



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.⁽¹⁾

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 QY, XA 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

AFGHANISTAN	AF	CONGO	CG
AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI) ⁽²⁾	OA	COOK ISLANDS	CK
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (ARIPO) ⁽²⁾	AP	COSTA RICA	CR
ALBANIA	AL	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	CI
ALGERIA	DZ	CROATIA	HR
ANDORRA	AD	CUBA	CU
ANGOLA	AO	CYPRUS	CY
ANGUILLA	AI	CZECH REPUBLIC	CZ
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	AG	DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KP
ARGENTINA	AR	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	CD
ARMENIA	AM	DENMARK	DK
ARUBA	AW	DJIBOUTI	DJ
AUSTRALIA	AU	DOMINICA	DM
AUSTRIA	AT	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	DO
AZERBAIJAN	AZ		
BAHAMAS	BS	ECUADOR	EC
BAHRAIN	BH	EGYPT	EG
BANGLADESH	BD	EL SALVADOR	SV
BARBADOS	BB	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	GQ
BELARUS	BY	ERITREA	ER
BELGIUM	BE	ESTONIA	EE
BELIZE	BZ	ETHIOPIA	ET
BENELUX TRADEMARK OFFICE (BBM) AND BENELUX DESIGNS OFFICE (BBDM) ⁽³⁾	BX	EURASIAN PATENT ORGANIZATION (EAPO) ⁽²⁾	EA
BENIN	BJ	EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TRADE MARK OFFICE (See Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market)	
BERMUDA	BM	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) ⁽²⁾	EP
BHUTAN	BT		
BOLIVIA	BO	FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)	FK
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BA	FAROE ISLANDS	FO
BOTSWANA	BW	FIJI	FJ
BOUVET ISLAND	BV	FINLAND	FI
BRAZIL	BR	FRANCE	FR
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	BN		
BULGARIA	BG	GABON	GA
BURKINA FASO	BF	GAMBIA	GM
BURUNDI	BI	GEORGIA	GE
		GERMANY ⁽⁴⁾	DE
CAMBODIA	KH	GHANA	GH
CAMEROON	CM	GIBRALTAR	GI
CANADA	CA	GREECE	GR
CAPE VERDE	CV	GREENLAND	GL
CAYMAN ISLANDS	KY	GRENADA	GD
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CF	GUATEMALA	GT
CHAD	TD	GUINEA	GN
CHILE	CL	GUINEA-BISSAU	GW
CHINA	CN	GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL (see Patent Office of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf)	
COMMUNITY PLANT VARIETY OFFICE (EUROPEAN COMMUNITY) (CPVO).....	QZ	GUYANA	GY
COLOMBIA	CO		
COMOROS	KM		
CONGO (see Congo, below; Democratic Republic of the Congo)			



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



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

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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) ⁽²⁾
AN	Netherlands Antilles	EC	Ecuador
AO	Angola	EE	Estonia
AP	African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ⁽²⁾	EG	Egypt
AR	Argentina	EH	Western Sahara ⁽⁶⁾
AT	Austria	EM	Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (Trademarks and Designs) (OHIM)
AU	Australia	EP	European Patent Office (EPO) ⁽²⁾
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	GD	Grenada
BO	Bolivia	GE	Georgia
BR	Brazil	GH	Ghana
BS	Bahamas	GI	Gibraltar
BT	Bhutan	GL	Greenland
BV	Bouvet Island	GM	Gambia
BW	Botswana	GN	Guinea
BX	Benelux Trademark Office (BBM) and Benelux Designs Office (BBDM) ⁽³⁾	GQ	Equatorial Guinea
BY	Belarus	GR	Greece
BZ	Belize	GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
		GT	Guatemala
CA	Canada	GW	Guinea-Bissau
CD	Democratic Republic of the Congo	GY	Guyana
CF	Central African Republic		
CG	Congo	HK	The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
CH	Switzerland	HN	Honduras
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	HR	Croatia
CK	Cook Islands	HT	Haiti
CL	Chile	HU	Hungary
CM	Cameroon		
CN	China	IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) ⁽⁵⁾
CO	Colombia	ID	Indonesia
CR	Costa Rica	IE	Ireland
CU	Cuba	IL	Israel
CV	Cape Verde	IN	India
CY	Cyprus	IQ	Iraq
CZ	Czech Republic	IR	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
DE	Germany ⁽⁴⁾		



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IS	Iceland	OA	African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) ⁽²⁾
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	QZ	Community Plant Variety Office (European Community) (CPVO)
KW	Kuwait	RO	Romania
KY	Cayman Islands	RU	Russian Federation
KZ	Kazakhstan	RW	Rwanda
LA	Lao People's Democratic Republic	SA	Saudi Arabia
LB	Lebanon	SB	Solomon Islands
LC	Saint Lucia	SC	Seychelles
LI	Liechtenstein	SD	Sudan
LK	Sri Lanka	SE	Sweden
LR	Liberia	SG	Singapore
LS	Lesotho	SH	Saint Helena
LT	Lithuania	SI	Slovenia
LU	Luxembourg	SK	Slovakia
LV	Latvia	SL	Sierra Leone
LY	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	SM	San Marino
MA	Morocco	SN	Senegal
MC	Monaco	SO	Somalia
MD	Republic of Moldova	SR	Suriname
MG	Madagascar	ST	Sao Tome and Principe
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	SV	El Salvador
ML	Mali	SY	Syrian Arab Republic
MM	Myanmar	SZ	Swaziland
MN	Mongolia	TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
MO	Macao	TD	Chad
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	TG	Togo
MR	Mauritania	TH	Thailand
MS	Montserrat	TJ	Tajikistan
MT	Malta	TL	Timor-Leste
MU	Mauritius	TM	Turkmenistan
MV	Maldives	TN	Tunisia
MW	Malawi	TO	Tonga
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		
NZ	New Zealand		



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VA	Holy See	YE	Yemen
VC	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	YU	Serbia and Montenegro ⁽¹⁾
VE	Venezuela		
VG	Virgin Islands (British)	ZA	South Africa
VN	Viet Nam	ZM	Zambia
VU	Vanuatu	ZW	Zimbabwe
WO	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (International Bureau of) ⁽⁵⁾		
WS	Samoa		

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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 ⁽⁷⁾	Myanmar	BU	MM ⁽⁹⁾
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 ⁽⁸⁾	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 ⁽¹⁰⁾
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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LIST OF STATES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT EXISTED ON JANUARY 1, 1978,
BUT THAT NO LONGER EXIST

Czechoslovakia	CS
Democratic Yemen	SY/YD ⁽¹¹⁾
German Democratic Republic	DL/DD ⁽¹²⁾
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.