Survey Concerning Citation Practices in Intellectual Property Offices

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2. Section 1: Identification page

1. Please enter the ST.3 code of the member state or inter-governmental organization you represent.

EG - Egypt

2. Please enter the name of the office or organization you represent. For instance, International Bureau of WIPO.
If your organization name is the same as your ST.3 code name, you may put "n/a".

Egyptian Patent Office - Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority

3. Questions about citation references provided by your Office: Sections 2 to 4

Section 2: Citation reference availability

5. Does your Office publish citation references associated with your Office's patent documents?

No
Please comment if necessary:

6. Select one option describing the availability, to the public, of your Office's citation references.

Availability is limited: Applicants only and others upon request

7. In which of the following location(s) associated with patent documents, published by your Office, can citation references be found?

Patent description
Please comment on any of the above mentioned locations, if appropriate:

8. If citation references are part of the bibliographic front page information, are they included in INID code (56)?

Not applicable

9. Beyond the locations listed as options in question 7 above, select the location(s) outside the patent document where citation references can be found:

Other location (Please provide details): Citation references can be found in the search and examination report provided by internal database of the EG Office to the applicant.

10. Are hyperlinks included for the above Internet locations?

Not applicable
Please comment if necessary:

11. Does your Office give information about a patent document that cites the specific patent document the user is looking at (i.e., a forward citation)?

No

12. Are hyperlinks to the citing document provided?

No
Please comment if necessary:

13. Does your Office follow the recommendations set out in WIPO Standard ST.14 for the identification of citation references?

No
Please comment if necessary:

14. Does your Office provide indications, to the general public, informing about who suggested or decided on including the citation references?

No

If available, where can indications of who created a citation reference be found by the general public?

Please comment if necessary:

4. Section 3: Search Report Information

15. Does your Office prepare international search reports (ISRs) in the capacity as an International Searching Authority under the PCT?

Yes

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16. Do you have quality control on citation references entered on search reports?

Yes (Please provide examples in detail): A structured quality review process is applied specifically to citation references included in search reports. After the examiner completes the report, the cited documents undergo a multi-level review, starting with the supervisor and followed by a final check by the quality review committee. This review ensures the accuracy and completeness of all citations, including verification of document accessibility, publication dates, and the precise identification of relevant passages (such as page numbers, paragraphs, line numbers, and column references). The process aims to guarantee that citations are clear, traceable, and fully support the examiner's findings.
Please comment if necessary::

17. Do your citation references include online URLs?

Sometimes (specify when): in case of non-patent literature documents.

18. Are unique document identifiers used, e.g., DOI?

Yes

If applicable, which unique document identifiers are used?

Digital Object Identifier (DOI)
ISBN and ISSN

6. Section 3: Search Report Information

19. Does your Office prepare Office-specific national/regional search reports (non PCT)?

No

7. Section 3: Search Report Information

Do you have quality control on citation references entered on search reports?

Are relevance indicators stated?

Do your citation references include online URLs?

Are unique document identifiers used, e.g., DOI?

If applicable, which unique document identifiers are used?

8. Section 3: Search Report Information

Please comment on any major differences between the provision of ISR and other search report citation references if any

9. Section 4: Centralizing/Tagging Citation References

20. Do you (intend to) add tags to identify citation references?

No

21. Does your Office have a centralized database containing citation reference identification data elements?

No

If possible, please specify any structural elements on which the database is founded, for example:

Is the information in the database technically and legally exchangeable e.g., with other Offices?

22. Are citation references from your Office searchable by the general public?

No

23. Please add any further comments you may have about any of the questions in section 4 above:

10. Questions about your Office's published documents that may be cited (within a citation reference): Sections 5 to 7
Section 5: Location of published patent documents which can be considered to be an (or the) authentic source

24. Which mediums represents the (or an) authentic legal rendition (authoritative source) of your Office's published patent application?

Paper
Website (if multiple website separate each address with a semi- colon ";"): Patent documents (the authoritative source) can be located at http://www.egypo.gov.eg
SFTP Bulk publication: search.egpo.gov.eg

25. Which mediums represents the (or an) authentic legal rendition (authoritative source) of your IPO's published granted patents?

Paper
Website (if multiple website separate each address with a semi- colon ";"): http://www.egypo.gov.eg
SFTP Bulk publication: search.egpo.gov.eg

26. Regarding the medium indicated above, is there one or more (file) formats that should be looked at (in preference to other formats)?

Yes

If yes, please select all formats that should be considered in preference to other formats

Paper
.pdf (Adobe)
.xml
Other (please specify): Microsoft word document .doc

27. Is your Office using commercial providers for publishing patent documents?

No

11. Section 6: Availability of location identifiers

28. Which, if any, text- based identifiers do your published patent documents contain:

Page numbers

29. Which, if any, identifiers of non-textual elements occur within the description part of your published patent document:

Image/figure numbers within the description:
Chemical formula numbers:
Tables:
Gene sequences:

12. Section 7: Paragraph number details

30. Does your published patent documents include paragraph numbers?

No

13. Section 7: Paragraph number details

Paragraph numbers are typically created by:

Paragraph numbers are recreated:

Describe any special treatment you give to long paragraphs:

Describe how you treat numbered paragraphs that are subsequently amended:

If necessary, please provide additional comment on any part of the questions or answers given above in this section.

14. Section 8: Citing documents based on machine translations

31. Does your Office currently allow to cite machine-translated documents in search or examination reports?

Yes

15. Section 8: Citing documents based on machine translations

32. When citing a document without paragraph numbering, how does your Office identify the relevant passage in the machine translation?

If a structure, drawing, or table is referenced, it is cited directly as presented in the original document. When using Espacenet or Patent Scope translations, citations are provided based on the page and line numbers in the translated document. When using Google Lens translation, citations are given according to the page and line numbers of the original document.

33. How does your Office ensure that applicants can access the exact machine translation used by your Office?

Other (Please specify): The applicant can easily access the original document, as well as Espacenet and PatentScope, when these translation tools are used for references. In some cases, the applicant is informed of the translation tool used so that the same version used by the examiner can be accessed.

34. Does your Office record or store the machine translation used by the examiner for internal or public reference?

Yes, for internal use only

35. Does your Office have a preferred format for citing machine translations in search or examination reports?

No

36. Has your Office encountered cases where an applicant disputed the relevance of a citation based on a machine translation?

No

37. Should there be a standardized method for referencing the machine translation engine and date of translation in the international search report?

Yes

38. Should WIPO Standard ST.14 be revised to include recommendation on how references to machine translations should be cited in a patent document?

Yes

16. General questions about Citation Practices: Sections 9-10
Section 9: Examples of citation references published by your Office, if this information is available.

39. If possible, please provide a patent (application) number and a publicly available internet address that contains one or more typical examples of patent and non-patent literature citation references.

Specify where in the document the citation references can be found, e.g., page 1, lines 19 and 25, search report at end of document : Not applicable

17. Section 10: Additional comments about citation practices

40. If applicable, please make any further comments, e.g., you may wish to comment on difficult aspects of citation practices for your IPO:

e.g., users are confused about the part of a document a citation reference was referring to : No further comment
e.g., citation references do not refer to the authentic rendering of a patent document : No further comment
e.g., it is not clear how or whether to state a url as part of a citation reference : No further comment