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Re: Update of Part 7.3 of the WIPO Handbook

Madam,
Sir,

At its thirteenth session in November 2025, the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) approved a proposal to update the Part 7.3 “Examples and Kinds of Patent Documents” of the WIPO Handbook on Intellectual Property Information and Documentation (WIPO Handbook). In addition, the CWS requested the Secretariat to conduct a survey inviting intellectual property (IP) offices and organizations to submit relevant information to facilitate the update of Part 7.3, as outlined in paragraphs 34 and 36 of document CWS/13/33.

Part 7.3 of the WIPO Handbook provides information on the use of letter and numerical codes for identification of different kinds of patent documents (ST.16 kind-of-document codes) by 63 IP offices or organizations. It provides detailed information on current practices and, where possible, includes information on former practices related to patent documents that are no longer published.

Part 7.3 of the WIPO Handbook is currently published in PDF format and consists of two sections:

- Part 7.3.1, contains a list of examples of patent documents published by industrial property offices grouped according to their ST.16 patent document kind codes; and

- Part 7.3.2, contains an inventory of different kinds of patent documents ordered by the issuing industrial property office. ST.16 codes are provided for the listed documents along with information about the applicable patent legislation, publication details, specific application of the code and samples of first pages.

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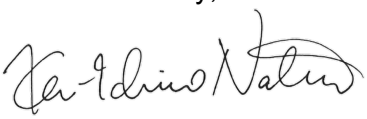
To support the collection of information required for the update of Part 7.3, the Secretariat has prepared an online survey, available in English, French, and Spanish, at the following URL: https://surveys.wipo.int/s3/Update-of-Part-7-3-of-the-WIPO-Handbook.

IP offices and organizations are kindly invited to submit their updated information by completing the template available within the survey by August 6, 2026. Further details and guidelines are provided within the survey.

When loading the survey, the online platform will select a default language based on your web 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 survey 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.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat at: cws.surveys@wipo.int.

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