

STANDARD ST.3

RECOMMENDED STANDARD ON TWO-LETTER CODES FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

- 1. This Recommended Standard provides two-letter alphabetic codes which, for the purpose of improving the access to intellectual property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of intellectual property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of intellectual property.
- 2. The designation of States or other entities in this Recommended Standard does not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever concerning the legal status of any State or territory, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers.
- 3. The two-letter alphabetic codes in this Recommended Standard are aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Codes listed in International Standard ISO 3166-1, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions Part 1: Country Codes", which is available on the Online Browsing Platform of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). The short form of state names in this Recommended Standard is aligned with the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM) with a few exceptions. These exceptions, as well as the territory names, are based on established WIPO practice, reflecting official requests by the states concerned.

RECOMMENDED STANDARD CODE

- 4. This Recommended Standard is intended to be implemented for any use by intellectual property offices requiring the identification of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in coded form.
- 5. The recommended codes with respective names are contained in Annex I in two sections, organized as follows:
- (i) Section 1 presents a list of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in alphabetic sequence of their short names and their corresponding codes;
- (ii) Section 2 presents the codes referred to in (i) in alphabetic order and the corresponding (short) names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations.
- 6. In addition to the said recommended codes, the two-letter alphabetic code "XX" is recommended to refer to unknown states, other entities or organizations.

MAINTENANCE

- 7. ISO has entrusted a Maintenance Agency with the management of International Standard ISO 3166. WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work.
- 8. The International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard at intervals following the decisions of the Maintenance Agency and of the respective WIPO body with regard to the inclusion of new two-letter alphabetic codes or the amending of existing two-letter alphabetic codes. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of states and territories, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following UNTERM with a few exceptions described in paragraph 3 above. With respect to the inclusion of new names or the change of existing names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau updates this Recommended Standard following communications received from the intergovernmental organization concerned and established WIPO practice in this regard. The revision procedure of this Recommended Standard is provided in Annex III.

IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR USERS

- 9. To assist users of documents relating to intellectual property titles and/or applications therefore, Annex II, Section 1, to this Recommended Standard lists those States for which the code in force prior to January 1, 1978, was subsequently replaced by a new code. A list of States or organizations, with their respective codes, that ceased to exist is given in Annex II. Section 2.
- 10. The codes contained in Annex I to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to intellectual property titles and/or applications therefore, even when referring to documents for which a different code existed before January 1, 1978.
- 11. The letter combinations AA, QM to QY, XA to XM, XO to XT, XW, XY, XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

[Annexes follow]



ANNEX I, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE OF THEIR SHORT NAMES, AND THEIR CORRESPONDING CODES

AFGHANISTAN	AF	CONGO (see Cor
AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGAI		Republic of the
(OAPI) ^{(1) (13)}	OA	CONGO
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL		COOK ISLANDS
PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO)(1)(13)	AP	COSTA RICA
ALBANIA	AL	CÔTE D'IVOIRE
ALGERIA	DZ	CROATIA
ANDORRA	AD	CUBA
ANGOLA	AO	CURAÇAO
ANGUILLA	Al	CYPRUS
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	AG	CZECHIA
ARGENTINA	AR	02L0111A
ARMENIA	AM	
		DEMOCRATIC PI
ARUBA	AW	OF KOREA
AUSTRALIA	AU	DEMOCRATIC R
AUSTRIA	AT	THE CONGO
AZERBAIJAN	AZ	DENMARK
		DJIBOUTI
BAHAMAS	BS	DOMINICA
BAHRAIN	BH	DOMINICAN REF
BANGLADESH	BD	2 0 11111111111111111111111111111111111
BARBADOS	BB	FOLIADOD
BELARUS	BY	ECUADOR
	BE	EGYPT
BELGIUM	BZ	EL SALVADOR
BELIZE	DΖ	EQUATORIAL GL
BENELUX OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL		ERITREA
PROPERTY (BOIP)(2) (13)	BX	ESTONIA
BENIN	BJ	ESWATINI
BERMUDA	BM	ETHIOPIA
BHUTAN	BT	EURASIAN PATE
BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)	ВО	(EAPO)(1)(13)
BONAIRE, SINT EUSTATIUS AND SABA	BQ	EÙROPÉAN UNI
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	EUROPEAN UNIO
BOTSWANA	BW	OFFICE (EUIPO
BOUVET ISLAND	BV	EUROPEAN PAT
BRAZIL	BR	LOROI LANTAN
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	VG	EALL(! AND 10! A
		FALKLAND ISLAI
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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BN	FIJI
BULGARIA	BG	FINLAND
BURKINA FASO	BF	FRANCE
BURUNDI	BI	
		GABON
CAMBODIA	KH	GAMBIA
CAMEROON	CM	GEORGIA
CANADA	CA	
CABO VERDE	CV	GERMANY ⁽³⁾
CAYMAN ISLANDS	KY	GHANA
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CF	GIBRALTAR
	_	GREECE
CHAD	TD	GREENLAND
CHILE	CL	GRENADA
CHINA	CN	GUATEMALA
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE		GUERNSEY
(EUROPEAN UNION) (CPVO)(13) (14)	QZ	GUINEA
COLOMBIA	CO	GUINEA-BISSAL
COMOROS	KM	

CONGO (see Congo, below; Democratic Republic of the Congo)	
CONGO	CG
COOK ISLANDS	CK
COSTA RICA	CR
CÔTE D'IVOIRE	CI
CROATIA	HR
CUBA	CU
CURAÇAO	CW
CYPRUSCZECHIA	CY CZ
CZECNIA	CZ
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC	
OF KOREADEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF	KP
	O D
THE CONGODENMARK	CD DK
DJIBOUTI	DJ
DOMINICA	DM
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
ECUADOR	EC
EGYPT	EG
EL SALVADOR	SV
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	GQ
ERITREA	ER
ESTONIA	EE
ESWATINI	SZ
ETHIOPIA	ET
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SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH		UGANDA	UG
SANDWICH ISLANDS	GS	UKRAINE	
SOUTH SUDAN	SS	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	ΑE
SPAIN		UNITED KINGDOM	GB
SRI LANKA	LK	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA	TZ
SUDAN	SD	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	US
SURINAME		URUGUAY	UY
SWEDEN	SE	UZBEKISTAN	UZ
SWITZERLAND	CH		
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC		VANUATU	VU
		VATICAN CITY STATE (see Holy See)	VO
TAIWAN PROVINCE OF CHINA	TW	VENEZUELA (BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF)	VE
TAJIKISTAN	TJ	VIET NAM	VN
TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania)	. 0	VISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI)(1)(13)	
THAILAND	TH	VIOLOTU (D 17/11/21/11/10/12 (V1 1)	700
TIMOR-LESTE		WESTERN SAHARA(5)	EH
TOGO		WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY	EH
TONGA		ORGANIZATION (WIPO)	
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO			MO ID
TUNISIA		(INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF)(4) (13)	WO, IB
TÜRKIYE			
TURKMENISTAN		YEMEN	YE
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS			
TUVALU		ZAMBIA	ZM
101/120	. •	ZIMBABWE	ZW

[Section 2 follows]



ANNEX I, SECTION 2

LIST OF CODES, IN ALPHABETIC SEQUENCE, AND THE CORRESPONDING (SHORT) NAMES OF STATES, OTHER ENTITIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

AD	Andorra	DK	Denmark
ΑE	United Arab Emirates	DM	Dominica
AF	Afghanistan	DO	Dominican Republic
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	DZ	Algeria
Al	Anguilla		, agona
AL	Albania	EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)(1) (13)
AM	Armenia	EC	Ecuador
AO		EE	Estonia
	Angola	EG	Egypt
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property	EH	Western Sahara ⁽⁵⁾
۸۵	Organization (ARIPO) ^{(1) (13)}	EM	European Union Intellectual Property Office
AR	Argentina	LIVI	(EUIPO) ⁽¹³⁾ (14)
AT	Austria	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) (1) (13) (14)
AU	Australia		
AW	Aruba	ER	Eritrea
ΑZ	Azerbaijan	ES	Spain
Б.	B : 111 :	ET	Ethiopia
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	EU	European Union ⁽¹⁴⁾
BB	Barbados		Et land
BD	Bangladesh	FI	Finland
BE	Belgium	FJ	Fiji
BF	Burkina Faso	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
BG	Bulgaria	FO	Faroe Islands
BH	Bahrain	FR	France
BI	Burundi		
BJ	Benin	GA	Gabon
BM	Bermuda	GB	United Kingdom
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council
ВО	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)		for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent
BQ	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba		Office) ⁽¹³⁾
BR	Brazil	GD	Grenada
BS	Bahamas	GE	Georgia
BT	Bhutan	GG	Guernsey
BV	Bouvet Island	GH	Ghana
BW	Botswana	GI	Gibraltar
BX	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) ⁽²⁾	GL	Greenland
DΛ	(13)	GM	Gambia
BY	Belarus	GN	Guinea
BZ		GQ	Equatorial Guinea
DΖ	Belize	GR	Greece
CA	Canada	GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
CD	-	GT	Guatemala
CF	Democratic Republic of the Congo	GW	Guinea-Bissau
	Central African Republic	GY	Guyana
CG	Congo	O1	Odyana
CH	Switzerland	HK	Hong Kong, China
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	HN	Honduras
CK	Cook Islands	HR	Croatia
CL	Chile	HT	Haiti
CM	Cameroon	HU	
CN	China	по	Hungary
CO	Colombia	IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual
CR	Costa Rica	טו	Property Organization (WIPO) ⁽⁴⁾ (13)
CU	Cuba	ID	Indonesia
CV	Cabo Verde	IE	Ireland
CW	Curaçao		Israel
CY	Cyprus	IL IM	
CZ	Czechia	IM	Isle of Man
		IN	India
DE	Germany ⁽³⁾	IQ	Iraq
DJ	Djibouti	IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
		IS	Iceland



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IT	Italy	OA	African Intellectual Property
ΙΤ	Italy	UA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) ^{(1) (13)}
JE JM	Jersey Jamaica	OM	Oman
JO	Jordan	PA	Panama
JP	Japan	PE	Peru
01	dapan	PG	Papua New Guinea
KE	Kenya	PH	Philippines
KG	Kyrgyzstan	PK	Pakistan
KH	Cambodia	PL	Poland
KI	Kiribati	PT	Portugal
KM	Comoros	PW	Palau
KN	Saint Kitts and Nevis	PY	Paraguay
KP	Democratic People's Republic of Korea		. a.agaa,
KR	Republic of Korea	QA	Qatar
KW	Kuwait	QΖ	Community Plant Variety Office
KY	Cayman Islands		(European Union) (CPVO)(13) (14)
KZ	Kazakhstan		
IVZ	Nazakiistaii	RO	Romania
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	RS	Serbia
LB	Lebanon	RU	Russian Federation
LC	Saint Lucia	RW	Rwanda
LI	Liechtenstein	SA	Saudi Arabia
LK	Sri Lanka	SB	Solomon Islands
LR	Liberia	SC	Seychelles
LS	Lesotho	SD	Sudan
LT	Lithuania	SE	Sweden
LU	Luxembourg	SG	Singapore
LV	Latvia	SH	Saint Helena. Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
LY	Libya	SI	Slovenia
	Manage	SK	Slovakia
MA	Morocco	SL	Sierra Leone
MC	Monaco	SM	San Marino
MD	Republic of Moldova	SN	Senegal
ME	Montenegro	SO	Somalia
MG	Madagascar	SR	Suriname
MH	Marshall Islands	SS	South Sudan
MK	North Macedonia	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
ML	Mali	SV	El Salvador
MM	Myanmar	SX	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
MN	Mongolia	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
MO	Macao, China	SZ	Eswatini
MP	Northern Mariana Islands		
MR MS	Mauritania	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MT	Montserrat Malta	TD	Chad
MU	Mauritius	TG	Togo
MV	Maldives	TH	Thailand
MW	Malawi	TJ	Tajikistan
MX	Mexico	TL	Timor-Leste
MY	Malaysia	TM	Turkmenistan
MZ	Mozambique	TN	Tunisia
IVIZ	Mozambique	TO	Tonga
NA	Namibia	TR	Türkiye
NE	Niger	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
NG	Nigeria	TV	Tuvalu
NI	Nicaragua	TW	Taiwan Province of China
NL	Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
NO	Norway	UA	Ukraine
NP	Nepal	UG	Uganda
NR	Nauru	US	United States of America
NU	Niue	UY	Uruguay
NZ	New Zealand	UZ	Uzbekistan



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VA	Holy See	XN	Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) ^{(1) (13)}	
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	XU	International Union for the Protection of New	
VE	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		Varieties of Plants (UPOV) ⁽¹³⁾	
VG	British Virgin Islands	XV	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)(1) (13)	
VN	Viet Nam	YE	Yemen	
VU	Vanuatu	16	remen	
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) ⁽⁴⁾ (¹³⁾	ZA ZM	South Africa Zambia	
WS	Samoa	ZW	Zimbabwe	

[Annex II follows]



ANNEX II, SECTION 1

LIST OF STATES IN RESPECT OF WHICH CODES HAVE CHANGED

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Albania Algeria Austria	AN AG OE	AL DZ AT
Bahrain Bangladesh Barbados Benin Bhutan Botswana Burkina Faso Burma (see Myanmar)	BB BA BD DA BH BT UV	BH BD BB BJ BT BW HV/BF ⁽⁶⁾
Cambodia Cameroon Central African Republic Chad Chile China Congo	CD KA ZR TS CE RC CF	KH CM CF TD CL CN CG
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia) Democratic People's Republic of Korea Democratic Republic of the Congo Dominican Republic	KN CB DR	KP ZR/CD ⁽⁷⁾ DO
East Timor (see Timor–Leste)	-	-
Egypt El Salvador Ethiopia	ET SL EA	EG SV ET
Finland	SF	FI
Gambia Germany Guatemala Guinea	GE DT GU GI	GM DE GT GN
Haiti Holy See Honduras	HI CV HO	HT VA HN
Ireland	EI	ΙE

Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Japan	JA	JP
Kuwait	KU	KW
Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Madagascar Mali Malta Mauritania Mauritius Mongolia Myanmar	MD MJ ML MT MS MO BU	MG ML MT MR MU MN MM ⁽⁸⁾
Nicaragua Niger Nigeria	NA NI WN	NI NE NG
Oman	MU	ОМ
Panama Papua New Guinea Paraguay Poland	PM PP PG PO	PA PG PY PL
Republic of Korea Romania	KS RU	KR RO
Sierra Leone Sri Lanka Sweden Syrian Arab Republic	WL CL SW SR	SL LK SE SY
Timor–Leste Togo Tonga Trinidad and Tobago	TP TO TI TD	TL ⁽⁹⁾ TG TO TT
United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo) Zambia	ZB	ZM

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ANNEX II, SECTION 2

LIST OF STATES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 1978, BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST

Czechoslovakia	
Democratic Yemen	SY/YD(10)
German Democratic Republic	DL/DD(11)
International Patent Institute	IB
Soviet Union	
Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro	YU ⁽¹²⁾

[Annex III follows]



ANNEX III

PROCEDURE FOR THE REVISION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.3

- 1. The International Bureau would revise the short form of names of states, territories and names of intergovernmental organizations in WIPO Standard ST.3 and notify the members of the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS members) the revision as follows:
- (a) The International Bureau would revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes regarding the short form of state names as adopted by the UN Terminology Database (UNTERM). With regard to territory names or where a deviation from state names in UNTERM is required, the International Bureau would also revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the necessary changes based on established WIPO practice reflecting official requests by the states concerned. With regard to names of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau would similarly revise WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating the changes identified or received by the International Bureau from the intergovernmental organizations concerned; and
- (b) The International Bureau would then publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3 on WIPO's website, followed by a notification informing the CWS members of the publication of the revision.
- 2. With regard to a revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 other than the names mentioned in paragraph 1 above, such as changes to two-letter codes, the International Bureau should prepare a proposal for the revision for consideration and approval by the CWS members as follows:
- (a) The International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3. In particular, in regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of states and territories, the International Bureau would prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating changes already adopted by ISO 3166/MA. With regard to two-letter alphabetic codes of intergovernmental organizations, the International Bureau will prepare a proposal for the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 by incorporating a suitable two-letter code representing the organization concerned;
- (b) The International Bureau would issue a circular inviting the CWS members to consider the proposal and respond within two months;
- (c) If consensus is reached within the two-month period, then the International Bureau would publish the revised WIPO Standard ST.3; and
- (d) If consensus is not reached, the International Bureau proposal, together with the remarks submitted, would be forwarded to the following CWS session for consideration and final decision.

⁽¹⁾ Intergovernmental organizations (regional patent offices) acting for certain Contracting States under the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). In the case of the European Patent Office, it is the operational organ of the European Patent Organization.

The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) (former Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices) have replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands (Kingdom of the) with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.

In the electronic database of the International Register of Marks, the International Bureau of WIPO uses the following additional codes, not part of the active codes of Standard ST.3: "DD" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the Federal Republic of Germany; "DT" to designate Germany without the territory that, prior to October 3, 1990, constituted the German Democratic Republic.

The code "WO" is used in relation to the international publication under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of international applications, the publication of international design registrations under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs (the Hague Agreement), and the publication of international registrations of marks under the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (19) in WIPO Standards ST.9 and ST.80, as well as to INID code (190) in WIPO Standard ST.60. The code "IB" is used in relation to the filling of international applications with the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as a PCT receiving Office, and to the filling of international industrial design applications under the Hague Agreement. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (33) in WIPO Standards ST.9 and ST.80.

⁽⁵⁾ Provisional name.

⁽⁶⁾ Code BF adopted in 1984.



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- (7) Code CD adopted in 1997.
- (8) Code MM adopted in 1989.
- (9) Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002.
- (10) Code SY used before 1.1.1978.
- (11) Code DL used before 1.1.1978.
- Subsequent to the country name change of "Yugoslavia" to "Serbia and Montenegro", that took effect on February 4, 2003, and to the decision by the ISO 3166/MA to use the new country name and new two-letter code "CS" (to replace "YU"), which was announced on July 23, 2003, the SCIT Standards and Documentation Working Group agreed, at its fifth session, in November 11, 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code "YU" continue to be used for "Serbia and Montenegro" in the intellectual property field because code "CS" raised certain problems due to its former use to represent "Czechoslovakia" until 1993.
- (13) The acronym or abbreviation of an entity is not part of its name.
- The two-letter codes "EP", "EM", and "QZ" must be used to indicate the corresponding Office defined in this Standard while the Code "EU" must be used to indicate other institutions in the European Union. Additionally, the codes must be used in the following situations:

"EP" for documentation and information related to patents administered by the European Patent Office (EPO);

"EM" for documentation and information related to European Union Trademarks and European Union Industrial Designs administered by the European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and for the designation of the European Union in the Madrid and Hague Systems;

"QZ" for documentation and information related to Community Plant Variety Rights administered by the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO); and

"EU" for documentation and information related to other rights applicable in the European Union and not covered by the codes "EP", "EM" and "QZ", such as marketing authorizations approved by the European Medicines Agency or geographical indications protected under EU legislation.

[End of Annex III and of Standard]