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**STANDARD ST.3**

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

*Editorial Note prepared by the International Bureau*

*On July 23, 2003, the ISO 3166/MA announced the change of the country name Yugoslavia to Serbia and Montenegro with CS as the two-letter code. However, the implementation of the code CS for Serbia and Montenegro in certain applications of International Standard ISO 3166-1 raises some problems because of the use of CS to identify Czechoslovakia until 1993. Subsequently, the ISO 3166/MA announced that it is considering different options for solving the problems created by the re-assignment of code element CS.*

*The two-letter country code YU should be used for Serbia and Montenegro, formerly Yugoslavia, until the ISO 3166/MA has taken a final decision and the Standards and Documentation Working Group of the Standing Committee on Information Technology reaches a decision concerning the revision of WIPO Standard ST.3 and the two-letter code to represent Serbia and Montenegro.*



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### 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 industrial property information, represent, in particular, the names of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations the legislation of which provides for the protection of industrial property rights or which organizations are acting in the framework of a treaty in the field of industrial 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. This Recommended Standard is aligned with the universally recognized ISO Alpha-2 Code contained in International Standard ISO 3166-1:1997, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes," published in October 1997 by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). It is also aligned with the announcements published in ISO 3166-1 Newsletters.<sup>(1)</sup>

#### RECOMMENDED STANDARD CODE

4. This Recommended Standard is intended to be implemented for any use by industrial property offices requiring the identification of States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations, in coded form.
5. The recommended codes are contained in Annex A 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.

#### MAINTENANCE

6. ISO has entrusted a Maintenance Agency with the management of International Standard ISO 3166-1:1997.
7. WIPO has been granted associate-member status in the Maintenance Agency and is therefore closely associated with its work. 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.

#### IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDELINES FOR USERS

8. To assist users of documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefor, Annex B, 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 B, Section 2.
9. The codes contained in Annex A to this Recommended Standard should be used in all documents relating to industrial property titles and/or applications therefor, even when referring to documents for which a different code existed before January 1, 1978.
10. The letter combinations AA, QM to QZ, XA to XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

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ANNEX A, SECTION 1

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

Table listing states and organizations with their corresponding codes. Includes entries like AFGHANISTAN (AF), COSTA RICA (CR), and EAST TIMOR (TP). The table is organized in two columns.



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Table listing countries and their corresponding codes (e.g., HOLY SEE .. VA, HONDURAS .. HN, HONG KONG (See The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China) .. HK, HUNGARY .. HU, ICELAND .. IS, INDIA .. IN, INDONESIA .. ID, INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO)(5) .. IB, WO, IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF .. IR, IRAQ .. IQ, IRELAND .. IE, ISRAEL .. IL, ITALY .. IT, JAMAICA .. JM, JAPAN .. JP, JORDAN .. JO, KAZAKHSTAN .. KZ, KENYA .. KE, KIRIBATI .. KI, KOREA (see Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea) .. KR, KUWAIT .. KW, KYRGYZSTAN .. KG, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ... LA, LATVIA .. LV, LEBANON .. LB, LESOTHO .. LS, LIBERIA .. LR, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA .. LY, LIECHTENSTEIN .. LI, LITHUANIA .. LT, LUXEMBOURG .. LU, MACAU MACAO .. MO, MACEDONIA (see The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) .. MK, MADAGASCAR .. MG, MALAWI .. MW, MALAYSIA .. MY, MALDIVES .. MV, MALI .. ML, MALTA .. MT, MAURITANIA .. MR, MAURITIUS .. MU, MEXICO .. MX, MOLDOVA (see Republic of Moldova) .. MD, MONACO .. MC, MONGOLIA .. MN, MONTSERRAT .. MS, MOROCCO .. MA, MOZAMBIQUE .. MZ, MYANMAR .. MM, NAMIBIA .. NA, NAURU .. NR, NEPAL .. NP, NETHERLANDS .. NL, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES .. AN, NEW ZEALAND .. NZ, NICARAGUA .. NI, NIGER .. NE, NIGERIA .. NG, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS .. MP, NORWAY .. NO, OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET (TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS) (OHIM) .. EM, OMAN .. OM, PAKISTAN .. PK, PALAU .. PW, PANAMA .. PA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA .. PG, PARAGUAY .. PY, PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF (GCC)..... GC, PERU .. PE, PHILIPPINES .. PH, POLAND .. PL, PORTUGAL .. PT, QATAR .. QA, REPUBLIC OF KOREA .. KR, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA .. MD, ROMANIA .. RO, RUSSIAN FEDERATION .. RU, RWANDA .. RW, SAINT HELENA .. SH, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS .. KN, SAINT LUCIA .. LC, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES .. VC, SAMOA .. WS, SAN MARINO .. SM, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE .. ST, SAUDI ARABIA .. SA, SENEGAL .. SN, SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO(1) .. YU, SEYCHELLES .. SC, SIERRA LEONE .. SL, SINGAPORE .. SG, SLOVAKIA .. SK, SLOVENIA .. SI, SOLOMON ISLANDS .. SB, SOMALIA .. SO, SOUTH AFRICA .. ZA, SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS .. GS, SPAIN .. ES, SRI LANKA .. LK, SUDAN .. SD



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SWAZILAND .....	SZ	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES .....	AE
SWEDEN .....	SE	UNITED KINGDOM .....	GB
SWITZERLAND .....	CH	UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA .....	TZ
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC .....	SY	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA .....	US
		URUGUAY .....	UY
		UZBEKISTAN .....	UZ
TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA .....	TW		
TAJKISTAN .....	TJ	VANUATU .....	VU
TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania)		VATICAN CITY STATE (See Holy See)	
THAILAND .....	TH	VENEZUELA .....	VE
THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA .....	MK	VIET NAM .....	VN
THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA .....	HK	VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH .....	VG
<b>TIMOR-LESTE .....</b>	<b>TL</b>	WESTERN SAHARA <sup>(6)</sup> .....	EH
TOGO .....	TG	WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) (INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF) <sup>(5)</sup> .....	WO, IB
TONGA .....	TO		
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO .....	TT	YEMEN .....	YE
TUNISIA .....	TN	<b>YUGOSLAVIA .....</b>	<b>YU</b>
TURKEY .....	TR		
TURKMENISTAN .....	TM	ZAMBIA .....	ZM
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS .....	TC	ZIMBABWE .....	ZW
TUVALU .....	TV		
UGANDA .....	UG		

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### ANNEX A, SECTION 2

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

AD	Andorra	DJ	Djibouti
AE	United Arab Emirates	DK	Denmark
AF	Afghanistan	DM	Dominica
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	DO	Dominican Republic
AI	Anguilla	DZ	Algeria
AL	Albania		
AM	Armenia	EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO) <sup>(2)</sup>
AN	Netherlands Antilles	EC	Ecuador
AO	Angola	EE	Estonia
AP	African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) <sup>(2)</sup>	EG	Egypt
AR	Argentina	EH	Western Sahara <sup>(6)</sup>
AT	Austria	EM	Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trademarks and Designs) (OHIM)
AU	Australia	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) <sup>(1)</sup>
AW	Aruba	ER	Eritrea
AZ	Azerbaijan	ES	Spain
		ET	Ethiopia
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina		
BB	Barbados	FI	Finland
BD	Bangladesh	FJ	Fiji
BE	Belgium	FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
BF	Burkina Faso	FO	Faroe Islands
BG	Bulgaria	FR	France
BH	Bahrain		
BI	Burundi	GA	Gabon
BJ	Benin	GB	United Kingdom
BM	Bermuda	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC)
BN	Brunei Darussalam		
BO	Bolivia	GD	Grenada
BR	Brazil	GE	Georgia
BS	Bahamas	GH	Ghana
BT	Bhutan	GI	Gibraltar
BV	Bouvet Island	GL	Greenland
BW	Botswana	GM	Gambia
BX	Benelux Trademark Office (BBM) and Benelux Designs Office (BBDM) <sup>(3)</sup>	GN	Guinea
BY	Belarus	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
BZ	Belize	GR	Greece
		GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
CA	Canada	GT	Guatemala
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	GW	Guinea-Bissau
CF	Central African Republic	GY	Guyana
CG	Congo		
CH	Switzerland	HK	The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
CI	Côte d'Ivoire		
CK	Cook Islands	HN	Honduras
CL	Chile	HR	Croatia
CM	Cameroon	HT	Haiti
CN	China	HU	Hungary
CO	Colombia		
CR	Costa Rica	IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) <sup>(5)</sup>
CU	Cuba		
CV	Cape Verde	ID	Indonesia
CY	Cyprus	IE	Ireland
CZ	Czech Republic	IL	Israel
		IN	India
DE	Germany <sup>(4)</sup>	IQ	Iraq
		IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)



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IS	Iceland	OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) <sup>(2)</sup>
IT	Italy	OM	Oman
JM	Jamaica	PA	Panama
JO	Jordan	PE	Peru
JP	Japan	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	QA	Qatar
KR	Republic of Korea	RO	Romania
KW	Kuwait	RU	Russian Federation
KY	Cayman Islands	RW	Rwanda
KZ	Kazakhstan	SA	Saudi Arabia
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	SB	Solomon Islands
LB	Lebanon	SC	Seychelles
LC	Saint Lucia	SD	Sudan
LI	Liechtenstein	SE	Sweden
LK	Sri Lanka	SG	Singapore
LR	Liberia	SH	Saint Helena
LS	Lesotho	SI	Slovenia
LT	Lithuania	SK	Slovakia
LU	Luxembourg	SL	Sierra Leone
LV	Latvia	SM	San Marino
LY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	SN	Senegal
MA	Morocco	SO	Somalia
MC	Monaco	SR	Suriname
MD	Republic of Moldova	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MG	Madagascar	SV	El Salvador
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
ML	Mali	SZ	Swaziland
MM	Myanmar	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MN	Mongolia	TD	Chad
MO	Macao Macao	TG	Togo
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	TH	Thailand
MR	Mauritania	TJ	Tajikistan
MS	Montserrat	TL	Timor-Leste
MT	Malta	TM	Turkmenistan
MU	Mauritius	TN	Tunisia
MV	Maldives	TO	Tonga
MW	Malawi	TP	East Timor
MX	Mexico	TR	Turkey
MY	Malaysia	TT	Trinidad and Tobago
MZ	Mozambique	TV	Tuvalu
NA	Namibia	TW	Taiwan, Province of China
NE	Niger	TZ	United Republic of Tanzania
NG	Nigeria	UA	Ukraine
NI	Nicaragua	UG	Uganda
NL	Netherlands	US	United States of America
NO	Norway	UY	Uruguay
NP	Nepal	UZ	Uzbekistan
NR	Nauru	VA	Holy See
NZ	New Zealand	VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines






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VE	Venezuela	WS	Samoa
VG	Virgin Islands (British)	YE	Yemen
VN	Viet Nam	YU	 Serbia and Montenegro <sup>(1)</sup>
VU	Vanuatu		
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) <sup>(5)</sup>	ZA	South Africa
		ZM	Zambia
		ZW	Zimbabwe

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ANNEX B, 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	Country	Code used before 1.1.1978	New Code used from 1.1.1978
Albania	AN	AL	Japan	JA	JP
Algeria	AG	DZ	Kuwait	KU	KW
Austria	OE	AT	Liechtenstein	FL	LI
Bahrain	BB	BH	Madagascar	MD	MG
Bangladesh	BA	BD	Mali	MJ	ML
Barbados	BD	BB	Malta	ML	MT
Benin	DA	BJ	Mauritania	MT	MR
Bhutan	BH	BT	Mauritius	MS	MU
Botswana	BT	BW	Mongolia	MO	MN
Burkina Faso	UV	HV/BF <sup>(7)</sup>	Myanmar	BU	MM <sup>(9)</sup>
Burma (see Myanmar)			Nicaragua	NA	NI
Cambodia	CD	KH	Niger	NI	NE
Cameroon	KA	CM	Nigeria	WN	NG
Central African Republic	ZR	CF	Oman	MU	OM
Chad	TS	TD	Panama	PM	PA
Chile	CE	CL	Papua New Guinea	PP	PG
China	RC	CN	Paraguay	PG	PY
Congo	CF	CG	Poland	PO	PL
Democratic Kampuchea (see Cambodia)			Republic of Korea	KS	KR
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	KN	KP	Romania	RU	RO
Democratic Republic of the Congo	CB	ZR/CD <sup>(8)</sup>	Sierra Leone	WL	SL
Dominican Republic	DR	DO	Sri Lanka	CL	LK
East Timor (see Timor-Leste)	—	—	Sweden	SW	SE
Egypt	ET	EG	Syrian Arab Republic	SR	SY
El Salvador	SL	SV	Timor-Leste	TP	TL <sup>(10)</sup>
Ethiopia	EA	ET	Togo	TO	TG
Finland	SF	FI	Tonga	TI	TO
Gambia	GE	GM	Trinidad and Tobago	TD	TT
Germany	DT	DE	United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ
Guatemala	GU	GT	Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo)		
Guinea	GI	GN	Zambia	ZB	ZM
Haiti	HI	HT			
Holy See	CV	VA			
Honduras	HO	HN			
Ireland	EI	IE			

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### ANNEX B, SECTION 2

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

Czechoslovakia	CS
Democratic Yemen	SY/YD <sup>(11)</sup>
German Democratic Republic	DL/DD <sup>(12)</sup>
International Patent Institute	IB
Soviet Union	SU

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- (1) 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, held in November 2004, to recommend that the two-letter code "YU" continue to be used for "Serbia and Montenegro" in the industrial property field because code "CS" raises certain problems due to its former use to represent "Czechoslovakia" until 1993.
- (2) Intergovernmental organizations (regional patent offices) acting for certain Contracting States under the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty). In case of the European Patent Office, it also acts as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.
- (3) The Benelux Trademark and Designs Offices have replaced the national Offices of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands with regard to actions relating to marks and industrial designs.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The code "WO" is used in relation to the international publication under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of international applications filed with any PCT receiving Office, as well as in the publication of international deposits of industrial designs under the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Deposit of Industrial Designs. In this regard, reference is made to INID code (33) given in WIPO Standards [ST.9](#) and [ST.80](#). The code "WO" is also the appropriate code to be used with respect to international registrations of marks under the Madrid Agreement and the Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks. The code "IB" is used in relation to the receipt of international applications under the PCT filed with the International Bureau of WIPO in its capacity as a PCT receiving Office.
- (6) Provisional name.
- (7) Code BF adopted in 1984.
- (8) Code CD adopted in 1997.
- (9) Code MM adopted in 1989.
- (10) Code TL adopted on May 20, 2002.
- (11) Code SY used before 1.1.1978.
- (12) Code DL used before 1.1.1978.