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# **Country Names and Two-Letter Codes**



Annex K includes a list of short names and two-letter codes accepted for use in indicating States, other entities and intergovernmental organizations (and their Offices) in documents relating to international applications under the PCT. The list is as set out in WIPO Standard ST.3 (see List of WIPO Standards, Recommendations and Guidelines on the web site at: www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-03-01.pdf).

### **STANDARD ST.3**

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

Revision approved by the Committee on WIPO Standards (CWS) at its seventh session on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### 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. 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 industrial 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 industrial 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 industrial 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

AECHANISTAN	۸⊏	CONGO (see Congo, below; Democratic	
AFGHANISTANAFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGA		Republic of the Congo)	
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AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL	۸۵		
PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO)(1) (13)	AP	COSTA RICA	
ALBANIA	AL	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	
ALGERIA		CROATIA	
ANDORRA		CUBA	
ANGOLA		CURAÇAO	
ANGUILLA		CYPRUS	CY
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	AG	CZECHIA	CZ
ARGENTINA	AR		
ARMENIA	AM	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC	
ARUBA	AW	OF KOREA	KP
AUSTRALIA	AU	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF	131
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DALLAMAG	DO.	DJIBOUTI	
BAHAMAS	BS	DOMINICA	
BAHRAIN	BH	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
BANGLADESH			
BARBADOS	BB	ECUADOR	EC
BELARUS	BY	EGYPT	EG
BELGIUM	BE	EL SALVADOR	
BELIZE	BZ	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	
BENELUX OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL		ERITREA	
PROPERTY (BOIP)(2) (13)	BX	ESTONIA	
BENIN	BJ	ESWATINI	
BERMUDA	BM		
BHUTAN		ETHIOPIA	
BOLIVIA (PLURINATIONAL STATE OF)	BO	EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION	_ ^
		(EAPO) <sup>(1) (13)</sup>	EΑ
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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	EUROPEAN UNION INTELLECTUAL PROPER	RTY
BOTSWANA	BW	OFFICE (EUIPO)(13) (14)	EM
BOUVET ISLAND		EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)(1)(13)(14).	EP
BRAZIL			
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	VG	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	FK
		FAROE ISLANDS	
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BN	FIJI	
BULGARIA	BG	FINLAND	
BURKINA FASO	BF	FRANCE	
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CAMBODIA		GAMBIA	
CAMEROON	CM	GEORGIA	GE
CANADA	CA	GERMANY <sup>(3)</sup>	DE
CABO VERDE	CV	GHANA	GH
CAYMAN ISLANDS		GIBRALTAR	GI
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC		GREECE	
CHAD	TD	GREENLAND	
CHILE	CL	GRENADA	
CHINA	CN	GUATEMALA	
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE			
(EUROPEAN UNION) (CPVO)(13) (14)	QZ	GUERNSEY	
COLOMBIA	CO	GUINEA BIOGRAM	
COMOROS	KM	GUINEA-BISSAU	GW
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GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (see Patent		MONTSERRAT	
Office of the Cooperation Council for		MOROCCO	
the Arab States of the Gulf)	0)/	MOZAMBIQUE	
GUYANA	GY	MYANMAR	MM
HAITI	HT	NAMIBIA	
HOLY SEE	VA	NAURU	NR
HONDURAS	HN	NEPAL	NP
HONG KONG, China	HK	NETHERLANDS	NL
HUNGARY		NEW ZEALAND	
		NICARAGUA	
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ICELAND	IS		
INDIA	IN	NIGERIA	
INDONESIA	ID	NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE (NPI)(1) (13)	
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE		NORTH MACEDONIA	MK
WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY		NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS	MP
ORGANIZATION (WIPO)(4) (13)	IB, WO	NORWAY	NO
INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE	15, 110		
PROTECTION OF NEW VARIETIES		OMAN	ОМ
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OF PLANTS (UPOV)(13)	XU		
IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)	IR	PAKISTAN	PK
IRAQ	IQ	PALAU	PW
IRELAND	ΙE	PANAMA	PA
ISLE OF MAN	IM	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	PG
ISRAEL	IL	PARAGUAY	
ITALY	IT	PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION	
		COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF	
IAMAICA	18.4		00
JAMAICA	JM	THE GULF (GCC Patent Office)(13)	
JAPAN	JP	PERU	
JERSEY		PHILIPPINES	
JORDAN	JO	POLAND	
KA ZAKUOTAN	1/7	PORTUGAL	PT
KAZAKHSTAN	KZ		
KENYA	KE	QATAR	QA
KIRIBATI	KI		
KOREA (see Democratic People's		REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KR
Republic of Korea; Republic of Korea)		REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA	
KUWAIT	KW	ROMANIA	
KYRGYZSTAN	KG	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	
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LEBANON		TRISTAN DA CUNHA	
LESOTHO		SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	KN
LIBERIA	LR	SAINT LUCIA	LC
LIBYA		SAINT VINCENT AND	
LIECHTENSTEIN	LI	THE GRENADINES	VC
LITHUANIA	LT	SAMOA	
LUXEMBOURG	LU	SAN MARINO	
		SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	
MAGAG GUINIA	140		
MACAO, CHINA	MO	SAUDI ARABIA	
MADAGASCAR	MG	SENEGAL	
MALAWI	MW	SERBIA	
MALAYSIA	MY	SEYCHELLES	
MALDIVES	MV	SIERRA LEONE	SL
MALI	ML	SINGAPORE	
MALTA	MT	SINT MAARTEN (Dutch part)	
MAURITANIA	MR	SLOVAKIA	
MAURITIUS	MU	SLOVENIA	
		SOLOMON ISLANDS	
MEXICO	MX		
MOLDOVA (see Republic of Moldova)	140	SOMALIA	
MONACO	MC	SOUTH AFRICA	ZA
MONGOLIA	MN	SOUTH GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH	
MONTENEGRO	ME	SANDWICH ISLANDS	GS

SPAIN ES UKRAINE SRI LANKA LK UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	UG UA AE GB TZ US UY UY
	VU
TAJIKISTAN	VE
	VN
TIMOR-LESTE	XV
TOGO TG	
	EH
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	
TUNISIA	
TURKEY TR (INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF)(4) (13)	WO, IB
TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS TO	\/F
TUVALU TV	YE
ZAMBIA	ZM
	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 AE AF AG	Andorra United Arab Emirates Afghanistan Antigua and Barbuda	DK DM DO DZ	Denmark Dominica Dominican Republic Algeria
AI AL	Anguilla Albania	EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)(1) (13)
AM	Armenia	EC	Ecuador
AO	Angola	EE	Estonia
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property	EG	Egypt
	Organization (ARIPO) <sup>(1) (13)</sup>	EH	Western Sahara <sup>(5)</sup>
AR	Argentina	EM	European Union Intellectual Property Office
ΑT	Austria		(EUIPO) <sup>(13) (14)</sup>
AU	Australia	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) (1) (13) (14)
AW	Aruba	ER	Eritrea
ΑZ	Azerbaijan	ES ET	Spain Ethiopia
ВА	Bosnia and Herzegovina	EU	Ethiopia European Union <sup>(14)</sup>
BB	Barbados	LU	European Official
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	0.4	
BJ	Benin	GA	Gabon
BM	Bermuda	GB GC	United Kingdom
BN	Brunei Darussalam	GC	Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC Patent
ВО	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)		Office) <sup>(13)</sup>
BQ	Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba	GD	Grenada
BR BS	Brazil Bahamas	GE	Georgia
BT	Bhutan	GG	Guernsey
BV	Bouvet Island	GH	Ghana
BW	Botswana	GI	Gibraltar
BX	Benelux Office for Intellectual Property (BOIP) <sup>(2)</sup>	GL	Greenland
	(13)	GM	Gambia
BY	Belarus	GN	Guinea
BZ	Belize	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
		GR	Greece
CA	Canada	GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	GT GW	Guatemala Guinea-Bissau
CF	Central African Republic	GY	Guyana Guyana
CG CH	Congo Switzerland	Gī	Guyana
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	HK	Hong Kong, China
CK	Cook Islands	HN	Honduras
CL	Chile	HR	Croatia
CM	Cameroon	HT	Haiti
CN	China	HU	Hungary
CO	Colombia	ID.	Literation of the West Heat III at the
CR	Costa Rica	IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual
CU	Cuba	ID	Property Organization (WIPO) <sup>(4) (13)</sup> Indonesia
CV	Cabo Verde	IE	Ireland
CW	Curaçao	IL	Israel
CY	Cyprus	IМ	Isle of Man
CZ	Czechia	IN	India
DE	Germany <sup>(3)</sup>	IQ	Iraq
DJ	Djibouti	IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
-	•	IS	Iceland

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IT	Italy	ОМ	Oman
JE JM JO JP	Jersey Jamaica Jordan	PA PE PG PH	Panama Peru Papua New Guinea Philippines
KE KG KH	Japan  Kenya  Kyrgyzstan	PK PL PT PW	Pakistan Poland Portugal Palau
KI	Cambodia Kiribati	PY	Paraguay
KM KN KP	Comoros Saint Kitts and Nevis Democratic People's Republic of Korea	QA QZ	Qatar Community Plant Variety Office (European Union) (CPVO) <sup>(13) (14)</sup>
KR KW	Republic of Korea Kuwait	RO	Romania
KY KZ	Cayman Islands Kazakhstan	RS RU	Serbia Russian Federation
LA LB	Lao People's Democratic Republic Lebanon	RW SA	Rwanda Saudi Arabia
LC LI	Saint Lucia Liechtenstein	SB SC	Solomon Islands Seychelles
LK LR	Sri Lanka Liberia	SD SE	Sudan Sweden
LS LT LU	Lesotho Lithuania Luxembourg	SG SH	Singapore Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
LV LY	Latvia Libya	SI SK SL	Slovenia Slovakia Sierra Leone
MA MC MD	Morocco Monaco Republic of Moldova	SM SN SO	San Marino Senegal Somalia
ME MG	Montenegro Madagascar	SR SS	Suriname South Sudan
MK ML	North Macedonia Mali	ST SV SX	Sao Tome and Principe El Salvador Sist Moorton (Dutch part)
MM MN	Myanmar Mongolia	SY SZ	Sint Maarten (Dutch part) Syrian Arab Republic Eswatini
MO MP MR	Macao, China Northern Mariana Islands Mauritania	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MS MT	Montserrat Malta	TD TG TH	Chad Togo Thailand
MU MV	Mauritius Maldives	TJ TL	Tajikistan Timor–Leste
MW MX	Malawi Mexico	TM TN	Turkmenistan Tunisia
MY MZ	Malaysia Mozambique	TO TR	Tonga Turkey
NA NE	Namibia Niger	TT TV	Trinidad and Tobago Tuvalu Taiwan Pravince of China
NG NI NL	Nigeria Nicaragua	TW TZ	Taiwan Province of China United Republic of Tanzania
NO NP	Netherlands Norway Nepal	UA UG	Ukraine Uganda
NR NZ	Nauru New Zealand	US UY UZ	United States of America Uruguay Uzbekistan
OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) <sup>(1) (13)</sup>	52	CESCRISTALI

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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) <sup>(1) (13)</sup>
VN	Viet Nam	YE	Yemen
VU	Vanuatu	1 -	remen
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization	ZA	South Africa
VVO	(WIPO) (International Bureau of) <sup>(4)</sup> (13)	ZM	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 <sup>(6)</sup>
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 <sup>(7)</sup> 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 MN			
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 <sup>(9)</sup> TG TO TT			
United Republic of Tanzania	TA	TZ			
Zaire (see Democratic Republic of the Congo) Zambia	ZB	ZM			

[Section 2 follows]

## **ANNEX II, 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	
Soviet Union	SU
Yugoslavia/Serbia and Montenegro	YU <sup>(12)</sup>

[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.

[End of Annex III and of Standard]

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.

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.

<sup>(4)</sup> 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.
- 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.