

Questionnaire on the Implementation of Paragraph 12(a) of  
WIPO Standard ST.10/C

Name of the Reporting Office/ Organization	<b>AT</b> (ST.3 two-letter country/organization code)  <i>OEPA - Österreichisches Patentamt</i>
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Paragraph 12(a) of WIPO Standard ST.10/C sets out the following recommendation:

“12. (a) In order to improve the quality of patent family data and to avoid confusion in the presentation of priority application numbers, the following recommendations are made:

Industrial property offices (IPOs) should always provide priority application number complying with “Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number” given in the Appendix to the Standard ST.10/C when presenting the application number of a patent document in the notification of the first filing and in the certificate of priority. The “Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number” should be presented with the Standard ST.3 code (preferably in a specified line or column along with the title “The country code (in case of the international organization, ‘The organization code’) and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is”) to be easily recognized as priority number by other IPOs and applicants.

*Example of presentation of “Recommended Presentation in Abbreviated Form as a Priority Application Number”:*

- (i) in case of the country:  
The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is JP2000-001234
- (ii) in case of the international organization:  
The organization code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is EP79100953”

WIPO Standard ST.10/C is available at the following URL of WIPO’s website:

<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/standards.htm>

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## QUESTIONNAIRE

1. (a) Does your Office/Organization comply with the provisions of paragraph 12(a) in WIPO Standard ST.10/C when presenting the application number of a patent document in the notification of the first filing?

YES  NO

Comments, if necessary: *The AT formats are:*

*patents: A 1234/2000*  
*utility models: GM 1234/2000*  
*SPC: SZ 1234/2000*  
*Topographies: HL 1234/2000*  
*Trademarks: AM 1234/2000*  
*Designs: MU 1234/2000*

*Now, each year we start from 1 for every kind of application.  
So we have a A 1/2006, GM 1/2006, AM 1/2006...*

*No changes since the questionnaire C.SCIT 2619, therefore no  
new copies of filing notification and priority certificates are  
joined to this questionnaire.*

(b) If the answer was "NO", is your Office/Organization planning to implement the said paragraph 12(a) in the notifications of the first filing? If so, when?

YES  NO

When ?

Comments, if necessary: *At the occasion of this questionnaire I tried to introduce a  
presentation of the application numbers more compliant with  
the recommendation by simply changing a sentence of the  
notifications of first filing.*

*recent version of the sentence:*

*Es wird empfohlen, bei Auslandsanmeldungen das  
Aktenzeichen Ihrer prioritätsbegründenden Anmeldung  
ausschließlich in dem vom österreichischen Patentamt  
vergebenen Format anzugeben.*

*("We recommend to write the priority application number in  
the form given by the austrian patent office")*

*planned version of this sentence:*

*Sollte diese Anmeldung prioritätsbegründend für  
Auslandsanmeldungen werden, so wäre im Ausland das*

*Aktenzeichen als AT«AnmJahr»-«AnmNummer» anzugeben.  
(When taking this application as priority application, please  
write the number of this application in the form AT2000-  
012345)*

*I planned to use these formats (see  
<http://www.wipo.int/scit/en/standards/pdf/03-13-01.pdf>):*

<i>patents:</i>	<i>AT2000-001234</i>
<i>utility models:</i>	<i>AT2000-001234 U</i>
<i>SPC:</i>	<i>AT2000-001234 C</i>
<i>Topographies:</i>	<i>AT2000-001234 T</i>
<i>Trademarks:</i>	<i>AT2000-001234 TM</i>
<i>Designs:</i>	<i>AT2000-001234 S</i>

*But I heard from our personal delivering priority certificates  
that our applicants would risk to have problems when the  
format of the application number on the head-page of the  
priority certificate was not exactly the same format as the  
stamped number on the application. As the stamped format  
does not comprise the country code "AT" and furthermore the  
order of application number and application year is inversed  
compared to the recommendation (see above), I still do not  
mention the AT2000-1234 format on the notifications, nor on  
the priority certificates.*

*From the technical point of view, it would be easy to indicate  
the application number in the format AT2000-001234, as the  
programs are prepared for it for the filing notifications, and  
the first page of the priority document is prepared in Word  
manually, that is the application number is keyed in for each  
document.*

*For me, it seems the bigger problem to completely introduce  
the new format in our office (new stamps, and especially: new  
feeling instead of many-year usage). But on the other hand, we  
plan to start with SOPRANO as workflow for patent and utility  
models in the next years, so perhaps we could take this as an  
occasion to change the stamped format of the application  
numbers too. For this I would be happy to hear about similar  
experiences, arguments and reasons for such a change, as I  
could use such arguments in order to "introduce" the new  
format together with SOPRANO, which I think would be easier  
as to introduce only the new format, without any "external"  
reason. I also will look at the format of other offices in the  
answers to this questionnaire, in order to adapt my plans (see  
above) for the new formats to the usage in other countries.*

*my e-mail for your experiences is:  
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2. (a) Does your Office/Organization comply with the provisions of paragraph 12(a) in WIPO Standard ST.10/C when presenting the application number of a patent document in the certificate of priority?

YES

NO

Comments, if necessary: *see question 1*

(b) If the answer was “NO”, is your Office/Organization planning to implement the said paragraph 12(a) in the certificates of priority? If so, when?

YES

NO

When ?

Comments, if necessary: *see question 1*

Note: Your Office/Organization is kindly invited to provide copies of filing notifications and priority certificates of patent applications along with the responses to this questionnaire.

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