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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 3166-1:2006, "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries and their Subdivisions – Part 1: Country Codes", published in January 2007 by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). It is also aligned with the announcements published in ISO 3166–1 Newsletters.

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.
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 QY, XA to XM, XO to XZ and ZZ are available for individual use and for provisional codes.

[Annexes follow]



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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), CONGO (CG), EUROPEAN UNION COMMUNITY TRADE MARK OFFICE (EP), and GUYANA (GY).



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|--|--------|--|----|
| HAITI | HT | MYANMAR | MM |
| HOLY SEE | VA | | |
| HONDURAS | HN | NAMIBIA | NA |
| HONG KONG (See The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China) | | NAURU | NR |
| HUNGARY | HU | NEPAL | NP |
| | | NETHERLANDS | NL |
| ICELAND | IS | NETHERLANDS ANTILLES | AN |
| INDIA | IN | NEW ZEALAND | NZ |
| INDONESIA | ID | NICARAGUA | NI |
| INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) ⁽⁴⁾ | IB, WO | NIGER | NE |
| IRAN, ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF | IR | NIGERIA | NG |
| IRAQ | IQ | NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE (NPI)..... | XN |
| IRELAND | IE | NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS | MP |
| ISLE OF MAN | IM | NORWAY | NO |
| ISRAEL | IL | | |
| ITALY | IT | OMAN | OM |
| | | | |
| JAMAICA | JM | PAKISTAN | PK |
| JAPAN | JP | PALAU | PW |
| JERSEY | JE | PANAMA | PA |
| JORDAN | JO | PAPUA NEW GUINEA | PG |
| | | PARAGUAY | PY |
| KAZAKHSTAN | KZ | PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF (GCC) | GC |
| KENYA | KE | PERU | PE |
| KIRIBATI | KI | PHILIPPINES | PH |
| KOREA (see Democratic People's Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea) | | POLAND | PL |
| KUWAIT | KW | PORTUGAL | PT |
| KYRGYZSTAN | KG | | |
| | | QATAR | QA |
| LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ... | LA | | |
| LATVIA | LV | REPUBLIC OF KOREA | KR |
| LEBANON | LB | REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA | MD |
| LESOTHO | LS | ROMANIA | RO |
| LIBERIA | LR | RUSSIAN FEDERATION | RU |
| LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA | LY | RWANDA | RW |
| LIECHTENSTEIN | LI | | |
| LITHUANIA | LT | SAINT HELENA | SH |
| LUXEMBOURG | LU | SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS | KN |
| | | SAINT LUCIA | LC |
| MACAO | MO | SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES | VC |
| MACEDONIA (see The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) | | SAMOA | WS |
| MADAGASCAR | MG | SAN MARINO | SM |
| MALAWI | MW | SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE | ST |
| MALAYSIA | MY | SAUDI ARABIA | SA |
| MALDIVES | MV | SENEGAL | SN |
| MALI | ML | SERBIA | RS |
| MALTA | MT | SEYCHELLES | SC |
| MAURITANIA | MR | SIERRA LEONE | SL |
| MAURITIUS | MU | SINGAPORE | SG |
| MEXICO | MX | SLOVAKIA | SK |
| MOLDOVA (see Republic of Moldova) | | SLOVENIA | SI |
| MONACO | MC | SOLOMON ISLANDS | SB |
| MONGOLIA | MN | SOMALIA | SO |
| MONTENEGRO | ME | SOUTH AFRICA | ZA |
| MONTserrat | MS | SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS | GS |
| MOROCCO | MA | | |
| MOZAMBIQUE | MZ | | |



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| | | | |
|---|----|--|--------|
| SPAIN | ES | UGANDA | UG |
| SRI LANKA | LK | UKRAINE | UA |
| SUDAN | SD | UNITED ARAB EMIRATES | AE |
| SURINAME | SR | UNITED KINGDOM | GB |
| SWAZILAND | SZ | UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA | TZ |
| SWEDEN | SE | UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | US |
| SWITZERLAND | CH | URUGUAY | UY |
| SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC | SY | UZBEKISTAN | UZ |
| TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA | TW | VANUATU | VU |
| TAJIKISTAN | TJ | VATICAN CITY STATE (See Holy See) | |
| TANZANIA (see United Republic of Tanzania) | | VENEZUELA, BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF ... | VE |
| THAILAND | TH | VIET NAM | VN |
| THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA | MK | VIRGIN ISLANDS, BRITISH | VG |
| THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA | HK | WESTERN SAHARA ⁽⁵⁾ | EH |
| TIMOR-LESTE | TL | WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (WIPO) (INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF) ⁽⁴⁾ | WO, IB |
| TOGO | TG | YEMEN | YE |
| TONGA | TO | ZAMBIA | ZM |
| TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO | TT | ZIMBABWE | ZW |
| TUNISIA | TN | | |
| TURKEY | TR | | |
| TURKMENISTAN | TM | | |
| TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS | TC | | |
| TUVALU | TV | | |

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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) ⁽¹⁾ |
| AN | Netherlands Antilles | EC | Ecuador |
| AO | Angola | EE | Estonia |
| AP | African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ⁽¹⁾ | EG | Egypt |
| AR | Argentina | EH | Western Sahara ⁽⁵⁾ |
| AT | Austria | EM | Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trademarks and Designs) (OHIM) |
| AU | Australia | EP | European Patent Office (EPO) ⁽¹⁾ |
| 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, Plurinational State of | GD | Grenada |
| BR | Brazil | GE | Georgia |
| BS | Bahamas | GG | Guernsey |
| BT | Bhutan | GH | Ghana |
| BV | Bouvet Island | GI | Gibraltar |
| BW | Botswana | GL | Greenland |
| BX | Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) ⁽²⁾ | GM | Gambia |
| | | 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) ⁽⁴⁾ |
| CU | Cuba | | |
| CV | Cape Verde | ID | Indonesia |
| CY | Cyprus | IE | Ireland |
| CZ | Czech Republic | IL | Israel |
| | | IM | Isle of Man |
| DE | Germany ⁽³⁾ | IN | India |



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|----|---|----|--|
| IQ | Iraq | NZ | New Zealand |
| IR | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | OA | African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) ⁽¹⁾ |
| IS | Iceland | OM | Oman |
| IT | Italy | PA | Panama |
| JE | Jersey | PE | Peru |
| JM | Jamaica | PG | Papua New Guinea |
| JO | Jordan | PH | Philippines |
| JP | Japan | PK | Pakistan |
| KE | Kenya | PL | Poland |
| KG | Kyrgyzstan | PT | Portugal |
| KH | Cambodia | PW | Palau |
| KI | Kiribati | PY | Paraguay |
| KM | Comoros | QA | Qatar |
| KN | Saint Kitts and Nevis | QZ | Community Plant Variety Office (European Union Community) (CPVO) |
| KP | Democratic People's Republic of Korea | RO | Romania |
| KR | Republic of Korea | RS | Serbia |
| 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 |
| ME | Montenegro | SV | El Salvador |
| MG | Madagascar | SY | Syrian Arab Republic |
| MK | The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | SZ | Swaziland |
| ML | Mali | TC | Turks and Caicos Islands |
| MM | Myanmar | TD | Chad |
| MN | Mongolia | TG | Togo |
| MO | Macao | TH | Thailand |
| MP | Northern Mariana Islands | TJ | Tajikistan |
| MR | Mauritania | TL | Timor-Leste |
| MS | Montserrat | TM | Turkmenistan |
| MT | Malta | TN | Tunisia |
| MU | Mauritius | TO | Tonga |
| MV | Maldives | TR | Turkey |
| MW | Malawi | TT | Trinidad and Tobago |
| MX | Mexico | TV | Tuvalu |
| MY | Malaysia | TW | Taiwan, Province of China |
| MZ | Mozambique | TZ | United Republic of Tanzania |
| NA | Namibia | UA | Ukraine |
| NE | Niger | UG | Uganda |
| NG | Nigeria | US | United States of America |
| NI | Nicaragua | UY | Uruguay |
| NL | Netherlands | | |
| NO | Norway | | |
| NP | Nepal | | |
| NR | Nauru | | |



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|----|---|----|-------------------------------|
| UZ | Uzbekistan | WS | Samoa |
| VA | Holy See | XN | Nordic Patent Institute (NPI) |
| VC | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | YE | Yemen |
| VE | Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of | ZA | South Africa |
| VG | Virgin Islands (British) | ZM | Zambia |
| VN | Viet Nam | ZW | Zimbabwe |
| VU | Vanuatu | | |
| WO | World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) ⁽⁴⁾ | | |

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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 ⁽⁶⁾ | Myanmar | BU | MM ⁽⁸⁾ |
| 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 ⁽⁷⁾ | 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 ⁽⁹⁾ |
| 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 ⁽¹⁰⁾ |
| German Democratic Republic | DL/DD ⁽¹¹⁾ |
| International Patent Institute | IB |
| Soviet Union | SU |
| Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro | YU ⁽¹²⁾ |

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- (1) 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.
- (2) The Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) (former 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.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Provisional name.
- (6) Code BF adopted in 1984..
- (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.
- (12) 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 industrial property field because code “CS” raised certain problems due to its former use to represent “Czechoslovakia” until 1993.