concerning the numbering of applications and priority applications. The results of this survey will serve to update the aforementioned Part 7.2.6 and Part 7.2.7 of WIPO Handbook.

To collect the information effectively, two separate survey questionnaires have been prepared, available in English, French, and Spanish at the following URLs:

- Questionnaire on Numbering of Applications and Priority Applications – Current Practices (related to WIPO Handbook Part 7.2.6): *https://surveys.wipo.int/s3/Numbering-of-Applications-and-Priority-Applications-Current-Practices*

- Questionnaire on Numbering of Applications and Priority Applications – Former Practices (related to WIPO Handbook Part 7.2.7): *https://surveys.wipo.int/s3/Numbering-of-Applications-and-Priority-Applications-Former-Practices*

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When loading each of the questionnaires, the online platform will select a default language based on your browser settings. You may change the language using the dropdown menu in the top right-hand corner of the web page. At any time, you may save your progress and return to the questionnaire later by selecting the "Save and Continue" link at the top of the page. Once your answers are finalized, please click the "Submit" button on the last page of the survey.

Please note the following:

- Your Office is requested to submit only one response to the “Questionnaire on Numbering of Applications and Priority Applications – Current Practices”.

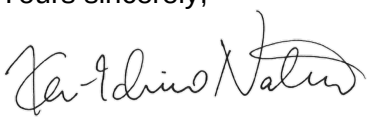
- If your Office has had multiple former practices, please submit the “Questionnaire on Numbering of Applications and Priority Applications – Former Practices” as many times as necessary to reflect each distinct former practice.

Further details and instructions can be found on the respective questionnaire once accessed through the online platform.

Your Office is kindly invited to respond to these surveys by August 6, 2025.

For any questions, please contact the Secretariat at: cws.surveys@wipo.int.

Yours sincerely,



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