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.

SE - Sweden

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".

Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)

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?

Preliminary search report
Substantive search and/or examination report
Bibliographic data
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)?

Yes

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:

E-Dossier/File wrapper
Other location (Please provide details): Swedish Patent Database, https://search.prv.se/#/en/patent

10. Are hyperlinks included for the above Internet locations?

No
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?

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?

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

5. Section 3: Search Report Information

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

Yes (Please provide examples in detail): General peer quality check and format control in report system
Please comment if necessary::

17. Do your citation references include online URLs?

Sometimes (specify when): When an URL is part of the reference

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

Sometimes (Specify when): When a DOI is part of the reference

If applicable, which unique document identifiers are used?

Digital Object Identifier (DOI)
ISBN and ISSN
Other (please specify): URL and other identifiers when applicable

6. Section 3: Search Report Information

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

Yes

7. Section 3: Search Report Information

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

Yes (Please provide examples in detail): Yes, same as question no 16
Please comment if necessary::

21. Are relevance indicators stated?

Yes

22. Do your citation references include online URLs?

Sometimes (Specify when): Yes, same as no 17

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

Sometimes (Specify when): Yes, same as no 18

If applicable, which unique document identifiers are used?

Digital Object Identifier (DOI)
ISBN and ISSN
Other (please specify): Yes, same as no 18

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

9. Section 4: Centralizing/Tagging Citation References

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

No

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

Yes

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

Relational database:

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

No

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?

Paper
Website (if multiple website separate each address with a semi- colon ";"): https://search.prv.se/#/en/patent
SFTP Bulk publication: https://data.prv.se/

30. 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 ";"): https://search.prv.se/#/en/patent
SFTP Bulk publication: https://data.prv.se/

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

No

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

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

No

11. Section 6: Availability of location identifiers

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

Page numbers

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

Other (Please specify): Non-textual elements are included in full-text production (WIPO OCR), but we publish the description as filed by the applicant

12. Section 7: Paragraph number details

35. 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

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

No

15. Section 8: Citing documents based on machine translations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37. 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 application number and kind code, e.g., WO 2005/110961 A1 : SE 2450944 A1
Specify Internet address and any instructions helpful to find patent (application) number, e.g., IA=IB2005001265&REF=RSS : https://search.prv.se/#/en/patent/SE2450944-0
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 : See SE 547896 C2 document front page and Document in case file (2025-02-27 Swedish Search Report)

17. Section 10: Additional comments about citation practices

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