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.

IL - Israel

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".

Israel Patent Office Ministry of Justice

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?

Yes
Please comment if necessary:

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

Available to the public

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

Substantive search and/or examination report
Other patent document location (Please specify): Applicant's response to requirement of duty of disclosure (Section 18 of the Patents Law) + third party citations
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:

Separate document
E-Dossier/File wrapper
Other location (Please provide details): PATENTSCOPE (relating to ISRs issued by ISA/IL), CCD

10. Are hyperlinks included for the above Internet locations?

Yes
Please comment if necessary: For citations published on PATENTSCOPE (relating to ISRs issued by ISA/IL)

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?

Yes
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?

Yes

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

Substantive search and/or examination report
Please comment if necessary: Indication is made especially regarding documents cited in the application.

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): To retrieve bibliographic data of citations from the automated system, examiners must enter correctly the patent publication number and kind code. If this input is incorrect, the system fails to pull the data, thus serving as an automatic quality control check for citations.
Please comment if necessary::

17. Do your citation references include online URLs?

Sometimes (specify when): For NPL citations

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)?

Yes

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Please comment if necessary::

21. Are relevance indicators stated?

Yes

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Yes

If applicable, which unique document identifiers are used?

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ISBN and ISSN

8. Section 3: Search Report Information

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

The national search report does not include information about patent family members as in the ISR.

9. Section 4: Centralizing/Tagging Citation References

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

Not now, but we intend to in the future (Please specify when): Within 3 years

26. 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?

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

No

28. 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

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

Website (if multiple website separate each address with a semi- colon ";"): https://israelpatents.justice.gov.il/search/en/home
SFTP Bulk publication: Available for download to International Authorities and commercial providers

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

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31. 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

.xml
.json

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

Yes (Please provide details): In addition to the ILPO search tool, the ILPO uses commercial providers for publishing the IL patent documents. These documents include published and accepted applications, and granted patents.

11. Section 6: Availability of location identifiers

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

Page numbers
Line numbers
Paragraph numbers

34. 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:
Mathematical formulas:
Webpage identifiers (URL with heading/section reference):

12. Section 7: Paragraph number details

35. Does your published patent documents include paragraph numbers?

Yes

13. Section 7: Paragraph number details

36. Paragraph numbers are typically created by:

Applicant / Inventor

37. Paragraph numbers are recreated:

Other (Please specify): Neither the examiner nor the Office is involved in the recreation of paragraph numbers, as it is not a requirement by Israel Patents Regulations.

38. Describe any special treatment you give to long paragraphs:

39. Describe how you treat numbered paragraphs that are subsequently amended:

Other (Please specify): Neither the examiner nor the Office is involved in the numbering of paragraphs, as it is not a requirement by Israel Patents Regulations.

40. 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

41. 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

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

Priority is given to the abstract and claims (as they are numbered) and drawings, then to passages appearing under titles. Otherwise, reference is given to the body of the description.

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

Other (Please specify): The exact machine translation is internally documented and is sent to the applicant upon request.

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

Yes, for internal use only

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

Yes (Please provide example): If paragraph numbers are available in the original document, reference is made directly to them. If not, reference is made to the abstract, claims, passages under titles and drawings. Otherwise, reference is given to the body of the description. The ILPO considers changing the citation practice by citing directly the machine-translated text which should be sent to the applicant together with the search/examination report.

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

No

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

Yes

48. 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.

49. 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.

17. Section 10: Additional comments about citation practices

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