Survey Concerning Citation Practices in Intellectual Property Offices

Collated responses

Section 1: Identification page

1. Please enter the ST.3 code of the member state or inter-governmental organization you represent.

ST.3 Code	Country, Office or Organization
AT	Austria, Austrian Patent Office (PATENTAMT)
AU	Australia, IP Australia
BE	Belgium, The Belgian Intellectual Property Office (OPRI)
BG	Bulgaria, Patent Office of Republic of Bulgaria (BPO)
BR	Brazil, National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI)
BY	Belarus, National Center of Property (NCIP)
CA	Canada, Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)
CH	Switzerland, Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI)
CL	Chile, National Institute of Industrial Property (INAPI)
CN	China, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)
CU	Cuba, Cuban Industrial Property Office (OCPI)
CZ	Czechia, Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic (UPV)

DE	Germany, German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA)
DK	Denmark, Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DPTO)
EA	Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)
EE	Estonia, The Estonian Patent Office (EPA)
EG	Egypt, Egyptian Intellectual Property Authority (EGIPA)
EP	European Patent Office (EPO)
ES	Spain, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM)
FI	Finland, Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)
FR	France, French Patent and Trademark Office (INPI)
GB	United Kingdom, Intellectual Property Office (UK IPO)
GE	Georgia, National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)
HR	Croatia, State Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Croatia (SIPO)
HU	Hungary, Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)
IB	International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
IE	Ireland, Intellectual Property Office of Ireland (IPOI)
IL	Israel, Israel Patent Office Ministry of Justice (ILPO)
IN	India, Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (IP India)
JP	Japan, Japan Patent Office (JPO)
KE	Kenya, Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI)

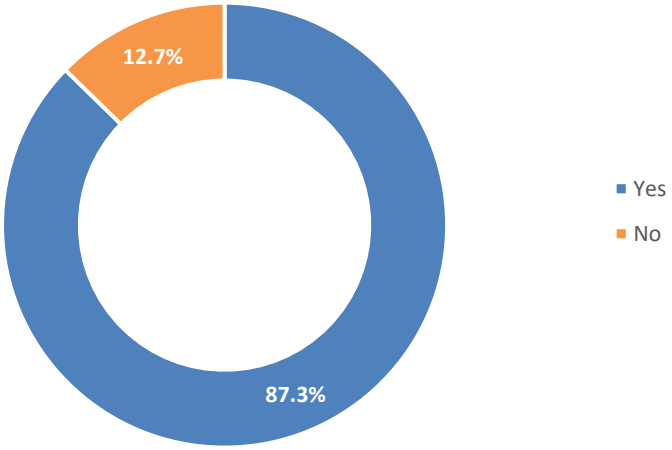
KR	Republic of Korea, Ministry of Intellectual Property (MOIP)
LR	Liberia, Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)
LT	Lithuania, State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania (VPB)
MD	Republic of Moldova, State Agency on Intellectual Property (AGEPI)
MG	Madagascar, Malagasy Industrial Property Office (OMAPI)
MX	Mexico, Mexican Institute of Industrial Property (IMPI)
NO	Norway, Norwegian Industrial Property Office (NIPO)
NZ	New Zealand, Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)
PE	Peru, National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI)
PL	Poland, Patent Office of the Republic of Poland (UPRP)
PT	Portugal, Portuguese Institute of Industrial Property (INPI)
PY	Paraguay, National Directorate of Intellectual Property (DINAPI)
QZ	Community Plant Variety Office (European Union) (CPVO)
RS	Serbia, Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Serbia (ZIS)
RU	Russian Federation, Federal Service for Intellectual Property (ROSPATENT)
SA	Saudi Arabia, Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)
SE	Sweden, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)
SG	Singapore, Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS)
SI	Slovenia, Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO)

SK	Slovakia, Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic (INDPROP)
TH	Thailand, Department of Intellectual Property (DIP)
TR	Türkiye, Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TURKPATENT)
US	United States of America, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
ZA	South Africa, Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC)

Section 2: Citation reference availability

2. Does your Office publish citation references associated with your Office's patent documents?

Note: In the context of this survey "citation reference" refers to the identification of (part of) a document, not the text or other information contained within the cited document.



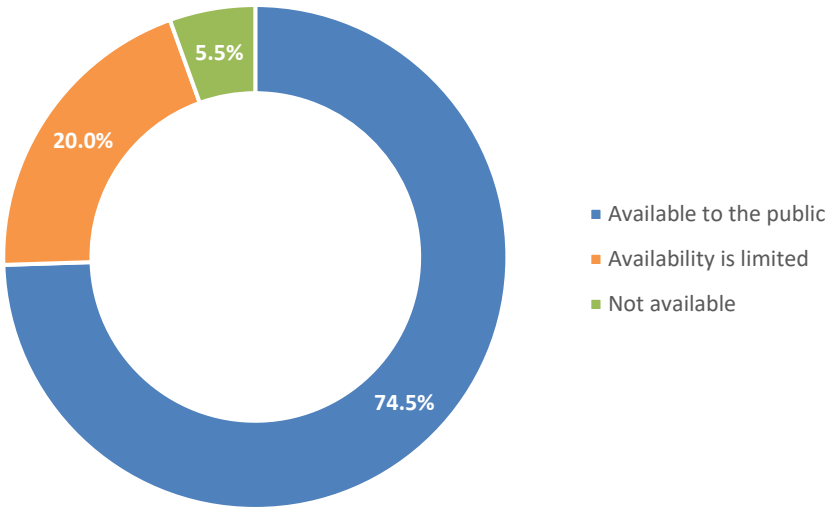
Response	Percent	ST.3 Codes
Yes	87.3%	AT, AU, BE, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CL, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, JP, KE, KR, LR, LT, MD, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SK, TH, TR, US
No	12.7%	EG, MG, PE, PY, QZ, SI, ZA
	Totals	**55**

ST.3 Code	Comments – Question 2
BE	Citation references are present in the Belgian search report that is a part of the B1 patent publication document of a granted Belgian patent. The Belgian search reports are drafted by examiners of the European Patent Office (EPO).
CA	Citation references are available in their original context in the description (provided by applicant), examination reports (by examiners) and third-party documents (by interested third parties).

CL	Limited availability.
HR	Our Office publishes bibliographic data of citation references, but not full text of such references.
JP	Citation references are available to the public mainly through the following access: 1. Citation references associated with patent publication are available: (a) in the bibliographic data in the Patent Gazette (B) (shown as [reference] indicated by INID code (56)) (b) in the ISR attached to the Japanese Translation of PCT International Application for a patent. 2. Citation references can be found in office action documents, such as "Notice of Reasons for Refusal", which are viewable on J-PlatPat < https://www.j-platpat.inpit.go.jp>. 3. Citation references can also be found under the "Classification/Citation Information" of patent applications by using the OPD retrieval function of J-PlatPat.
MX	Citation references are available via the public record, located on the online portal for viewing industrial property documents (ViDoc) (https://vidoc.impi.gob.mx/), either within the description itself, in the search reports, or in the official substantive examination reports. Where applicable, they are also available in citations to documents submitted by third parties in their observations on patentability.
PE	Citation references associated with patent documents are not published, but they are cited in the patentability examination.
QZ	CPVO does not normally manage citation references. The similar varieties are identified based on the description of the candidate variety provided by the applicant, using the data and reference collections of the Examination Offices. The varieties' distinctiveness is assessed by growing the candidate variety side by side with the identified similar varieties. Citation references may become relevant in specific contexts, e.g. as evidentiary elements in legal proceedings concerning the validity of a CPVR.
SA	Citation references are available to applicants through examination reports or authorized system access, but they are not currently available to the general public. We are working on developing it to make it available to the public.

3. Select one option describing the availability, to the public, of your Office's citation references.

Note: If limited or not available, please comment. e.g., limited to type of person trying to view the citation reference (e.g., applicants only) or limited to the part of the life cycle in which the citation reference was included (e.g., references suggested during opposition are unavailable)



Response	Percent	Count	ST.3 codes
Available to the public	74.5%	41	AT, AU, BE, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, JP, KR, LT, MD, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RS, RU, SE, SG, SK, TR, US, ZA
Availability is limited	20.0%	11	BG, CL, CU, EE, EG, KE, LR, PE, PY, SA, TH
Not available	5.5%	3	MG, QZ, SI
Total	**100.0%**	**55**	

Comments provided when answering "Availability is Limited"

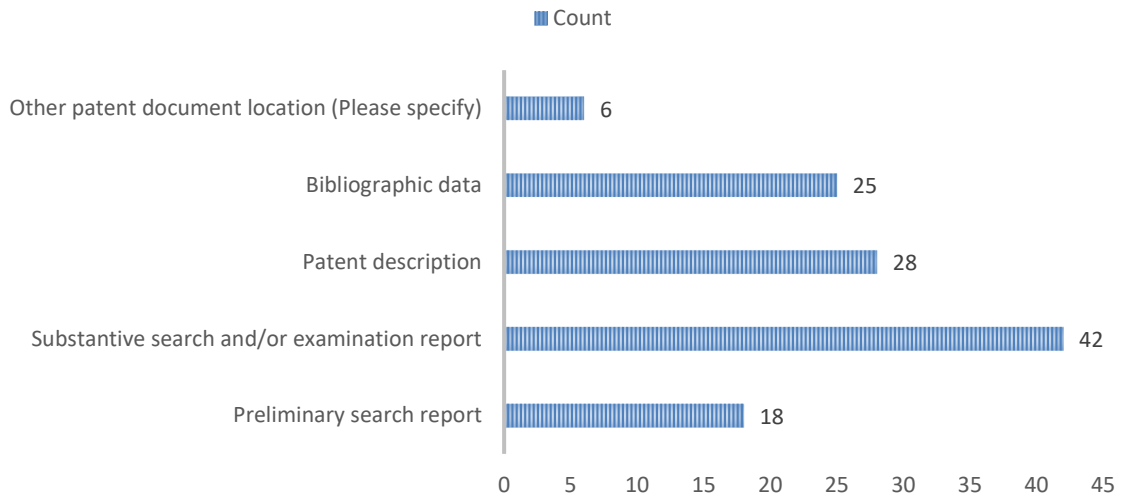
ST.3 Code	Availability is limited
BG	Available in the specialized database.
CL	Only the information set out in the search report and provided by the applicant in the description.

CU	Access is restricted to applicants (successful and unsuccessful).
EE	Search reports for patent applications are available only for applicants, search reports for utility models are available for public.
EG	Applicants only and others upon request.
LR	Limited to the part of the life cycle in which the citation.
PE	Only upon request, copies sent in digital or paper form.
PY	To the applicant, upon being notified of the hearing on the merits, in paper form.
SA	Available for those with system access rights.
TH	Only on request.

Comments provided when answering "Not available"

ST.3 Code	Not available
MG	Applicants only.
SI	The Slovenian Intellectual Property Office does not perform a full substantive examination.

4. In which of the following location(s) associated with patent documents, published by your Office, can citation references be found?



Response	Count	ST.3 codes
Preliminary search report	18	AU, BR, BY, DK, EA, EE, EP, ES, FR, GB, HR, IB, IN, KE, PT, SA, SE, TR
Substantive search and/or examination report	42	AT, AU, BE, BR, CA, CH, CL, CN, DE, DK, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, JP, KE, KR, LR, MD, MG, MX, NZ, PE, PL, PT, PY, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SK, TH, US
Patent description	28	AT, BE, BG, BR, BY, CA, CL, CU, DK, EA, EG, EP, ES, FR, HR, IB, KR, LR, LT, MX, PL, PT, RS, RU, SG, SI, TR, US
Bibliographic data	25	AT, AU, BG, BY, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EP, FI, GB, HR, JP, KE, KR, LR, MD, MX, NO, PL, RU, SE, US, ZA
Other patent document location (Please specify)	6	CA, GB, IB, IL, QZ, US

Comments provided when answering "Other patent document location (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other patent document location (Please specify)
IL	Applicant's response to requirement of duty of disclosure (Section 18 of the Patents Law) + third party citations.
QZ	Not applicable
CA	Third party filing of prior art document.
US	Information Disclosure Statement, Master Reference List (when applicable), Notice of References Cited.
IB	Third party observations.

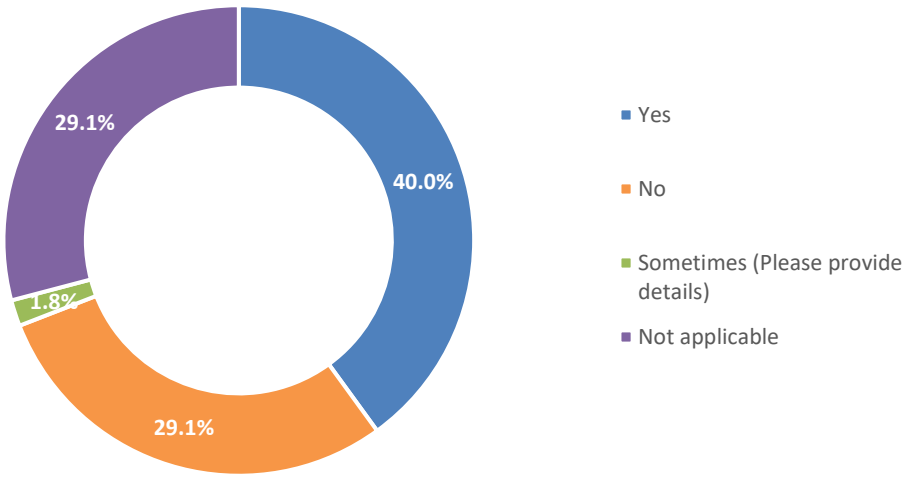
Comment provided on any of the above-mentioned locations

ST.3 Code	Please comment on any of the above-mentioned locations, if appropriate
BR	Citation information is included in patent description only when mentioned by applicant.
CU	Citation references in bibliographic data are only available on the National Database website.
EP	Citations appear in the patent description (as prior art identified by the applicant), in search reports (A1/A3), and examination reports. All relevant citations are consolidated on the front page (Bibliographic data, INID (56) of the published European patent (B1). Official documents are accessible via Espacenet and the European Patent Register.

GB	Online search services, e.g. One IPO Search service https://www.gov.uk/search-for-patent EPO Espacenet Patent search service https://worldwide.espacenet.com/ WIPO PatentScope https://www.wipo.int/en/web/patentscope
HR	Our Office does not publish the entire file wrapper, thus substantive search and/or examination report are not available online, but can be reviewed at the Office premises as per Article 25 of the Patent Act OJ 2020 after the patent application is published.
IB	Preliminary search report is the partial search report that an International Searching Authority may issue as an Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206 reporting on non-unity of invention and inviting the applicant to pay additional fees to search the further inventions. If the International Searching Authorities issue the partial search report, they are not obliged to send it to the International Bureau, but if received by the International Bureau, it will be published. Citation references are not mandatory in the patent description but are sometimes included by applicants.
IN	In IPO, Search and Examination Report is in a single report.
JP	See the answers to Question 5, items 1(a) and 2.
MG	Only those documents cited in the Examination Reports issued by the Office are mentioned.
NZ	Citation references can be found in a Patent Examination Report, if cited against the application.
PE	Not published.
PT	Sometimes applicants/inventors by their own initiative present patent documents details and references in the description of the patent application.
QZ	Not applicable
RU	Citations provided by applicants are displayed in the patent description, citations provided by experts are displayed in search content reports, and both are listed in patent publications.
SI	Only if included in description by applicant.

5. If citation references are part of the bibliographic front page information, are they included in INID code (56)?

Note: For INID codes please refer to WIPO Standard ST.9

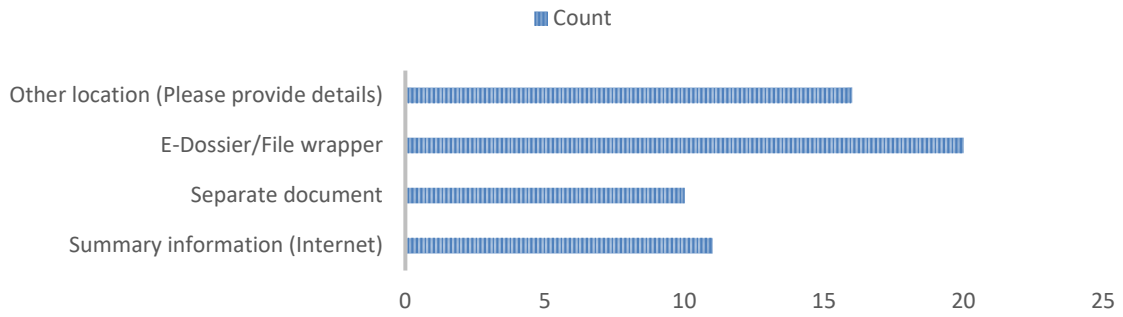


Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 codes
Yes	22	40.0%	AT, AU, CN, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EP, FI, GB, GE, HR, JP, KE, KR, LR, MD, NO, PE, RU, SE, US
No	16	29.1%	CL, CU, EE, FR, IB, IE, IN, MG, MX, PL, RS, SA, SI, TH, TR, ZA
Sometimes (Please provide details)	1	1.8%	BG
Not applicable	16	29.1%	BE, BR, BY, CA, CH, EG, ES, HU, IL, LT, NZ, PT, PY, QZ, SG, SK
Total	**55**	**100.0%**	

Comments provided when answering "Sometimes (Please provide details)"

ST.3 Code	Sometimes (Please provide details)
BG	In the process of synchronizing the data shown in INID code (56).

6. Beyond the locations listed as options in question 7 above, select the location(s) outside the patent document where citation references can be found:



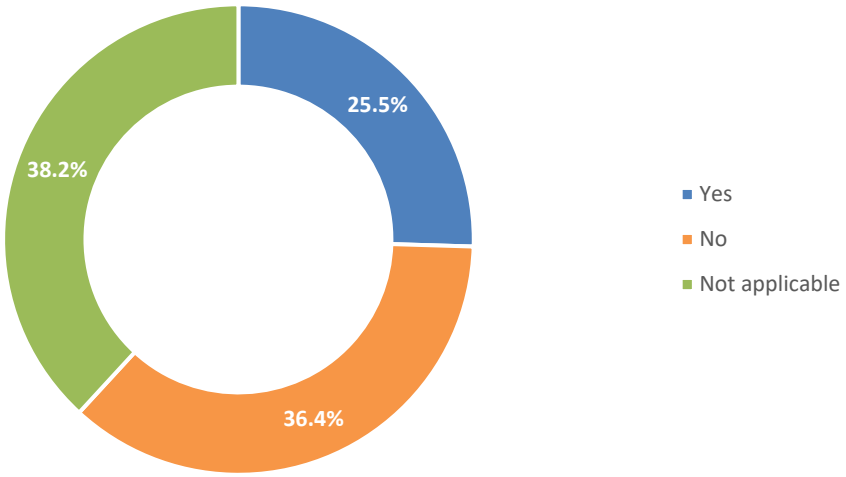
Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Summary information (Internet)	11	AT, AU, BY, EP, ES, GB, GE, KR, LR, PL, SK
Separate document	10	BY, CA, EP, IL, LR, MD, NO, PL, SA, ZA
E-Dossier/File wrapper	20	AT, AU, BG, CA, CN, CU, DE, DK, EP, GB, HU, IL, IN, JP, LR, LT, MD, NO, SE, US
Other location (Please provide details)	16	AT, BE, CL, EG, EP, ES, HR, HU, IE, IL, KE, MD, MX, PE, SE, US

Comments provided when answering "Other location (Please provide details)"

ST.3 Code	Other location (Please provide details)
AT	We are currently keeping both E-Dossiers and paper dossiers for our patent documents. It is planned for the future to discontinue the paper dossier.
BE	EPO Espacenet
CL	Online, in the search report and description.
EG	Citation references can be found in the search and examination report provided by internal database of the EG Office to the applicant.
EP	Citations are available via Espacenet (Summary info), European Patent Register (E-Dossier), and as Separate documents (Search reports). Also accessible through the Common Citation Document (CCD).
ES	Patent retrieval services (Open Data).
HR	Under subsection "cited document" of the espacenet publication of patent application/patent in question.

HU	Paper based file.
IE	Espacenet
IL	PATENTSCOPE (relating to ISRs issued by ISA/IL), CCD.
KE	Journal
MD	Search report, approval notice, rejection notice, rejection decision.
MX	It may be found in the description, in the official substantive examination reports, search reports and third-party observations, all of which are available in the public file.
PE	Paper file.
SE	Swedish Patent Database, https://search.prv.se/#/en/patent
US	Global Dossier, globaldossier@uspto.gov

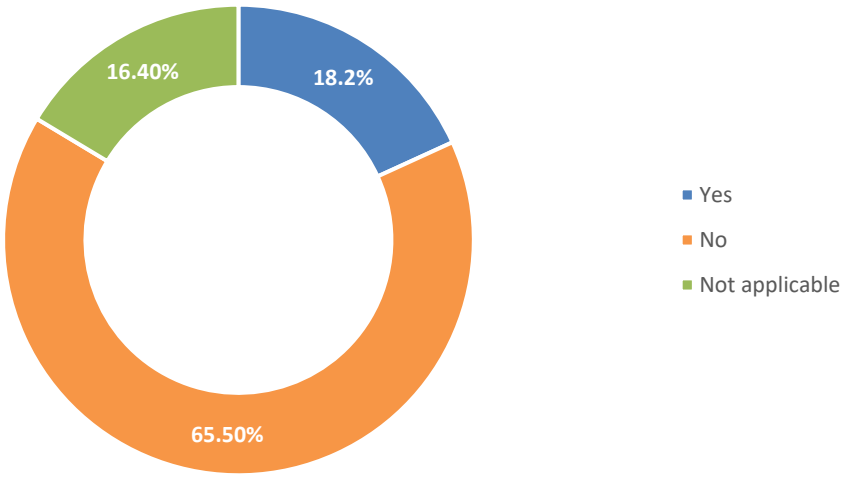
7. Are hyperlinks included for the above Internet locations?



Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 Codes
Yes	14	25.5%	CH, CU, DE, EP, ES, GE, IE, IL, JP, LR, MD, MX, TR, US
No	20	36.4%	AT, AU, BG, BR, CL, CN, CZ, DK, FI, GB, HR, HU, KR, MG, NO, PL, SA, SE, TH, ZA
Not applicable	21	38.2%	BE, BY, CA, EA, EE, EG, FR, IB, IN, KE, LT, NZ, PE, PT, PY, QZ, RS, RU, SG, SI, SK
Total	**55**	**100.0%**	

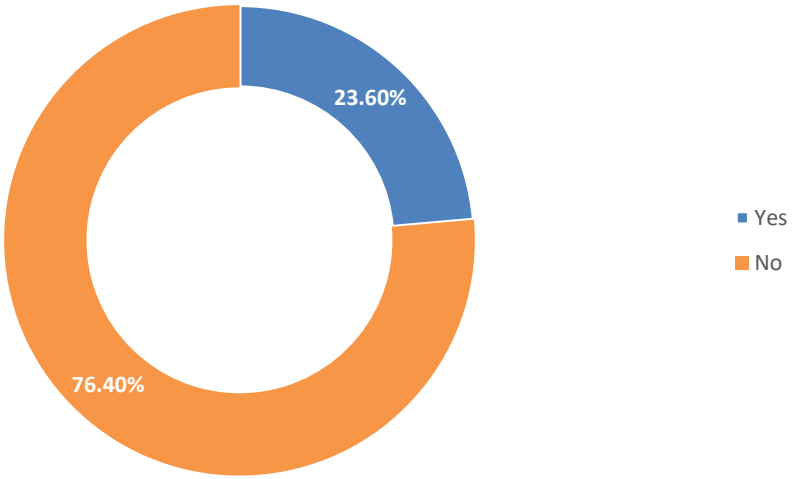
ST.3 Code	Comments – Question 7
CH	Citation references in our search reports are hyperlinked to Espacenet (patent literature) or DOI (non-patent literature). Alternatively, links to non-DOI documents.
DE	DPMAregister provides hyperlinks for the cited documents, so that they can be accessed directly.
EP	Hyperlinks are available in Espacenet and European patent Register, enabling navigation to cited documents.
GB	We do not routinely provide hyperlinks to internet services to identify all documents cited. However, in some instances, examiners may opt to provide a relevant URL in search or examination reports with a date of access, but these are not routinely hyperlinked.
IL	For citations published on PATENTSCOPE (relating to ISRs issued by ISA/IL).
IN	Citation references are given only in the search and examination reports which are part of E-dossier.
MX	As stated in the official documents issued by the Institute.
PE	In the search report and/or in the substantive examination, in paper form.
RU	Sometimes in locations indicated in response to question 7. Hyperlinks for patent documents indicated in field (56) are included and available for the general public on the Rospatent search platform (available at https://searchplatform.rospatent.gov.ru/patents)
SA	Hyperlink functionality is not currently available. We are working on developing it to make it available to the public.
US	When available

8. Does your Office give information about a patent document that cites the specific patent document the user is looking at (i.e., a forward citation)?



Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 Codes
Yes	10	18.2%	CN, DE, EE, EP, LR, LT, MD, RS, TR, US
No	36	65.5%	AT, AU, BG, BR, CA, CH, CL, CU, CZ, DK, EA, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, JP, KE, KR, MG, MX, NO, PL, RU, SA, SE, SG, TH, ZA
Not applicable	9	16.4%	BE, BY, NZ, PE, PT, PY, QZ, SI, SK
Total	**55**	**100.0%**	

9. Are hyperlinks to the citing document provided?

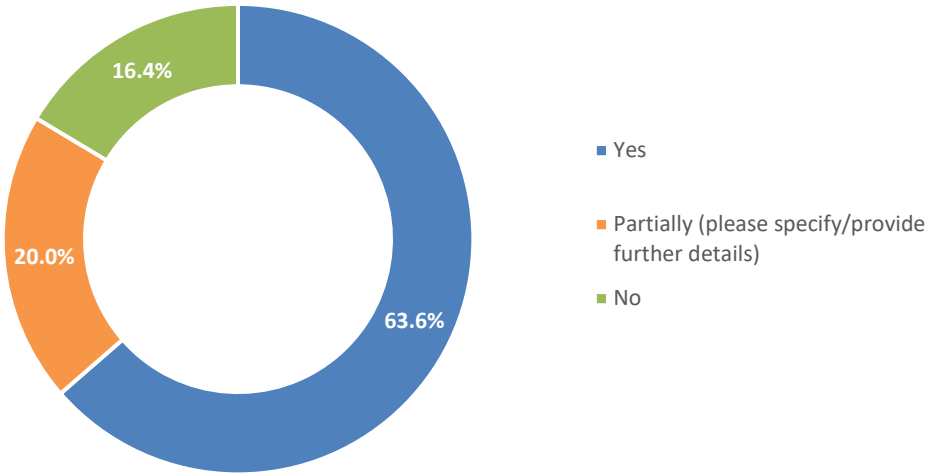


Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 codes
Yes	13	23.6%	CU, DE, EE, EP, HR, IB, JP, LR, LT, MD, PT, TR, US
No	42	76.4%	AT, AU, BE, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CL, CN, CZ, DK, EA, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HU, IE, IL, IN, KE, KR, MG, MX, NO, NZ, PE, PL, PY, QZ, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SI, SK, TH, ZA
Total	55	100.0%	

ST.3 Code	Comments – Question 9
DE	DEPATISnet provides hyperlinks for the citing documents on request, so that they can be accessed directly.
EE	No obligations, the hyperlinks could be included for Internet locations if non-patent literature is cited.
EP	Hyperlinks to cited documents (backward citations) are provided in both Espacenet and the European Patent Register, whereas hyperlinks to citing documents (forward citations) are available only in Espacenet, which ensures bidirectional traceability of patent references.
ES	Only for scientific articles (or other web addresses) are they included in the same report.
HR	Hyperlinks to non-patent literature and internet disclosures are provided but not hyperlinks to patent documents.
IB	Hyperlinks are provided to cited patent documents and their patent family members in an online HTML version of the international search report where International Searching Authorities provide their international search reports in XML format.

	Hyperlinks are not included to cited non-patent literature, nor for patent documents cited in international search reports that are not provided to International Bureau in XML.
PE	In the search report and/or in the substantive examination, in paper form.
QZ	Not applicable
RU	Not applicable
SG	Not applicable
US	Hyperlinks to the "Cited Documents" may be provided where available.

10. Does your Office follow the recommendations set out in WIPO Standard ST.14 for the identification of citation references?



Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 codes
Yes	35	63.6%	AT, AU, BY, CA, CH, CL, CU, CZ, DK, EA, EE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IE, IL, KE, KR, LR, LT, MD, NO, PE, PL, PT, RS, SE, SG, TR, US
Partially (please specify/provide further details)	11	20.0%	BE, BR, DE, IB, IN, JP, MG, NZ, RU, SA, SK
No	9	16.4%	BG, CN, EG, MX, PY, QZ, SI, TH, ZA
Total	55	100.0%	

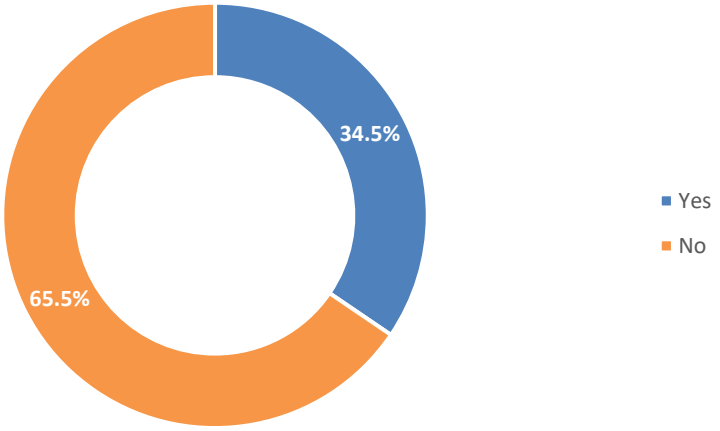
Comments provided when answering "Partially (please specify/provide further details)"

ST.3 Code	Partially (please specify/provide further details)
BR	We use ST14 in ISR reports, but in national exam reports we use ABNT standards.
DE	ST.14 paragraph 14 (a), elements (iV) and (V) not provided.
IB	Conformity with the recommendations set out in WIPO Standard ST.14 is dependent on practices of the International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority.
JP	Implemented for the ISR, but not implemented for some part of the domestic operation.
MG	Category codes are not used.
RU	Rospatent does not include applicant name for citations of patent documents in the field (56).
SA	Citation references are identified in examination reports using document numbers, country codes, kind codes, and dates. Further alignment with WIPO Standard ST.14 is under development.
SK	b - in a search report attached to the patent document.

ST.3 Code	Comments - Question 10
BE	A Belgian search report is produced by the EPO. The description is provided by the applicant on a case-by-case basis.
EP	EPO strictly adheres to WIPO ST.14 for category indicators (X, Y, A, etc.) in search reports and bibliographic identification of cited patent and non – patent literature.
MG	Category codes are not used, but references (line and paragraph within the cited document) are given.
NO	Use of standard ST.14 is demanded by local rules.
NZ	We have adopted the patent document, journal article, and documents retrieved from the internet citation formats from ST.14. We have not adopted other formats.
QZ	Not applicable

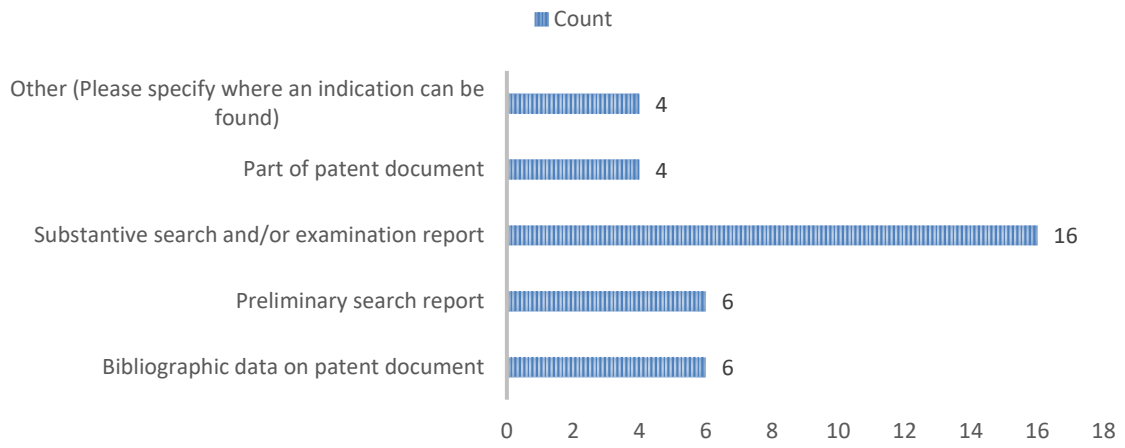
11. Does your Office provide indications, to the general public, informing about who suggested or decided on including the citation references?

*Note: (e.g., suggested by applicant, included by examiner. Such indications can be helpful for deciding how relevant a citation reference may be. As an example, the front page bibliographic data (in image format) of US 7,353,465 B1 indicates under INID code (56), by the use of an asterisk *, that the references were cited by an examiner.)*



Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 codes
Yes	19	34.5%	CA, DE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, IE, IL, JP, KE, KR, LR, MD, NO, PE, SG, US
No	36	65.5%	AT, AU, BE, BG, BR, BY, CH, CL, CN, CU, CZ, DK, EA, EE, EG, GE, HU, IB, IN, LT, MG, MX, NZ, PL, PT, PY, QZ, RS, RU, SA, SE, SI, SK, TH, TR, ZA
Total	**55**	**100.0%**	

12. If available, where can indications of who created a citation reference be found by the general public?



Response	Count	ST.3 codes
Bibliographic data on patent document	6	EP, JP, KR, LR, MD, US
Preliminary search report	6	EP, ES, FR, GB, HR, KE
Substantive search and/or examination report	16	CA, DE, EP, ES, FI, GB, IE, IL, JP, KE, LR, MD, NO, PE, SG, US
Part of patent document	4	EP, ES, LR, US
Other (Please specify where an indication can be found)	4	DE, EP, ES, US

Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify where an indication can be found)"

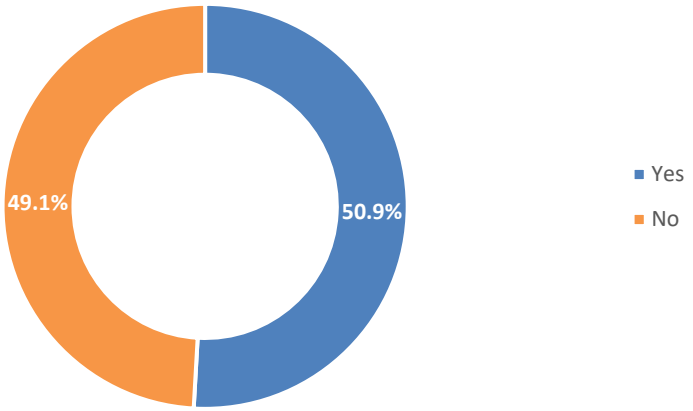
ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify where an indication can be found)
DE	DEPATISnet differs between documents cited by applicant and documents cited in scope of Search or examination
EP	Other – third -party observations
ES	Opposition Proceedings
US	Global Dossier, globaldossier@uspto.gov

Comments provided within the question

ST.3 Code	Comments – Question 12
CA	Indications as such are optional for inclusion by examiners in examination reports.
GB	The search examiner responsible for creating citation references is identified on the search report accompanying a published patent application. The substantive examiner is also identified on substantive examination reports.
IE	The searcher ID provided in the search report conducted by the EPO on behalf of the IPOI
IL	Indication is made especially regarding documents cited in the application.
NO	All citations are always suggested by the examiner, but in some cases, some prior-art documents mentioned in the application are cited by the examiner. This is indicated in the search report and in the office action
PE	In the paper copies of the search and/or substantive examination report.

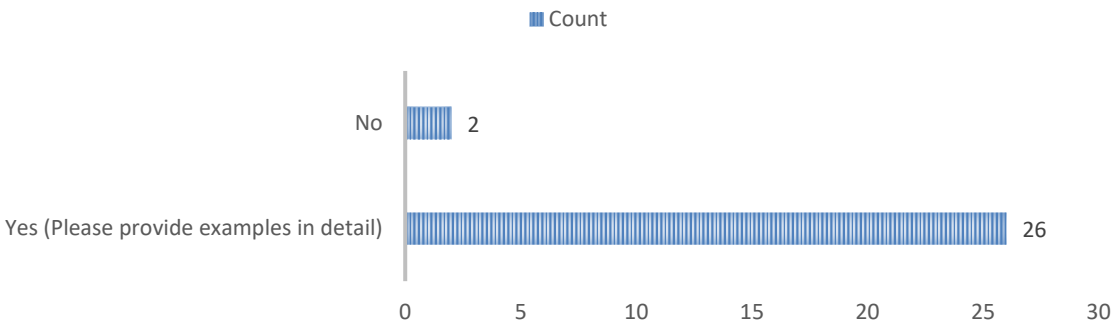
Section 3: Search Report Information

13. Does your Office prepare international search reports (ISRs) in the capacity as an International Searching Authority under the PCT?



Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 codes
Yes	28	50.9%	AT, AU, BR, BY, CA, CL, CN, CZ, DK, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, HU, IL, IN, JP, KR, NO, PL, RU, SA, SE, SG, SK, TR, US
No	27	49.1%	BE, BG, CH, CU, DE, EE, FR, GB, GE, HR, IB, IE, KE, LR, LT, MD, MG, MX, NZ, PE, PT, PY, QZ, RS, SI, TH, ZA

14. Do you have quality control on citation references entered on search reports?



Response	Count	ST.3 codes
Yes (Please provide examples in detail)	26	AT, AU, BR, CA, CL, CN, CZ, DK, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, HU, IL, IN, JP, KR, NO, PL, RU, SA, SE, SG, TR, US
No	2	BY, SK

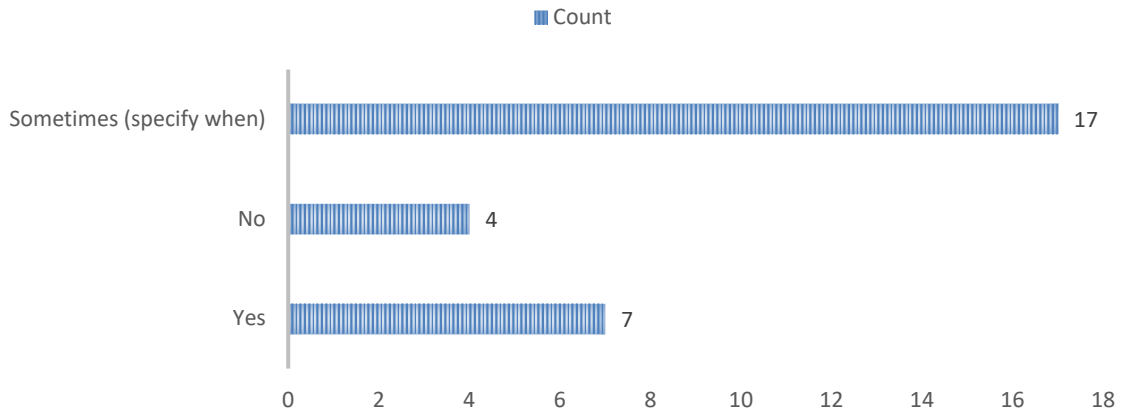
Comments provided when answering "Yes (Please provide examples in detail)"

ST.3 Code	Yes (Please provide examples in detail)
AT	A thorough quality check is performed on each PCT file. This includes scrutinizing for correct WIPO Standard ST.14 citation.
AU	Quality assurance by a senior patent examiner on all ISRs prior to reports being issued.
BR	100% of the ISRs issued by INPI undergo a formal quality control check of the completed forms. This review includes verifying the citations in the ISR, whether they are in ST14 format, and whether they are easily retrieved with the information provided.
CA	25% QC check by supervisor, checklist for examiners.
CL	A PCT Quality Management System is in place.
CN	Sampling quality check.
CZ	Checking the entry for correctness.
DK	As part of the internal quality control process, citation references entered on search reports are reviewed during the file-read (peer review) prior to dispatch. In this step, the format of the citations are validated.
EA	Search report processing IT tool, Examination Department. Part of the QMS (ISO 9001 based).

EG	A structured quality review process is applied specifically to citation references included in search reports. After the examiner completes the report, the cited documents undergo a multi-level review, starting with the supervisor and followed by a final check by the quality review committee. This review ensures the accuracy and completeness of all citations, including verification of document accessibility, publication dates, and the precise identification of relevant passages (such as page numbers, paragraphs, line numbers, and column references). The process aims to guarantee that citations are clear, traceable, and fully support the examiner's findings.
EP	Internal quality audits; Examiner guidelines (EPO Guidelines for examination); Peer review mechanisms; Automated validation.
ES	An initial check is carried out by the computer system when the citation is entered (ST14); subsequently, and before the report is issued, a review is carried out by the line manager.
FI	We have certain mandatory structured fields for citation information; in most cases, citation data is automatically populated from the database source in accordance with WIPO St. 14 rules.
HU	A dedicated person checks the formal requirements of the search report, including the format of the references.
IL	To retrieve bibliographic data of citations from the automated system, examiners must enter correctly the patent publication number and kind code. If this input is incorrect, the system fails to pull the data, thus serving as an automatic quality control check for citations.
IN	CN119307657A (SHANGHAI BANGXIAN MEDICAL TECH CO LTD), 14 JANUARY 2025 (14-01-2025) Example 1 and claim 1;WO2023187810A1 (TVS MOTOR CO LTD) 05 Oct 2023 (05-10-2023) Abstract, Figs. 1-4 and 6-7, and their description reference numeral (158);Para 18.
JP	Search reports drafted by examiners are, in all cases, subject to checks by Directors (called "Approvals"). Prior to the Approvals, Officers in charge of Technical Information check the formal aspects of drafts of search reports. In addition, where necessary, Quality Management Officers scrutinize aspects such as the appropriateness of prior art searches. Furthermore, random sampling for audit by Quality Management Officers is conducted after the Approvals but before notices are sent to applicants/attorneys. Examination quality can be assessed through the judgments made by the Quality Management Officers on the validity of prior art searches and on the accuracy of reasoning.
RU	See below
SE	General peer quality check and format control in report system.
SG	Guides for entering information of citation references on search reports are provided in the form of SOP. In addition, the report generation software is designed to help making ensure the information of citation references is entered in a standardized format according to WIPO ST.14.

ST.3 Code	Comments – Question 14
NO	We utilize peer-review for every search report
RU	The supervisor of the examiner controls search reports for national applications. The Federal Institute of Industrial Property, a subordinate organization of Rospatent, functions in the field of international search and preliminary examination under the PCT in accordance with ISO 9001:2015.
SA	Yes. Citation references included in search and examination reports are subject to quality control through report review procedures, including review by report auditors and final supervisory approval authorities.

15. Do your citation references include online URLs?

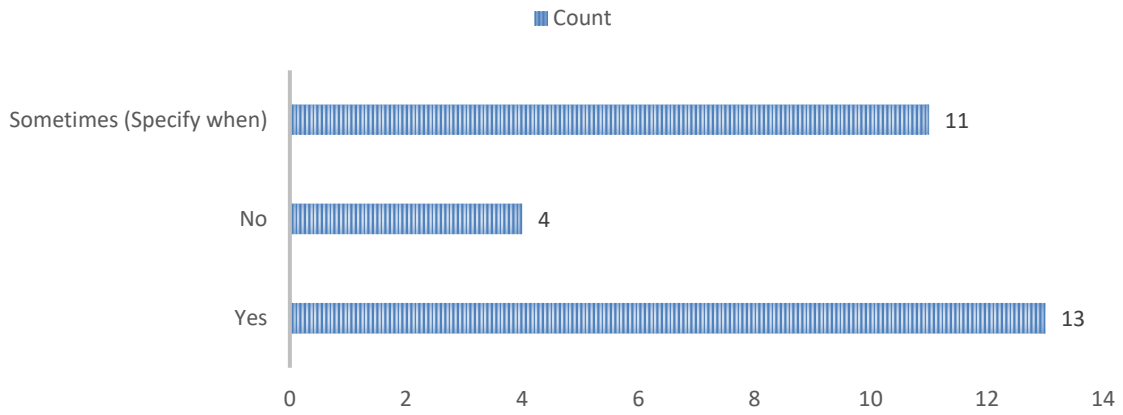


Response	Count	ST.3 codes
Yes	7	BR, DK, EA, IN, SA, SG, TR
No	4	BY, CN, KR, SK
Sometimes (specify when)	17	AT, AU, CA, CL, CZ, EG, EP, ES, FI, HU, IL, JP, NO, PL, RU, SE, US

Comments provided when answering "Sometimes (specify when)"

ST.3 Code	Sometimes (specify when)
AT	When a cited document is an NPL document.
AU	For NPL or when citing a website.
CA	When citing online non-patent literature (e.g. website).
CL	When the cited file is too large.
CZ	It is necessary and it may be helpful for finding the document.
EG	In case of non-patent literature documents.
EP	There is always a URL available for cited patents that link the patent record to Espacenet. For NPL we offer a link when the record has a DOI associated to it.
ES	When citing non-patent literature.
FI	For NPL, when available.
HU	Documents found on the internet, e.g., web pages, product descriptions, catalogues, social media posts.
IL	For NPL citations.
JP	When citing electronic technical information retrieved via the Internet or similar means.
NO	Some time, to indicated where internet citations were downloaded from e.g. videos from YouTube or company cites.
PL	Online URLs may be included when citing Internet-based non-patent literature or webpages. However, most citation references do not contain URLs.
RU	When citation documents are found on the internet and are not patent documents.
SE	When an URL is part of the reference.
US	When available.

16. Are unique document identifiers used, e.g., DOI?



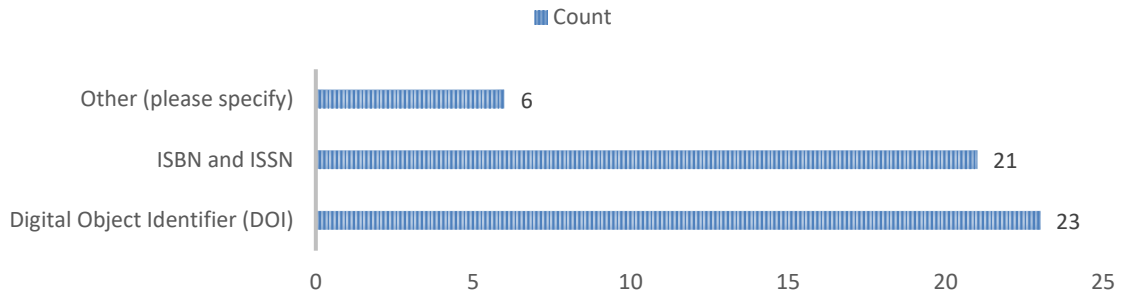
Response	Count	ST.3 codes
Yes	13	BR, CL, DK, EA, EG, EP, ES, HU, IL, PL, SA, SG, TR
No	4	BY, CN, KR, SK
Sometimes (Specify when)	11	AT, AU, CA, CZ, FI, IN, JP, NO, RU, SE, US

Comments provided when answering "Sometimes (specify when)"

ST.3 Code	Sometimes (Specify when)
AT	For scientific publications, we try to provide a DOI, in conformity with the recommendations of WIPO Standard ST.14, for books/textbooks, ISBN/ISSN are provided. As of June 2026 we offer the possibility of assigning a patent document a DOI upon request. This was implemented in response to a request from an Austrian university.
AU	Some examiners will add DOI to NPL citations in ISRs but it isn't mandated.
CZ	It is necessary and it may be helpful for finding the document.
FI	For NPL, when available.
IN	Where available in case of NPL.
JP	When a document identifier is assigned to the cited reference.
NO	Some time, only if no other document identifiers available.
RU	Most often in the ISA/IPEA/RU.
SE	When a DOI is part of the reference.

US	When available; Planned future implementation of DOI in Global Dossier.

17. If applicable, which unique document identifiers are used?

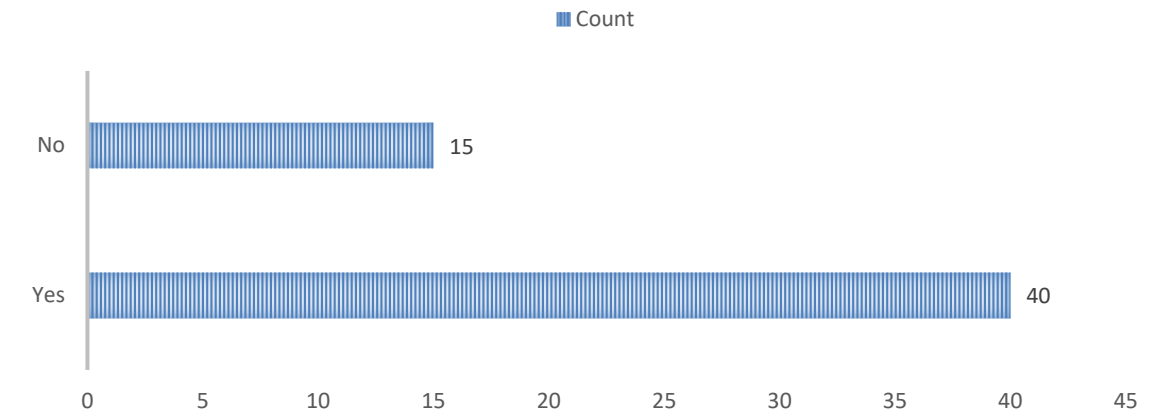


Value	Count	ST.3 codes
Digital Object Identifier (DOI)	23	AT, AU, BR, CA, CL, DK, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, HU, IL, IN, JP, NO, PL, RU, SA, SE, SG, TR, US
ISBN and ISSN	21	AT, AU, BR, CA, CL, CZ, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, HU, IL, IN, JP, NO, PL, RU, SA, SE, US
Other (please specify)	6	CA, DK, EP, JP, SA, SE

Comments provided when answering "Other (specify when)"

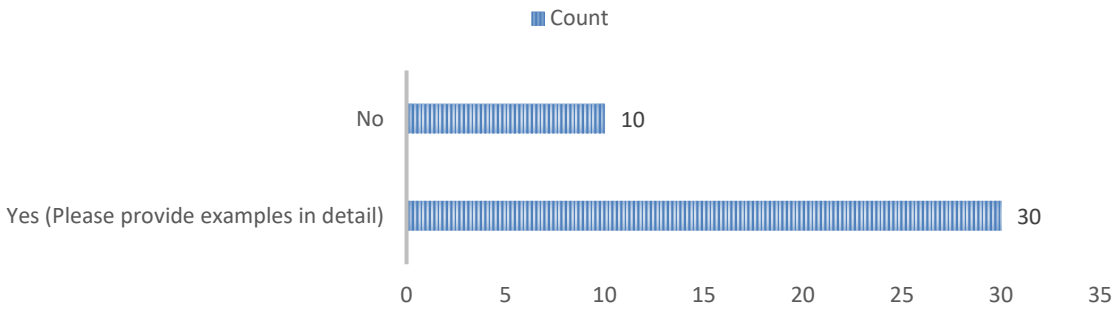
ST.3 Code	Other (please specify)
CA	Scientific articles only.
DK	Link for download of PDF from commercial providers.
EP	The EPO uses identifiers such as DOI, ISSN, and ISBN for NPL, and assigns XP numbers to indexed documents. Patent documents are identified using standard WIPO publication codes.
JP	Accession No. of the database used.
SA	Patent publication numbers, patent application numbers, and international publication numbers.
SE	URL and other identifiers when applicable.

18. Does your Office prepare Office-specific national/regional search reports (non PCT)?



Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 codes
Yes	40	72.7%	AT, AU, BG, BR, BY, CH, CL, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EE, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IL, JP, KE, LR, MD, MG, MX, NO, PE, PL, PT, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SK, TR
No	15	27.3%	BE, CA, EG, IB, IE, IN, KR, LT, NZ, PY, QZ, SI, TH, US, ZA

19. Do you have quality control on citation references entered on search reports?



Response	Count	ST.3 codes
Yes (Please provide examples in detail)	30	AT, AU, BG, CH, CL, CN, CZ, DK, EA, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IL, JP, MX, NO, PE, PL, PT, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, TR
No	10	BR, BY, CU, DE, EE, KE, LR, MD, MG, SK

Comments provided when answering "Yes (Please provide examples in detail)"

ST.3 Code	Yes (Please provide examples in detail)
AT	In general WIPO Standard ST.14 citation practice is followed. The quality check also checks whether conformity with ST.14 was achieved.
AU	Quality assurance on Article 15(5) reports.
BG	Each patent examiner follows standardized quality controls to ensure citation references are accurate, relevant, and properly formatted.
CH	Four-eye principle.
CL	A PCT Quality Management System is in place.
CN	Sampling quality check
CZ	Checking the entry for correctness.
DK	DK182349B1
EA	Search report processing IT tool, Examination Department, Publication Department. Part of the QMS (ISO 9001 based).
EP	Internal quality audits; Examiner guidelines (EPO Guidelines for examination); Peer review mechanisms; Automated validation.
ES	An initial check is carried out by the computer system when the citation is entered (ST14); subsequently, and before the report is issued, a review is carried out by the line manager.
FI	We have certain mandatory structured fields for citation information; in most cases, citation data is automatically populated from the database source in accordance with WIPO St. 14 rules.
FR	During the training and mentoring of new engineers over a period of approximately one year.
GE	Quality control is ensured during the preparation of the search report.
HR	Yes, at least one senior examiner (head of section) checks relevancy of cited documents, whether relevancy indicators are correctly assigned and associated to the appropriate patent claims.
HU	The head of section checks the search report, including the format of the references.
IL	To retrieve bibliographic data of citations from the automated system, examiners must enter correctly the patent publication number and kind code. If this input is incorrect, the system fails to pull the data, thus serving as an automatic quality control check for citations.

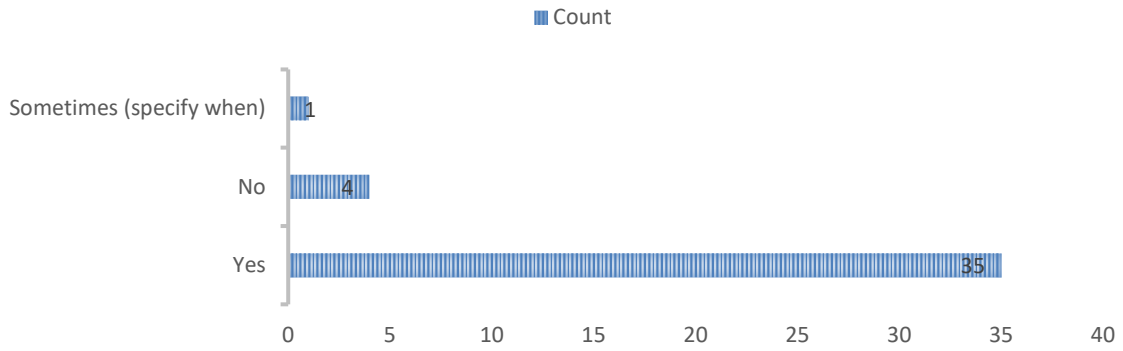
JP	Search reports drafted by examiners are, in all cases, subject to checks by Directors (called "Approvals"). Prior to the Approvals, where necessary, Quality Management Officers and QMO researchers scrutinize aspects such as the appropriateness of prior art searches. Furthermore, random sampling for audit by Quality Management Officers is conducted after the Approvals but before notices are sent to applicants/attorneys. Examination quality can be assessed through the judgments made by the Quality Management Officers on the validity of prior art searches and on the accuracy of reasoning.
PT	We carry out internal audits, during which the auditor reviews all documents produced during the examination of the application, including the preliminary search report and the substantive search and/or examination report. During these audits, the way in which the documents are cited is also verified and, if necessary, corrected.
RU	See response to question 14.
SE	Yes, same as question no 14.
SG	Guides for entering information of citation references on search reports are provided in the form of SOP. In addition, the report generation software is designed to help making ensure the information of citation references is entered in a standardized format that is similar to WIPO ST.14.

ST.3 Code	Comments – Question 19
CU	Until now, this check had not been carried out, but it is now being implemented.
DK	As part of the internal quality control process, citation references entered on search reports are reviewed during the file-read (peer review) prior to dispatch. In this step, the format of the citations are validated.
GB	Patent examiner reports, including the content of citation references, are checked by routine line manager review, quality review processes before report issue and after report issue by randomly-sampled quality assurance processes.
MD	Before exporting data into XML ST.36 the IT division verifies and corrects citations (usually non patent documents marked as patent documents and the format of patent citations).
MX	Supervisors carry out swift checks and, where necessary, a thorough search is conducted.
NO	Yes, peer-review for every search report issued and internal quality control.
RS	In accordance with ISO9001:2015 we provide quality checks that include this section.
SA	Yes. Citation references entered in search and examination reports are reviewed through internal quality control procedures, including report auditors and supervisory review authorities.

20. Are relevance indicators stated?

(E.g., X, Y, see paragraph 14 of *WIPO Standard ST.14.*)

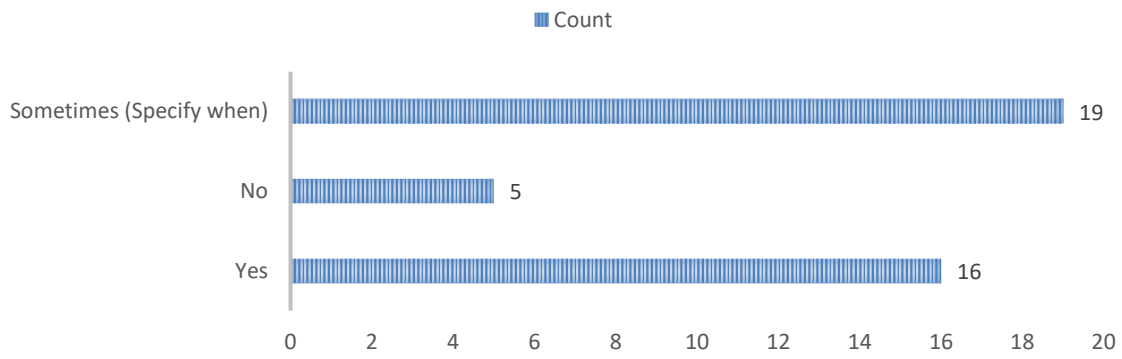
Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Yes	35	AT, AU, BG, BR, BY, CH, CL, CN, CU, CZ, DK, EA, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IL, KE, LR, MD, NO, PE, PL, PT, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SK, TR
No	4	EE, JP, MG, MX
Sometimes (specify when)	1	DE
Total	40	



Comments provided when answering "Sometimes (specify when)"

ST.3 Code	Sometimes (specify when)
DE	in case of search reports always, in case of examination report only sometimes

21. Do your citation references include online URLs?



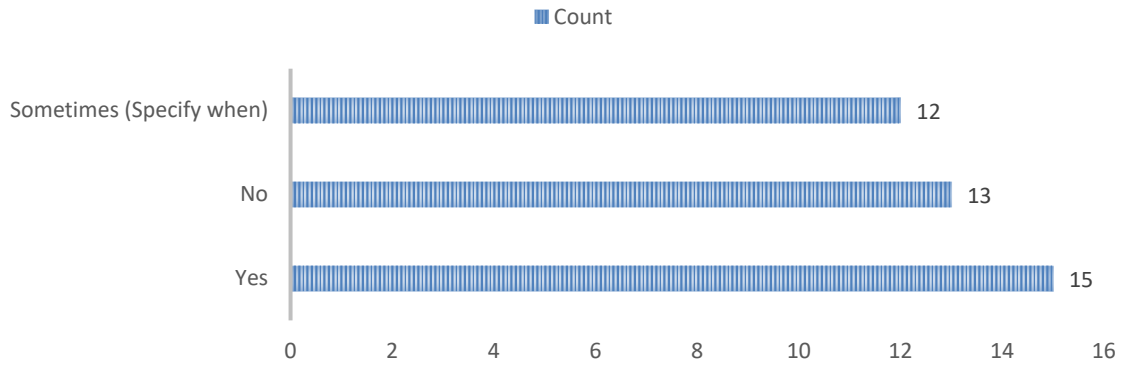
Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Yes	16	BG, BR, CH, CU, DE, DK, EA, EE, LR, MD, MX, NO, PE, SA, SG, TR
No	5	BY, CN, GE, MG, SK
Sometimes (Specify when)	19	AT, AU, CL, CZ, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IL, JP, KE, PL, PT, RS, RU, SE

Comments provided when answering "Sometimes (specify when)"

ST.3 Code	Sometimes (Specify when)
AT	Only for cited NPL.
AU	NPL or websites.
CL	When the file is too large.
CZ	It is necessary and it may be helpful for finding the document.
EP	There is always a URL available for cited patents that link the patent record to Espacenet. For NPL we offer a link when the record has a DOI associated to it.
ES	When citing non-patent literature.
FI	For NPL, when available.
FR	When citing internet-based documents.
GB	When a non-patent literature citation (e.g. conference proceedings, journal article or a webpage) is freely available (e.g. via a non-commercial service), examiners will identify the document using a standard reference format, but they may also include URLs to directly link to such citations, with a date of access.
HR	When internet disclosure is cited in search report.
HU	Documents found on the internet, e.g. web pages, product descriptions, catalogues, social media posts.
IL	For NPL citations.
JP	When citing electronic technical information retrieved via the Internet or similar means.
KE	For Patent Literature its only publication or application number. Doi number or link is encouraged for NPL.

PL	Online URLs may be included when citing Internet-based non-patent literature or webpages. However, most citation references do not contain URLs.
PT	URLs are included when the cited document is available online and can be downloaded by anyone.
RS	For non-patent literature.
RU	If the citation can be found only on the internet.
SE	Yes, same as question no 15.

22. Are unique document identifiers used, e.g., DOI?



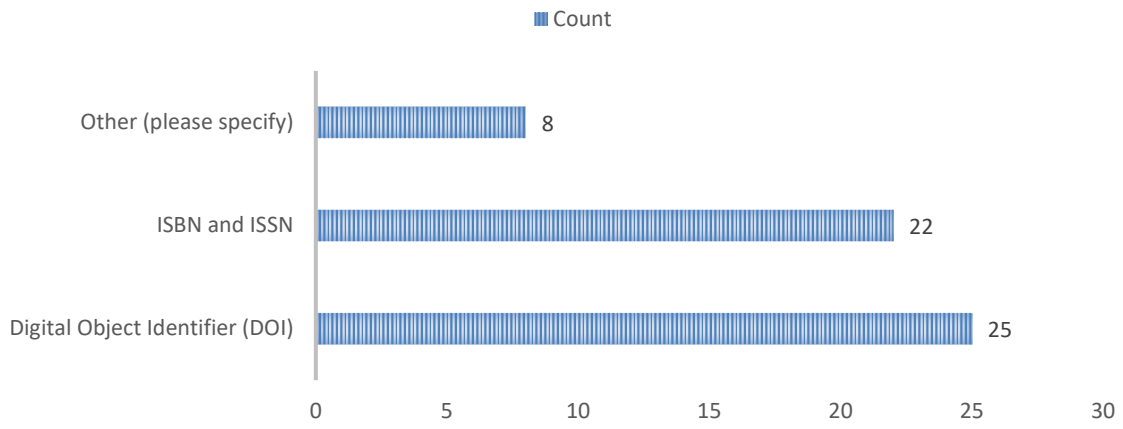
Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Yes	15	BR, CH, CL, DK, EA, EP, ES, HR, HU, IL, KE, LR, MD, SA, TR
No	13	BG, BY, CN, DE, EE, GE, MG, MX, PE, PT, RS, SG, SK
Sometimes (Specify when)	12	AT, AU, CU, CZ, FI, FR, GB, JP, NO, PL, RU, SE

Comments provided when answering "Sometimes (specify when)"

ST.3 Code	Sometimes (Specify when)
AT	For scientific publications, we try to provide a DOI, in conformity with the recommendations of WIPO Standard ST.14, for books/textbooks, ISBN/ISSN are provided. As of June 2026 we offer the possibility of assigning a patent document a DOI upon request. This was implemented in response to a request from an Austrian university.
AU	Some examiners will add DOI to NPL citations in ISRs but it isn't mandated.
CU	When available.
CZ	It is necessary and it may be helpful for finding the document.

FI	For NPL, when available.
FR	When citing non-patent literature (scientific literature).
GB	When a non-patent literature citation is freely available, examiners are permitted to use unique document identifiers to facilitate ease of access to such citations A date of access is normally also provided.
JP	When a document identifier is assigned to the cited reference.
NO	Some time, when the NPL document is an open-source document.
PL	DOI identifiers may be provided when available, especially for non-patent literature, but their inclusion is not mandatory.
RU	Very rarely, if the applicant comes from a foreign country.
SE	Yes, same as no 16.

23. If applicable, which unique document identifiers are used?



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Digital Object Identifier (DOI)	25	AT, AU, BR, CH, CL, CU, DK, EA, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IL, KE, LR, MD, NO, PL, RU, SA, SE, TR
ISBN and ISSN	22	AT, AU, BR, CH, CL, CU, CZ, EA, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IL, JP, LR, MD, RU, SA, SE
Other (please specify)	8	AT, CU, DK, EP, JP, NO, SA, SE

Comments provided when answering "Other (please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (please specify)
AT	Rarely XP numbers (from the EPO) are used.
CU	Identifiers for nucleotide or amino acid sequences of specialized bases.
EP	The EPO uses identifiers such as DOI, ISSN, and ISBN for NPL, and assigns XP numbers to indexed documents. Patent documents are identified using standard WIPO publication codes.
JP	Accession No. of the database used.
NO	URL/URI
SA	Patent publication numbers, patent application numbers, and international publication numbers.
SE	Yes, same as no 17.

24. Please comment on any major differences between the provision of ISR and other search report citation references if any

ST.3 Code	Response
AT	Only the language and the date format differ.
AU	No difference
BG	There are no significant differences between ISR and other search report citation references.
BR	In the ISR we use ST14 and for national examination research reports we use ABNT standards.
ES	With regard to citations, it should be noted that ISR (PCT) reports include the family of cited patents, a feature not included in national procedure reports. Furthermore, the CPC Patent Classification is only included in national reports (not in PCT reports).
GB	There are no major differences between UK IPO provision of search report citation references and those found on International Search Reports.
HU	There are no differences.
IL	The national search report does not include information about patent family members as in the ISR.

JP	At the JPO, search reports are not prepared in domestic examination; however, cited references are included in office actions, such as the "Notice of Reasons for Refusal", along with the examination results. For this reason, JPO treats the Notice of Reasons for Refusal as falling within the scope of "office-specific national/regional search reports (non-PCT)" when responding to the questions in this section. While the Notice of Reasons for Refusal does not contain relevance indicators, it contains the examiner's views, including how the cited references were combined to support the refusal.
LR	- ISR (International Search Report): - Issued during the international phase of a PCT application. - Uses standardized citation codes (X, Y, A) to indicate relevance. - Broad in scope, covering prior art globally. - Advisory only non-binding for national offices. - Other Search Reports (National/Regional): - Issued by individual patent offices (USPTO, EPO, etc.). - Citation styles vary (USPTO: plain list; EPO: X/Y/A codes). - Scope limited to that jurisdiction's examination. - Legally binding can directly lead to rejections or amendments.
MG	The use of codes.
NO	In National Search report all patent documents are linked to espacenet.org and links to open-source documents can be included. In International Search Report no links are included. URLs and DOI can be written, but no links are included.
PE	The number of reports cited is lower.
PL	One difference may concern the level of bibliographic detail provided for non-patent literature. In ISRs prepared under the PCT framework, DOI identifiers may be required or more consistently provided, whereas in national search reports their inclusion is optional.
RU	There are no substantive differences. Only the report forms differ.
SA	There are no major differences. Citation references in ISR and other search/examination reports are generally provided using consistent practices, including relevance indicators, online URLs, and document identifiers where applicable.
TR	ISR is accompanied with WOSA for PCT applications however for national patent applications search report is not accompanied with written opinion.

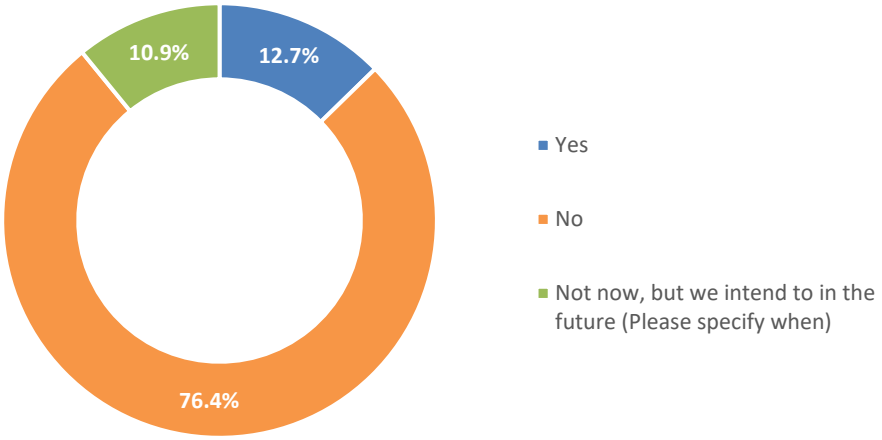
Section 4: Centralizing/Tagging Citation References

Suitable for a database containing data elements identifying the location of the cited text/documents

25. Do you (intend to) add tags to identify citation references?

Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 Codes
Yes	7	12.7%	BG, CN, CU, EP, ES, RS, US
No	42	76.4%	AT, AU, BE, BR, BY, CA, CH, CL, CZ, DE, DK, EE, EG, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IN, JP, KE, KR, LR, LT, MG, MX,

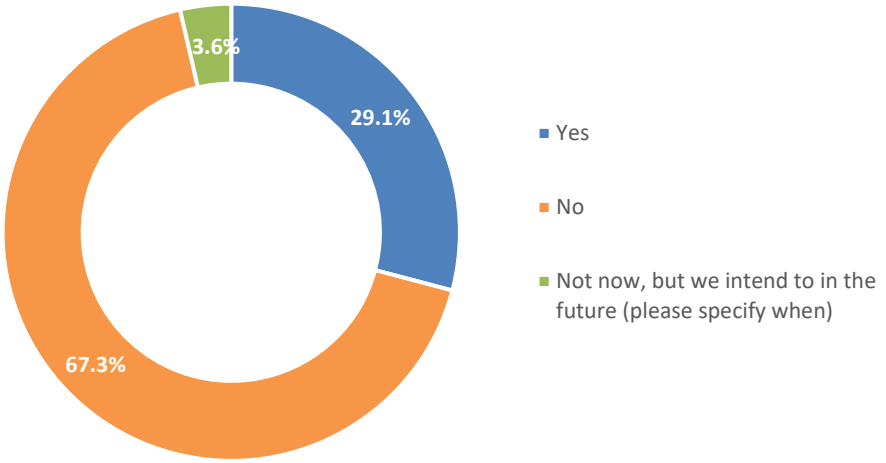
			NO, NZ, PL, PT, PY, QZ, RU, SE, SG, SI, SK, TH, TR
Not now, but we intend to in the future (Please specify when)	6	10.9%	EA, IL, MD, PE, SA, ZA
Total	**55**	**100%**	



Comments provided when answering "Not now, but we intend to in the future (Please specify when)"

ST.3 Code	Not now, but we intend to in the future (Please specify when)
EA	2027-2028
IL	Within 3 years.
MD	If necessary
PE	2028
SA	Citation references are currently identified in search and examination reports. Further tagging capabilities may be considered as part of future system enhancements.
ZA	Once act changes.

26. Does your Office have a centralized database containing citation reference identification data elements?

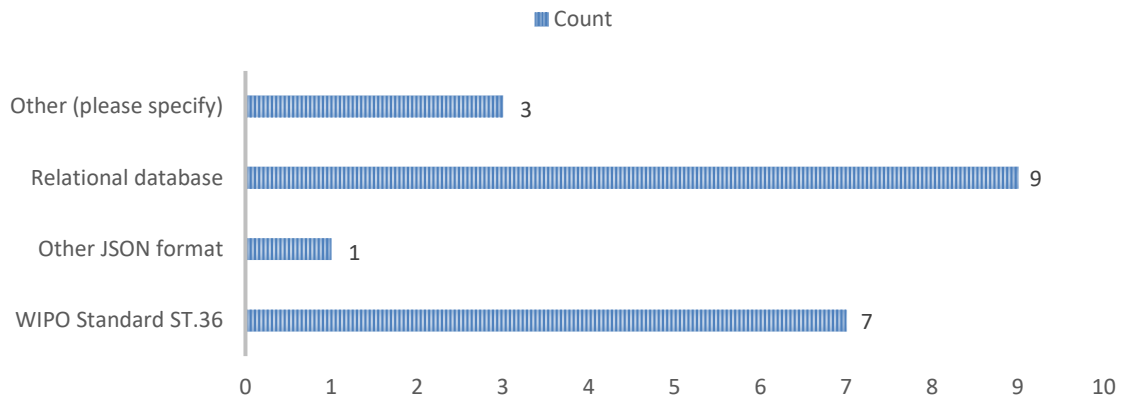


Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 Codes
Yes	16	29.1%	AT, BG, BY, CN, CU, DE, EA, EP, ES, FI, JP, LT, MD, PL, SE, US
No	37	67.3%	AU, BE, BR, CA, CH, CL, CZ, DK, EE, EG, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, KE, KR, LR, MG, MX, NO, NZ, PT, PY, QZ, RS, RU, SG, SI, SK, TH, TR, ZA
Not now, but we intend to in the future (please specify when)	2	3.6%	PE, SA
Total	**55**	**100.0%**	

Comments provided when answering "Not now, but we intend to in the future (please specify when)"

ST.3 Code	Not now, but we intend to in the future (please specify when)
PE	2028
SA	The Office maintains a centralized patent search database; however, citation reference identification data elements are not currently maintained as a centralized searchable dataset. Development of this functionality is planned for future enhancements.

27. If possible, please specify any structural elements on which the database is founded, for example:



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
WIPO Standard ST.36	7	BG, CN, CU, DE, ES, LT, PL
Other JSON format	1	EA
Relational database	9	AT, CU, EA, EP, FI, JP, MD, PL, SE
Other (please specify)	3	AT, EP, ES

Comments provided when answering "WIPO Standard ST.36"

ST.3 Code	WIPO Standard ST.36
PL	Used for XML data exchange formats Relational database:

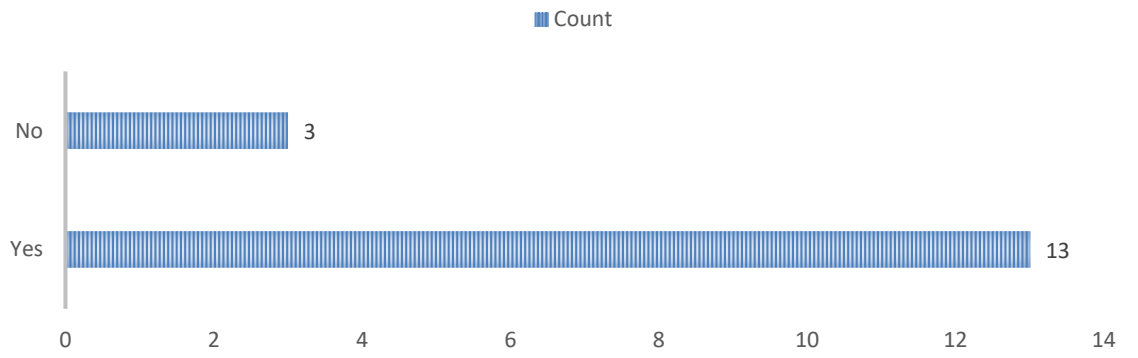
Comments provided when answering "Relational database"

ST.3 Code	Relational database
CU	WIPO IPAS System (SQL Server).
FI	PRH provides search report data in ST.36 format via an API service, generated from the relational database.
MD	We have a "citations" table where relevant information for the creation of search report is stored. here are some relevant fields: citation (PATENT/NON-PATENT indicator; PROVIDED_BY (applicant, examiner, etc.); CATEGORY (special categories of cited documents); RELEVANT_CLAIMS; TO_PUB_IN indicates in what documents can be inserted; CITATION_TEXT; FOUND_AT_WHAT_STAGE (for short term patents: grant/extension);)
PL	Internal systems for storage and management of citation data.

Comments provided when answering "Other (please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (please specify)
AT	INID code (56); Reference citations included in search reports or under INID code (56) are stored in a centralized SQL database.
EP	Our master database has a specific internal format that is different from ST36 and ST96. This database is fed by data flows that are converted from ST36 / 96 or NPL proprietary formats.
ES	https://consultas2.oepm.es/InvenesWeb/faces/busquedaInternet.jsp

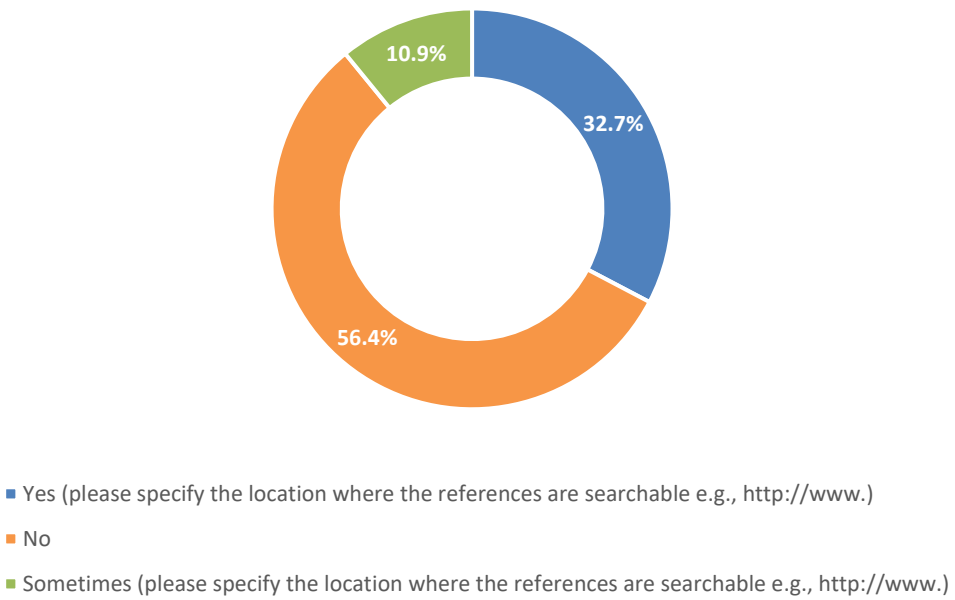
28. Is the information in the database technically and legally exchangeable e.g., with other Offices?



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Yes	13	AT, BG, BY, CN, CU, DE, EP, ES, FI, JP, LT, MD, PL
No	3	EA, SE, US

29. Are citation references from your Office searchable by the general public?

Note: i.e., can one search the text of the data elements identifying the text/document cited



Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 Codes
Yes (please specify the location where the references are searchable e.g., http://www.)	18	32.7%	BY, CN, CU, DE, EP, ES, FR, GB, GE, IE, KR, MD, MX, NO, PL, PT, TR, US
No	31	56.4%	AT, BE, BG, BR, CH, CL, CZ, DK, EA, EG, FI, HR, HU, IB, IL, JP, KE, LR, LT, NZ, PE, PY, QZ, RS, SA, SE, SG, SI, SK, TH, ZA
Sometimes (please specify the location where the references are searchable e.g., http://www.)	6	10.9%	AU, CA, EE, IN, MG, RU
Total	**55**	**100.0%**	

Comments provided when answering "Yes (please specify the location where the references are searchable e.g., http://www.)"

ST.3 Code	Yes (please specify the location where the references are searchable e.g., http://www.)
CN	https://pss-system.cponline.cnipa.gov.cn/popularTools:1
CU	https://wiposearch.ocpi.cu/wopublish-search/public/home?2
DE	https://www.dpma.de/recherche/dpmaregister/index.html
EP	Espacenet (global search), European Patent Register (legal status and file inspection) and CCD. The citations can be retrieved for all patent documents containing citations. There is, however, no search possibility offered to find patents citing a given record.
ES	https://consultas2.oepm.es/InvenesWeb/faces/busquedaInternet.jsp Using the /CITA field (OEPM prior art report, documents cited in said report) or /CATD (Document category X, Y…)
FR	https://data.inpi.fr/
GB	UK IPO citation references can be searched using the EPO Espacenet Search service at https://worldwide.espacenet.com/patent/ using the "Cited document" field.
IE	Espacenet
KR	http://www.kipris.or.kr
MD	https://db.agepi.md/inventions/Search.aspx
MX	"https://vidoc.impi.gob.mx/" ; "https://siga.impi.gob.mx/
NO	"https://search.patentstyret.no/advanced/#/patent, see "citations" or "Mothold" in the left menu.
PL	https://ewyszukiwarka.pue.uprp.gov.pl
PT	The citation references are available in the search reports that can be viewed in https://servicosonline.inpi.justica.gov.pt/pesquisas/main/patentes.jsp?lang=PT&pk_vid=b303a43cbd5f51ad177548283887756d . Then the documents cited in the reports can be searchable online using any search engine, for example google search engine or using patent databases such as https://worldwide.espacenet.com/
TR	www.turkpatent.gov.tr
US	Global Dossier - United States Patent and Trademark Office Patent Public Search | USPTO

Comments provided when answering "Sometimes (please specify the location where the references are searchable e.g., http://www.)"

ST.3 Code	Sometimes (please specify the location where the references are searchable e.g., http://www.)
AU	https://ipsearch.ipaustralia.gov.au/patents for patent citations only.
CA	Only descriptions can be searched for citations https://www.ic.gc.ca/opic-cipo/cpd/eng/search/basic.html, examination reports and third party submissions are not text-searchable.
EE	Inventions databases https://www.epa.ee/en/patents-utility-models/search-databases/inventions-databases
IN	Public URL is given.
RU	Only for patent documents on the Rospatent Search Platform: https://searchplatform.rospatent.gov.ru/

30. Please add any further comments you may have about any of the questions in section 4 above:

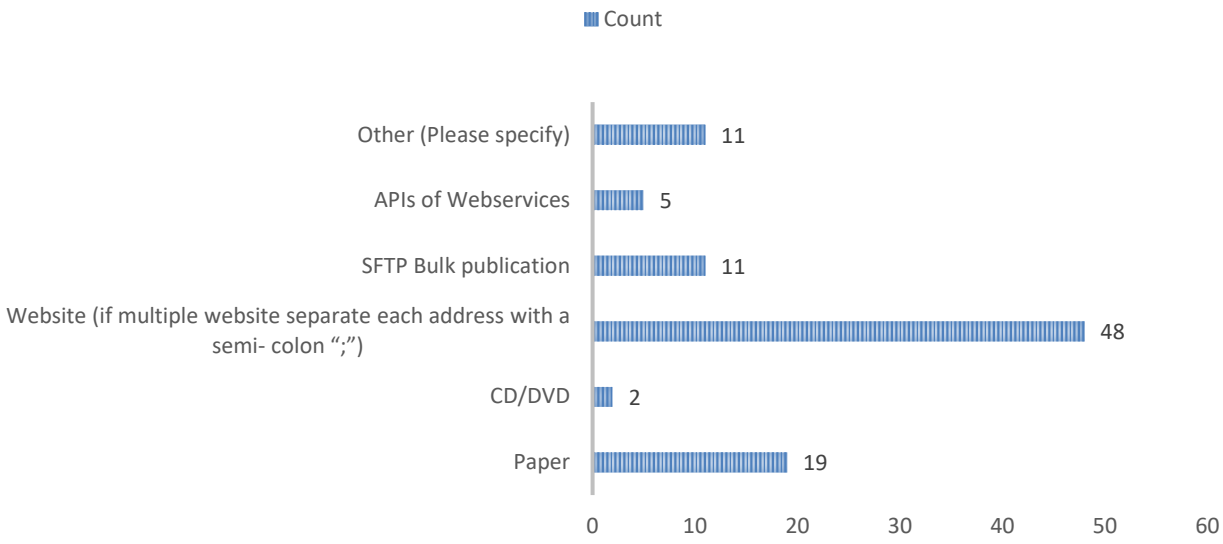
ST.3 Code	Comments related to Section 4
EA	EA XML data for B-kind publications contain INID (56) information as searchable text.
EP	The EPO's citation data is fully structured and exchangeable using WIPO ST.36 and ST.96 XML formats. All citation references, including those from the examiner and the applicant, are stored in a centralized relational database. This data is made available to the public in real-time via the European patent Register and is globally searchable through Espacenet. Furthermore, the EPO actively participates in the IP5 Common Citation Document (CCD) project, ensuring high-level technical interoperability and legal exchangeability with other major IP offices.
RS	We publish Search Reports, as a part of A1 or A3 patent document, in the Patent Documentation Repository in the image format (non-searchable PDF), full-text PDF documents can be found in the National Patent Register.
SA	The Office maintains a centralized patent search database. Citation references are currently available within search and examination reports; however, centralized public searchability and tagging functionalities for citation reference data are not yet available. Development of these functionalities is planned as part of future system enhancements.

Questions about your Office's published documents that may be cited (within a citation reference): Sections 5 to 7

Section 5: Location of published patent documents which can be considered to be an (or the) authentic source

31. Which mediums represents the (or an) authentic legal rendition (authoritative source) of your Office's published, patent application?

Note: Select all that apply. A legal version is, e.g., a publicly available document that could be consulted in court proceedings.
Please advise how to locate the medium you have selected: Note: (e.g., specify the title of a DVD or data collection and an Internet address for ordering the data collection)



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Paper	19	AU, BE, BG, BY, CU, EG, FR, GE, IE, KE, LR, MD, MG, PE, PT, PY, RS, SE, TH
CD/DVD	2	BY, TR
Website (if multiple website separate each address with a semi- colon ";")	48	AT, AU, BE, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, JP, KE, KR, LR, LT, MD, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SI, SK, TH, TR, US
SFTP Bulk publication	11	AU, BR, CA, EA, EG, EP, IL, SA, SE, US, ZA
APIs of Webservices	5	AU, CA, CH, FI, US
Other (Please specify)	11	BG, CA, CL, ES, FI, GB, MD, MG, PE, QZ, SK

Comments provided when answering "Website (if multiple website separate each address with a semi-colon ";")"

ST.3 Code	**Website** *(if multiple websites, separate each address with a semi-colon ";")*
AT	https://see-ip.patentamt.at/patentsuche
AU	https://ipsearch.ipaustralia.gov.au/patents
BE	https://bpp.economie.fgov.be/fo-eregister-view/
BR	https://busca.inpi.gov.br/pePI/jsp/patentes/PatenteSearchBasico.jsp
CA	Basic Search - Canadian Patents Database
CH	https://www.swissreg.ch
CN	http://www.cnipa.gov.cn/
CU	Base de Datos Nacional, SPACENET, LATIPAT, PATENTSCOPE
CZ	https://isdv.upv.gov.cz/webapp/!resdb.pta.frm
DE	https://www.dpma.de/recherche/dpmaregister/index.html
DK	https://onlineweb.dkpto.dk/pvsonline
EE	https://www.epa.ee/en/patents-utility-models/search-databases/inventions-databases
EG	Patent documents (the authoritative source) can be located at http://www.egypo.gov.eg
EP	European Publication Server: https://data.epo.org/publication-server/
ES	https://consultas2.oepm.es/InvenesWeb/faces/busquedaInternet.jsp; https://ceo.oepm.es/; https://sede.oepm.gob.es/eSede/datos/es/catalogo/catalogo-patentes-y-modelos-de-utilidad/
FI	https://patenttitietopalvelu.prh.fi/en/
FR	BOPI sur https://data.inpi.fr/
GE	https://www.sakpatenti.gov.ge/en/
HR	https://www.dziv.hr/hr/e-usluge/e-registri/patent/; https://www.dziv.hr/en/e-services/e-registers/patents/ ; https://worldwide.espacenet.com/ ; https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/search.jsf
HU	https://epub.sztnh.gov.hu/e-nyilvantartas/?lang=HU#
IB	https://www.wipo.int/en/web/patentscope/ (pdf image)

IE	https://eregister.ipoi.gov.ie/default.aspx
IL	https://israelpatents.justice.gov.il/search/en/home
IN	https://search.ipindia.gov.in/IPOJournal/Journal/Patent
JP	Official Publication via the Internet: https://www.gazette.jpo.go.jp/scciidl010
KE	www.kipi.go.ke
LR	www.lipo.gov.lr
LT	https://vpb.lrv.lt/en/structure-and-contacts-1/official-bulletin/; https://vpb.lrv.lt/en/services/inventions/databases-1/
MD	https://db.agepi.md/Inventions; https://agepi.gov.md/en/publication/48
MX	"https://vidoc.impi.gob.mx/" ; "https://siga.impi.gob.mx/"
NO	https://search.patentstyret.no/advanced/#/patent; (and link from application dossier to PDF-application publication.)
PL	https://ewyszukiwarka.pue.uprp.gov.pl
PT	Patent documents can be also be retrieved through search in https://servicosonline.inpi.justica.gov.pt/pesquisas/main/patentes.jsp?lang=PT&pk_vid=b303a43cbd5f51ad177548283887756d
RS	https://e-reg.zis.gov.rs/patreg/?t=p; https://e-pub.zis.gov.rs/rs-pubserver/
RU	https://fips.ru/registers-web/action?acName=treeBack, https://fips.ru/publication-web/bulletins/IZPM, https://searchplatform.rospatent.gov.ru/
SA	https://ipsearch.saip.gov.sa/ ; https://www.saip.gov.sa/
SE	https://search.prv.se/#/en/patent
SI	http://www3.uil-sipo.si/PublicationServer/
SK	https://www.indprop.gov.sk/produkty-a-sluzby/vestnik-upv-sr
TH	https://patentpub.ipthailand.go.th/_AppPublic/PublicDocument.aspx
TR	www.turkpatent.gov.tr
US	_Patent Public Search | USPTO__ GlobalDossier@uspto.gov

Comments provided when answering "SFTP Bulk publication"

ST.3 Code	SFTP Bulk publication
BR	pctmindoc.inpi.gov
CA	IP Horizons SFTP Cloud
EG	search.egpo.gov.eg
EP	EPO Bulk Data Distribution via SFTP (European Patent Office bulk data services)
IL	Available for download to International Authorities and commercial providers
SA	SFTP bulk publication data will be provided later.
SE	https://data.prv.se/
US	Bulk Data Directory | Open Data Portal

Comments provided when answering "APIs of Webservices"

ST.3 Code	APIs of Webservices
CA	CIPO Patent Data Dissemination API
CH	https://www.swissreg.ch/public/api/v1
FI	All PDF publications are available via the information service or by request. Starting from 2024, PDF publications are also accessible through the API.
US	Open Data Portal APIs

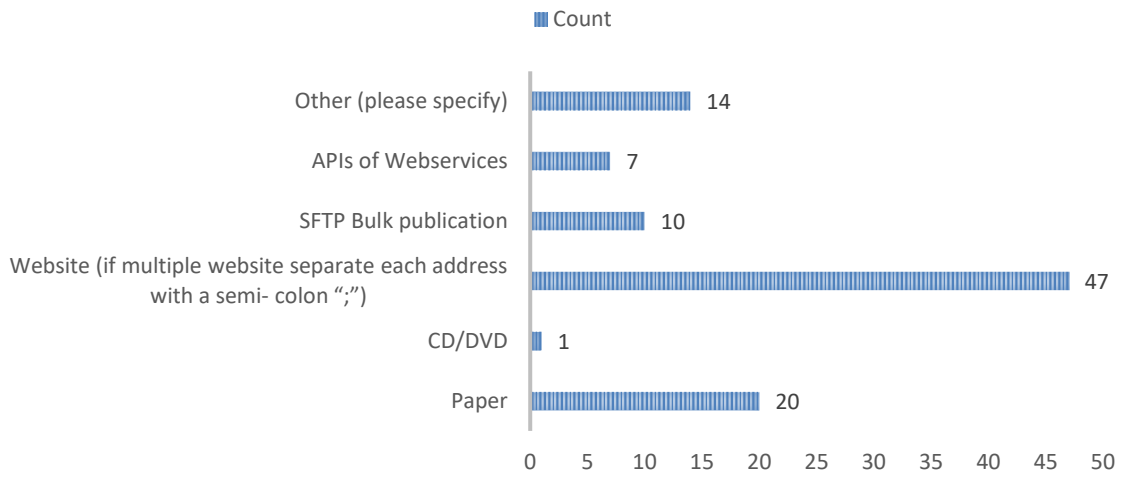
Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify)
BG	The official source is the electronic register of the BPO: https://portal.bpo.bg/bpo-portal/section/register and in the Official Bulletin, available at https://portal.bpo.bg/bpo-journal/
CA	IP Horizons: Download intellectual property data.
CL	IPAS/EDMS, internal backups.

ES	Certificates available upon request (paper form).
FI	All PDF publications are available via the information service or by request. Starting from 2024, PDF publications are also accessible through the API.
GB	A piece of work is currently under review as part of our wider transformation programme to establish a central repository for published patent documentation. At this stage, there is no confirmed timescale for when the repository will be fully developed or implemented.
MD	see "Published patents & short-term patents in WIPO st. 36 XML" https://db.agepi.md/inventions/ITResources.aspx
PE	Digital PDF file, upon request.
QZ	No pro-active publication of application documents. The CPVO Official Gazette contains basic information on protected and applied for varieties. Possibility for the public to access such documents by submitting a public access request.
SK	https://www.indprop.gov.sk/en/products-and-services/official-gazette; https://wbr.indprop.gov.sk/WebRegistre/

32. Which mediums represents the (or an) authentic legal rendition (authoritative source) of your IPO's published granted patents?

Note: Select all that apply. Please advise how to locate the medium you have selected: Note: (e.g., specify the title of a DVD or data collection and an Internet address for ordering the data collection)



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Paper	20	AU, BE, BG, BY, CU, EG, FR, GE, IE, KE, LR, MD, MG, PE, PT, PY, RS, SE, TH, ZA
CD/DVD	1	BY
Website (if multiple website separate each address with a semi- colon ";")	47	AT, AU, BE, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IE,

		IL, IN, JP, KE, KR, LR, LT, MD, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SI, SK, TH, TR, US
SFTP Bulk publication	10	AU, BR, CA, EA, EG, EP, IL, SE, US, ZA
APIs of Webservices	7	AU, CA, CH, EA, FI, TH, US
Other (please specify)	14	BG, CA, CL, EE, ES, FI, GB, IB, IN, MD, PE, QZ, RS, SK

Comments provided when answering "Website (if multiple websites, separate each address with a semi-colon ";")"

ST.3 Code	**Website** *(if multiple websites, separate each address with a semi-colon ";")*
AT	https://see-ip.patentamt.at/patentsuche
AU	https://ipsearch.ipaustralia.gov.au/patents
BE	https://bpp.economie.fgov.be/fo-eregister-view/
BR	https://busca.inpi.gov.br/pePI/jsp/patentes/PatenteSearchBasico.jsp
CA	Basic Search - Canadian Patents Database
CH	https://www.swissreg.ch
CN	http://www.cnipa.gov.cn/
CU	Base de Datos Nacional, SPACENET, LATIPAT, PATENTSCOPE
CZ	https://isdv.upv.gov.cz/webapp/!resdb.pta.frm ; https://isdv.upv.gov.cz/webapp/webapp.pubsrv.seznam?pid=11
DE	https://www.dpma.de/recherche/dpmaregister/index.html
DK	https://onlineweb.dkpto.dk/pvsonline
EE	https://www.epa.ee/en/patents-utility-models/search-databases/inventions-databases

EG	http://www.egypo.gov.eg
EP	European Publication Server: https://data.epo.org/publication-server/
ES	https://consultas2.oepm.es/InvenesWeb/faces/busquedaInternet.jsp; https://ceo.oepm.es/; https://sede.oepm.gob.es/eSede/datos/es/catalogo/catalogo-patentes-y-modelos-de-utilidad/
FI	https://patenttitietopalvelu.prh.fi/en/
FR	BOPI sur https://data.inpi.fr/
GE	https://www.sakpatenti.gov.ge/en/
HR	https://www.dziv.hr/hr/e-usluge/e-registri/patent/; https://www.dziv.hr/en/e-services/e-registers/patents/ ; https://worldwide.espacenet.com/ ; https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/search.jsf
HU	https://epub.sztnh.gov.hu/e-nyilvantartas/?lang=HU#
IE	https://eregister.ipoi.gov.ie/default.aspx
IL	https://israelpatents.justice.gov.il/search/en/home
IN	https://iprsearch.ipindia.gov.in/PublicSearch/
JP	Official Publication via the Internet: https://www.gazette.jpo.go.jp/scciidl010
KE	www.kipi.go.ke
LR	www.lipo.gov.lr
LT	https://vpb.lrv.lt/en/structure-and-contacts-1/official-bulletin/; https://vpb.lrv.lt/en/services/inventions/databases-1/
MD	https://db.agepi.md/Inventions; https://agepi.gov.md/en/publication/48
MX	"https://vidoc.impi.gob.mx/" ; "https://siga.impi.gob.mx/

NO	https://search.patentstyret.no/advanced/#/patent and link from patent dossier to PDF-publication.
PL	https://ewyszukiwarka.pue.uprp.gov.pl
RS	https://e-reg.zis.gov.rs/patreg/?t=p;
RU	https://fips.ru/registers-web/action?acName=treeBack, https://fips.ru/publication-web/bulletins/IZPM, https://searchplatform.rospatent.gov.ru/
SA	https://ipsearch.saip.gov.sa/ ; https://www.saip.gov.sa/
SE	https://search.prv.se/#/en/patent
SG	https://digitalhub.ipos.gov.sg/FAMN/process/IP4SG/MN_Index
SI	http://www3.uil-sipo.si/PublicationServer/
SK	https://www.indprop.gov.sk/produkty-a-sluzby/vestnik-upv-sr
TH	https://verify.ipthailand.go.th/; https://search.ipthailand.go.th/
US	Patent Public Search | USPTO___ GlobalDossier@uspto.gov

Comments provided when answering "SFTP Bulk publication"

ST.3 Code	SFTP Bulk publication
BR	pctmindoc.inpi.gov
CA	IP Horizons SFTP Cloud
EG	search.egpo.gov.eg
EP	EPO Bulk Data Distribution via SFTP (European Patent Office bulk data services)
IL	Available for download to International Authorities and commercial providers
SE	https://data.prv.se/
US	Bulk Data Directory | Open Data Portal

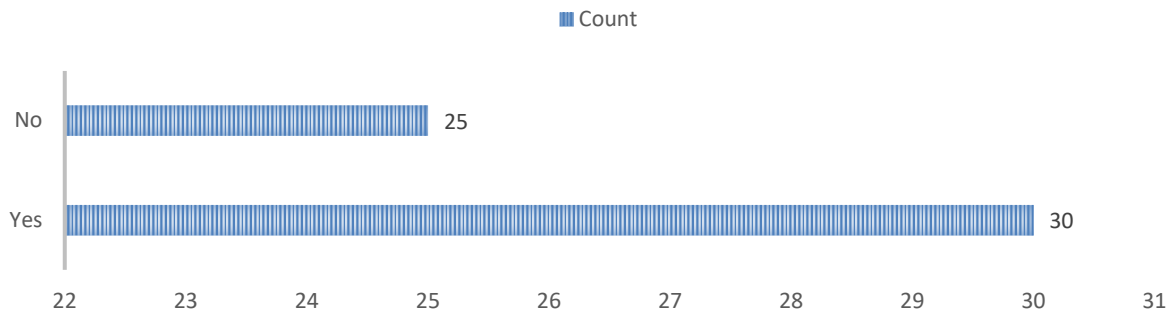
Comments provided when answering "APIs of Webservices"

ST.3 Code	APIs of Webservices
CA	CIPO Patent Data Dissemination API
CH	https://www.swissreg.ch/public/api/v1
FI	All PDF publications are available via the information service or by request. Starting from 2024, PDF publications are also accessible through the API.
TH	https://exchange.ipthailand.go.th/
US	Open Data Portal APIs

Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

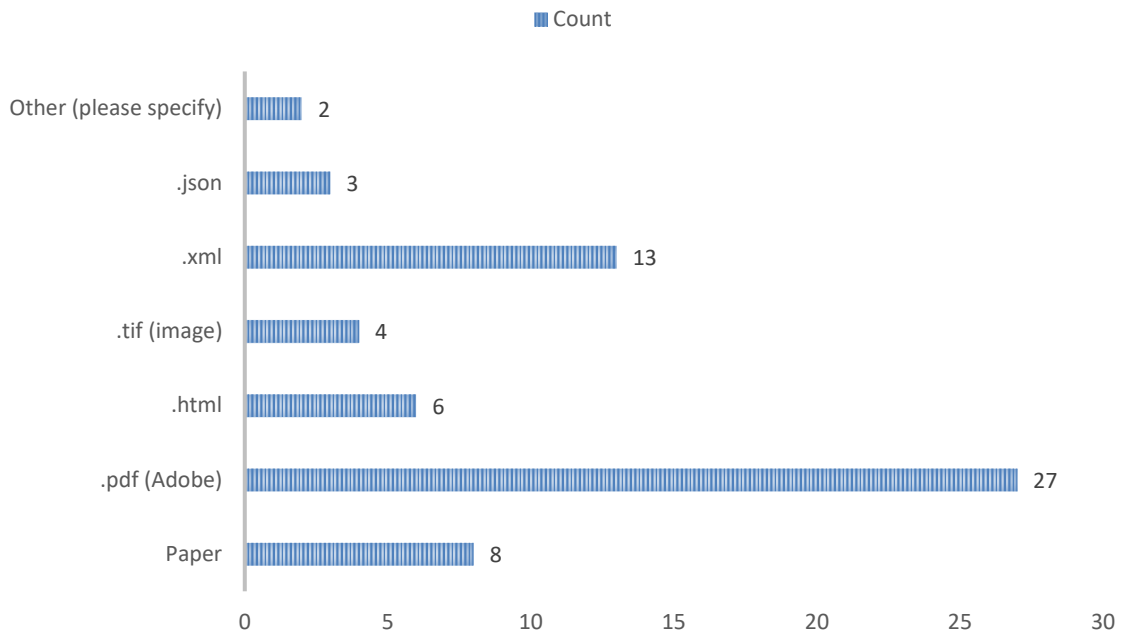
ST.3 Code	Other (please specify)
BG	The official source is the electronic register of the BPO: https://portal.bpo.bg/bpo-portal/section/register and in the Official Bulletin, available at https://portal.bpo.bg/bpo-journal/
CA	IP Horizons: Download intellectual property data.
CL	IPAS/EDMS
ES	Certificates available upon request (paper form).
FI	All PDF publications are available via the information service or by request. Starting from 2024, PDF publications are also accessible through the API.
GB	A piece of work is currently under review as part of our wider transformation programme to establish a central repository for published patent documentation. At this stage, there is no confirmed timescale for when the repository will be fully developed or implemented.
IB	The International Bureau publishes patent applications under the PCT but does not grant patents.
IN	Granted specification published as part of E-dossier from 01.01.2026.
MD	See "Published patents & short-term patents in WIPO st. 36 XML" https://db.agepi.md/inventions/ITResources.aspx
PE	Digital PDF file, upon request.
QZ	The CPVO publishes title documents i.e. the decision on grant, the certificate and the variety description on its website register. They are available for download in .pdf format.
RS	We send e-documents digitally signed by Office for EP validation registration.
SK	https://www.indprop.gov.sk/en/products-and-services/official-gazette; https://wbr.indprop.gov.sk/WebRegistre/

33. Regarding the medium indicated above, is there one or more (file) formats that should be looked at (in preference to other formats)?



Value	Count	Percent	ST.3 Codes
Yes	30	54.5%	AT, AU, BR, BY, CH, CL, CU, CZ, DK, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, HU, IB, IE, IL, KR, LR, MD, MX, NO, PL, RU, SA, TR, US
No	25	45.5%	BE, BG, CA, CN, DE, EE, GE, HR, IN, JP, KE, LT, MG, NZ, PE, PT, PY, QZ, RS, SE, SG, SI, SK, TH, ZA
Total	**55**	**100.0%**	

34. If yes, please select all formats that should be considered in preference to other formats

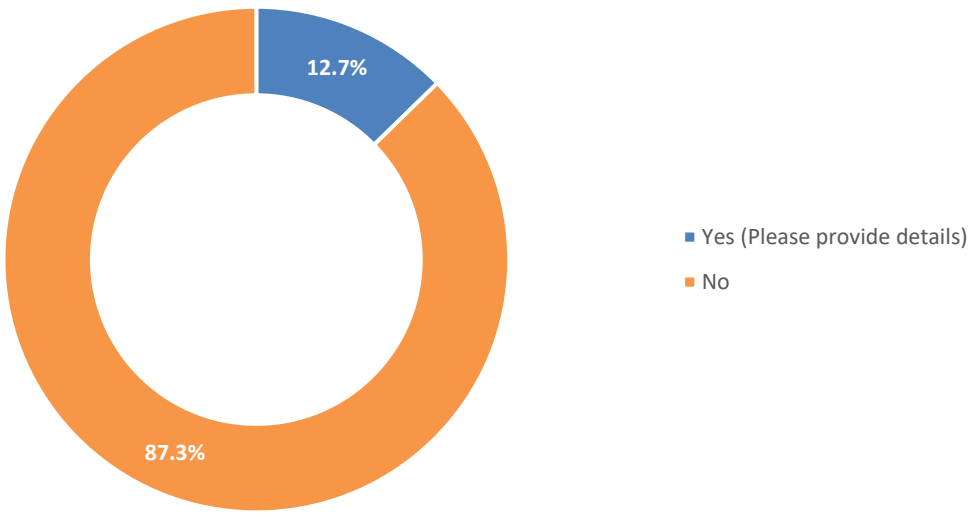


Value	Count	ST.3 Codes
Paper	8	AU, BY, CU, EG, FR, IE, LR, MD
.pdf (Adobe)	27	AT, AU, BR, BY, CH, CL, CU, CZ, DK, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, HU, IE, KR, LR, MD, MX, NO, PL, SA, TR, US
.html	6	BR, BY, IB, LR, RU, SA
.tif (image)	4	KR, MD, PL, US
.xml	13	AT, BR, CH, CU, CZ, EG, EP, GB, IB, IL, MD, NO, PL
.json	3	GB, IL, NO
Other (please specify)	2	CL, EG

Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (please specify)
CL	XML for sequence listings (ST.26)
EG	Microsoft word document .doc

35. Is your Office using commercial providers for publishing patent documents?



Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 Codes
Yes (Please provide details)	7	12.7%	CH, DE, GB, IL, JP, LR, US
No	48	87.3%	AT, AU, BE, BG, BR, BY, CA, CL, CN, CU, CZ, DK, EA, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IN, KE, KR, LT, MD, MG, MX, NO, NZ, PE, PL, PT, PY, QZ, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SI, SK, TH, TR, ZA
Total	**55**	**100.0%**	

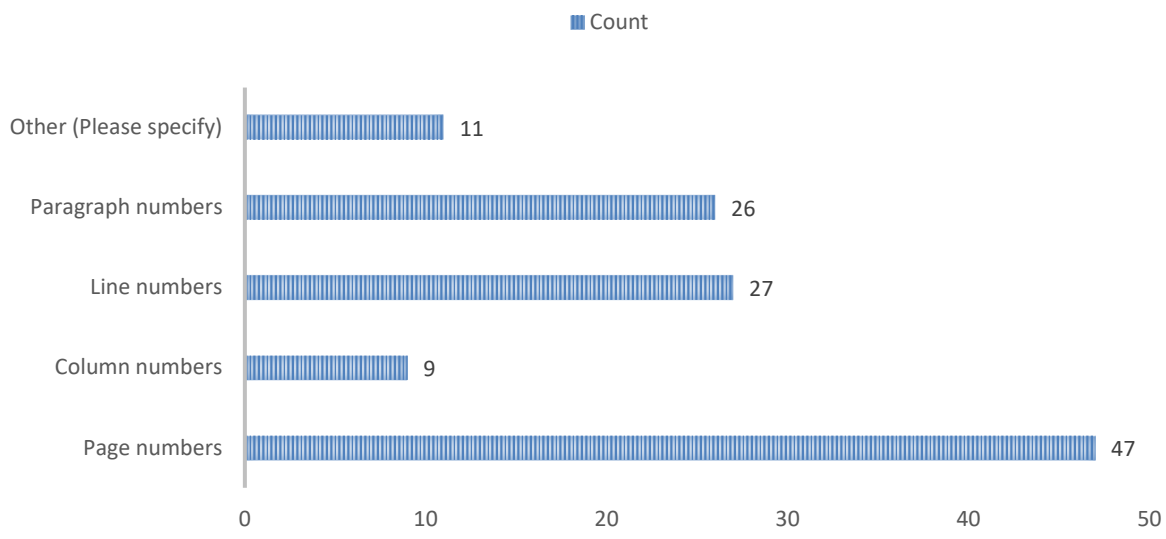
Comments provided when answering "Yes (Please provide details)"

ST.3 Code	Yes (Please provide details)
CH	Luminess creates XML files from non-OCR'ed PDF.
GB	Clarivate
IL	In addition to the ILPO search tool, the ILPO uses commercial providers for publishing the IL patent documents. These documents include published and accepted applications and granted patents.
JP	We use the development vendor for the gazette publication system.

Section 6: Availability of location identifiers

Note: (For citing later within a search report) occurring within some or all of your Office's authentic legal published documents (stated in the first part of section 5 above); e.g., a location identifier may be a page, paragraph, or an image number. Answer this question according to your current publication procedures.

36. Which, if any, text- based identifiers do your published patent documents contain:

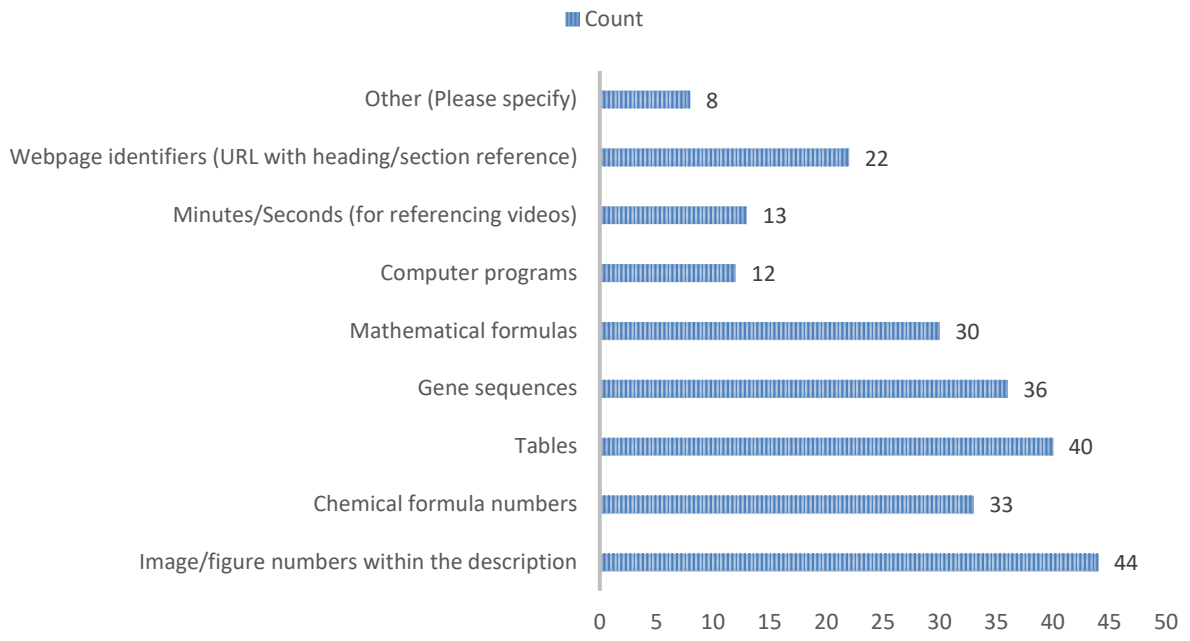


Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Page numbers	47	AT, AU, BE, BG, BR, CA, CH, CL, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EE, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, KE, KR, LR, LT, MD, MX, NO, NZ, PE, PL, PT, QZ, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SI, US
Column numbers	9	BY, CN, CU, KE, LR, MX, PE, RU, US
Line numbers	27	AU, BG, BY, CA, CN, CU, CZ, DK, EP, ES, FI, GB, HR, IB, IE, IL, KE, LR, MD, MX, NO, NZ, PE, RU, SA, SG, US
Paragraph numbers	26	AT, AU, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CU, DE, EP, FR, GB, IB, IE, IL, JP, KE, KR, LR, MX, NZ, PE, PT, RU, SG, US
Other (Please specify)	11	AT, BE, CL, EA, FR, IN, MG, PY, RS, TH, US

Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify)
AT	Obviously, claim enumeration and in a PDF bookmarks for the main parts of the patent document.
BE	Claims numbers
CL	Figure numbers and sequence numbers from the list of sequences.
EA	Paragraph numbers as part of XML data (not present in PDF publications).
FR	Figure number.
IN	Line numbers and paragraph numbers are available in some publications.
MG	Not applicable.
PY	Not published.
RS	PDF bookmarks for application parts.
TH	Image files
US	Granted Patents are published using line numbering, Pre-Grant Published Applications (PG-PUBs) are published using paragraph numbering.

37. Which, if any, identifiers of non-textual elements occur within the description part of your published patent document:



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Image/figure numbers within the description	44	AT, AU, BE, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, JP, KE, KR, LR, LT, MD, MX, NZ, PE, PL, PT, QZ, RS, RU, SA, SG, US
Chemical formula numbers	33	AT, AU, BG, BY, CA, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EG, EP, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, JP, KR, MD, MX, NZ, PE, PL, PT, RS, RU, SA, SG, US
Tables	40	AT, AU, BG, BR, BY, CA, CL, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, JP, KE, KR, LR, LT, MD, MX, NZ, PE, PL, PT, RS, RU, SG, US
Gene sequences	36	AT, AU, BG, BY, CA, CH, CL, CU, DE, DK, EG, EP, ES, FR, GB, GE, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, JP, KE, KR, LR, MD, MX, NZ, PE, PL, PT, RS, RU, SG, US
Mathematical formulas	30	AT, AU, BG, BY, CA, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EP, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, JP, LR, MD, MX, NZ, PE, PL, PT, RU, SG, US
Computer programs	12	AT, AU, BY, DK, EP, GB, HU, IN, LR, NZ, SG, US
Minutes/Seconds (for referencing videos)	13	BY, CA, DK, GB, HU, IB, LR, MD, MX, PE, PT, SG, US
Webpage identifiers (URL with heading/section reference)	22	AT, BG, CA, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EE, EP, GB, HU, IB, IL, IN, MD, MX, NZ, PE, PT, RS, SG, US
Other (Please specify)	8	CN, EP, ES, IB, MG, PY, SE, TH

Comments provided when answering "Image/figure numbers within the description"

ST.3 Code	Image/figure numbers within the description
AT	As "Fig. 1" or "Figur 1"
EP	Referred to as "Fig.1", "Fig. 2", etc.
ES	Referred to as "Figura n"
IB	PCT Rule 5.1(iv) requires the description to briefly describe the figures in the drawings, Rule 11.13(k) requires the different figures to be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals.
LT	In patent documents, drawings (figures) are presented after the full description and claim, they are numbered consecutively (e.g., Fig. 1, Fig. 2) and are referenced in the description.
QZ	Photos of the variety might be included in the Variety Description.
RU	Including 3D

Comments provided when answering "Chemical formula numbers"

ST.3 Code	Chemical formula numbers
EP	"Formula (I)"
FI	Allowed but not required. Many applicants use them.
IB	PCT Rule 11.10(b)

Comments provided when answering "Tables"

ST.3 Code	Tables
EP	Table 1
ES	Referred to as "Tabla n"
FI	Allowed but not required. Many applicants use them.
IB	PCT Rule 11.10(c)
LT	Tables can be included and referenced where relevant.

Comments provided when answering "Gene sequences"

ST.3 Code	Gene sequences
EP	Referenced by SEQ ID NO: 1
ES	SEQ ID n
IB	PCT Rule 5.2
RS	ST.25, ST.26

Comments provided when answering "Mathematical formulas"

ST.3 Code	Mathematical formulas
EP	"Formula (I)"
FI	Allowed but not required. Many applicants use them.
IB	PCT Rule 11.10(b)

Comments provided when answering "Computer programs"

ST.3 Code	Computer programs
EP	"Program listing"

Comments provided when answering "Minutes/Seconds (for referencing videos)"

ST.3 Code	Minutes/Seconds (for referencing videos)
IB	Would depend on how applicant cited a video in the international application.

Comments provided when answering "Webpage identifiers (URL with heading/section reference)"

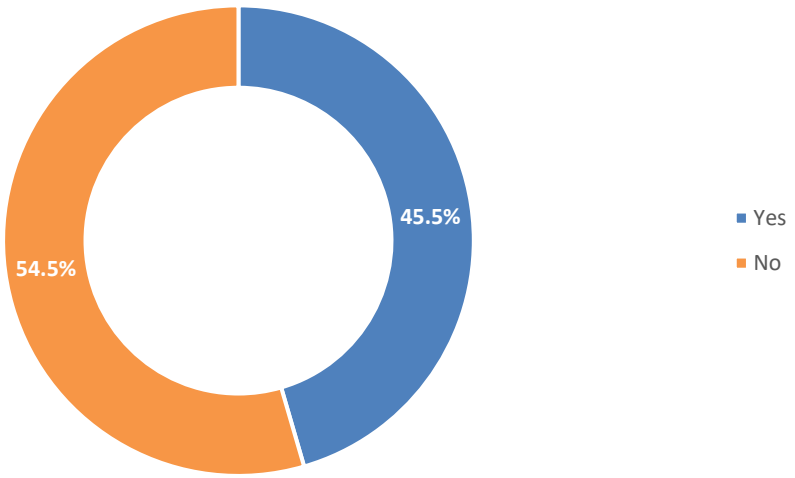
ST.3 Code	Webpage identifiers (URL with heading/section reference)
EP	"URL#section"
IB	Would depend on whether applicant cited webpages in the international application.

Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify)
CN	Identifiers in the description are optional unless referring to the figure.
EP	For certain elements (e.g. tables and chemical formulae), the full-text data may include embedded image data that are XML-tagged.
ES	Referred to as "Ejemplo n"
IB	Would depend on citing practices of applicant.
MG	Not applicable.
PY	Not published.
SE	Non-textual elements are included in full-text production (WIPO OCR), but we publish the description as filed by the applicant.
TH	Image files

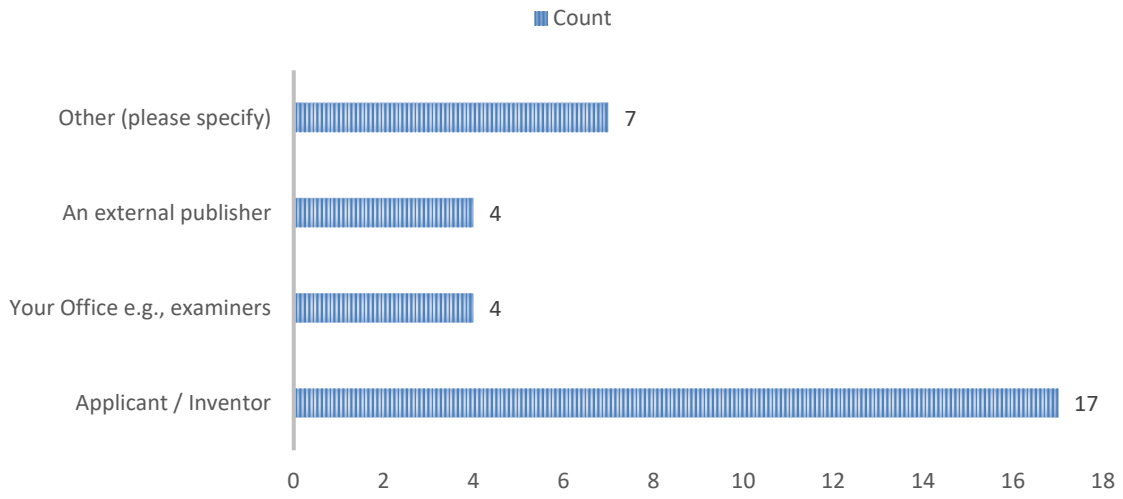
Section 7: Paragraph number details

38. Does your published patent documents include paragraph numbers?



Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 Codes
Yes	25	45.5%	AT, AU, BR, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, EP, FR, GB, IB, IE, IL, JP, KE, KR, LR, NZ, PE, PT, QZ, RU, SG, US
No	30	54.5%	BE, BG, BY, CL, CU, DK, EA, EE, EG, ES, FI, GE, HR, HU, IN, LT, MD, MG, MX, NO, PL, PY, RS, SA, SE, SI, SK, TH, TR, ZA
Total	**55**	**100.0%**	

39. Paragraph numbers are typically created by:

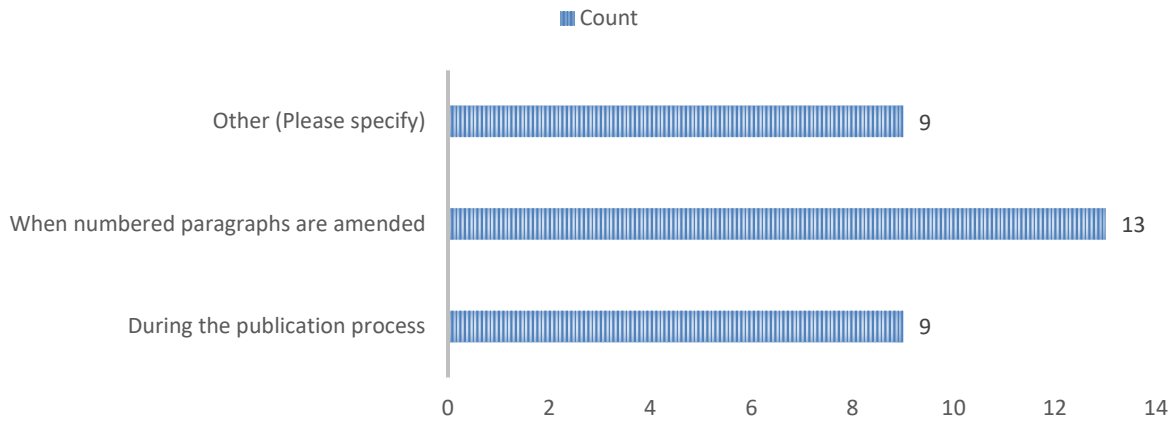


Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Applicant / Inventor	17	AU, BR, CA, EP, FR, GB, IB, IE, IL, JP, KE, KR, LR, NZ, PE, PT, SG
Your Office e.g., examiners	4	AT, LR, QZ, RU
An external publisher	4	CH, DE, LR, US
Other (please specify)	7	CN, CZ, FR, GB, KE, PE, QZ

Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (please specify)
CN	Generated by the IT system of CNPIA automatically.
CZ	Par. numbers are available only in XML data and they are generated automatically.
FR	Office's docx to PDF converter automatically adds paragraphs to the PDF description where necessary.
GB	An appointed representative.
KE	Required by office at Formality stage.
PE	Not all filed patent documents include paragraph numbering; it is not a mandatory standard.
QZ	When CPVO takes over an examination report from another authority it takes over also the Variety Description in the format issued by the said authority.

40. Paragraph numbers are recreated:



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
During the publication process	9	CH, DE, EP, GB, IB, IE, LR, RU, US
When numbered paragraphs are amended	13	AT, AU, BR, CN, EP, IB, IE, JP, KR, LR, NZ, SG, US
Other (Please specify)	9	CA, CZ, FR, IL, KE, PE, PT, QZ, SG

Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

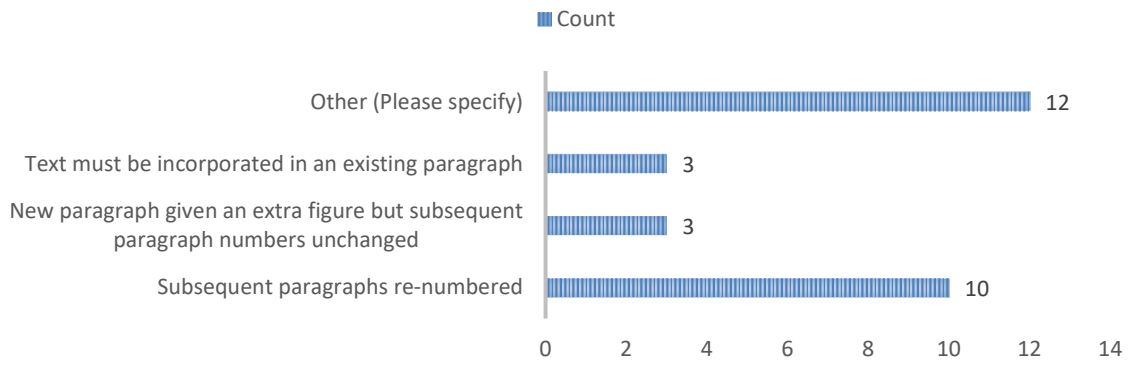
ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify)
CA	Paragraph numbers are entered solely by the applicant and would be recreated whenever they wish to make the change.
CZ	Not applicable. The numbers are added at the time of publication.
FR	During conversion from docx -> PDF
IL	Neither the examiner nor the Office is involved in the recreation of paragraph numbers, as it is not a requirement by Israel Patents Regulations.
KE	During application stage.
PE	Not applicable.
PT	Paragraph numbers are created when the applicant/inventor submits the several documents of the patent application (whether it is at the beginning of the process during the submission of the patent application, or during the applicant/inventor answer to a possible notification regarding irregularities with the application).

QZ	The document is published as it is.
SG	When numbered paragraphs are corrected.

41. Describe any special treatment you give to long paragraphs:

ST.3 Code	Response
BR	None
CA	Not applicable
CN	No special treatment for handling long paragraphs.
CZ	None
EP	No specific word limit applies. Each paragraph retains a unique identifier (e.g. [001]), in practice, paragraphs are generally not subdivided, ensuring stable citations and faithful publication.
GB	Long paragraphs are not given special treatment.
JP	There is no restriction on the number of characters or words in each paragraph.
KE	Each 5th line is numbered.
NZ	There is no restriction on the Applicant.
PE	Not applicable.
PT	Not applicable
RU	No special treatment

42. Describe how you treat numbered paragraphs that are subsequently amended:



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Subsequent paragraphs re-numbered	10	AT, BR, CH, DE, IE, KE, KR, LR, NZ, US
New paragraph given an extra figure but subsequent paragraph numbers unchanged	3	IB, LR, NZ
Text must be incorporated in an existing paragraph	3	CN, FR, LR
Other (Please specify)	12	AU, CA, CZ, EP, GB, IL, JP, PE, PT, QZ, RU, SG

ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify)
AU	The applicant amends the specification in response to examination reports and is responsible for paragraph numbering being continuous. Examiners will typically alert applicants if there is a discrepancy or error.
CA	Applicant is in control of paragraph numbering so anything they enter is used.
CZ	Not applicable
EP	Paragraph numbering may be maintained or adjusted following amendments, with possible adaptation in the final text under the Rule 71(3) EPC.
GB	It is the applicant's/representative responsibility to maintain the paragraph numbering when amending the description.
IL	Neither the examiner nor the Office is involved in the numbering of paragraphs, as it is not a requirement by Israel Patents Regulations.
JP	In case of the deletion of one paragraph, the paragraph number is left as a vacant number.

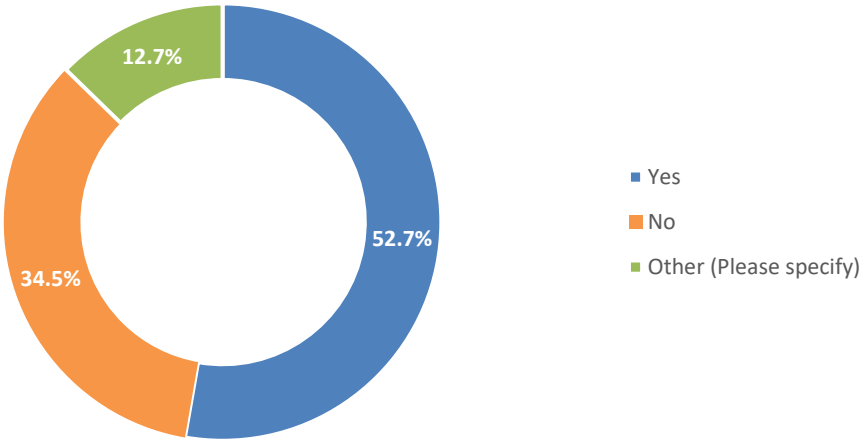
PE	Not applicable.
PT	The applicant/inventor must re-number the paragraphs and/or restructure the text.
QZ	Any amendments are done before publication, just by replacing the incorrect version with the corrected one.
RU	The numbering of paragraphs is created only once in the publication process.
SG	The first two options are both possible, depending on the format submitted by the applicant during amendment or correction.

43. If necessary, please provide additional comment on any part of the questions or answers given above in this section.

ST.3 Code	Response
AU	The use of paragraph numbers as location identifiers is optional and not a required format by the AU Office.
CA	Everything is client-driven and we do not renumber or change what is received from the client.
EP	The EPO uses ST.36 (XML), which provides structured paragraph identifiers, supporting stable referencing and automated citation.
IB	Whether paragraph numbers are used in a PCT application depends on the filing format accepted by the receiving Office. Amendment of the description during the international phase of the PCT can only take place before the International Preliminary Examining Authority during international preliminary examination.
KE	Not applicable
NZ	In our office, the Applicant/Inventor creates and recreates the paragraph numbering. If a new paragraph is inserted, Applicants will often give the newly inserted paragraph a paragraph number composed of the preceding paragraph number with a letter added to the end. They will then leave the remaining paragraph numbers unchanged (e.g. [0008], [0008A], [0008B], [0009] etc.). Other times, the Applicant/Inventor will renumber all subsequent paragraphs when a newly inserted paragraph is added.
PE	No comment.

Section 8: Citing documents based on machine translations

44. Does your Office currently allow to cite machine-translated documents in search or examination reports?



Response	Count	Percent	ST.3 Codes
Yes	29	52.7%	AT, AU, BR, CA, CL, CU, CZ, DE, EA, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, HR, IE, IL, IN, KE, MX, NO, NZ, PE, PL, PT, SA, SG, TR, US
No	19	34.5%	BE, BG, BY, CN, DK, EE, GE, IB, JP, KR, LR, MD, PY, QZ, RS, SE, SK, TH, ZA
Other (Please specify)	7	12.7%	CH, GB, HU, LT, MG, RU, SI
Total	**55**	**100.0%**	

Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify)
CH	Only as complement to the original document.
GB	Examiners should not normally cite machine-translated documents, due to potential uncertainty over contractual/copyright restrictions. However, where there are no such restrictions, examiners may cite machine translations but are required to explain that the translation is machine-generated and therefore may not be fully accurate or definitive. MoPP 17.104.1
HU	Citing only a machine-translated document is not allowed, but the use of the machine-translation of the originally cited document is allowed. This fact is indicated.
LT	Machine-translated documents may be used for informational purposes; however, citations are generally based on the original document. Machine translations can support understanding but are not considered authoritative legal sources.

MG	There are currently no explicit provisions regarding permission to cite automatically translated documents in search or examination reports.
RU	Machine-translated documents are cited only in the ISR.
SI	Office is not doing full examination

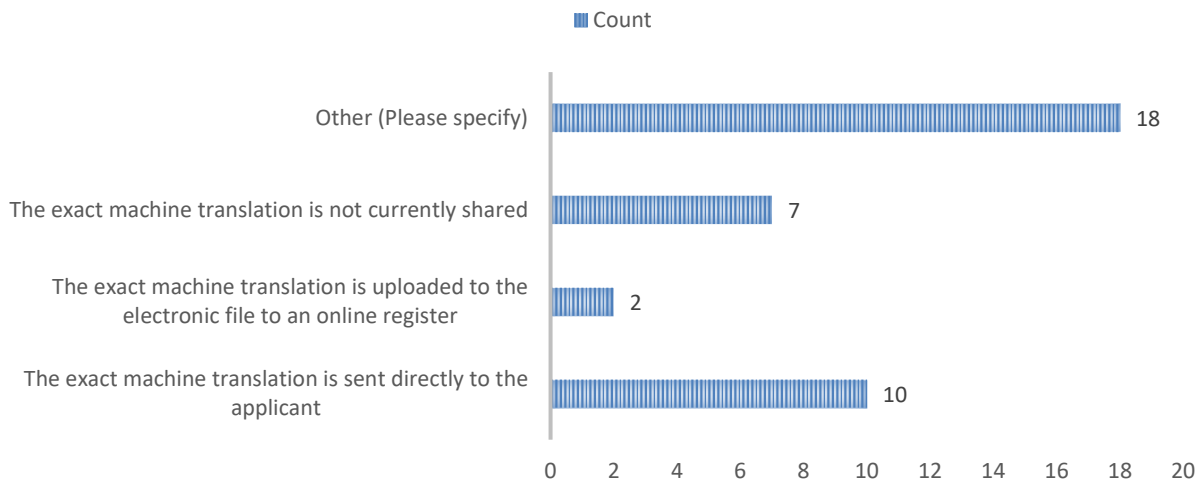
45. When citing a document without paragraph numbering, how does your Office identify the relevant passage in the machine translation?

ST.3 Code	Response
AT	When no paragraph numbering is provided, the next degree of granularity (e.g. section, subsection, chapter, subchapter) is used.
AU	Depends on the identifying characteristics available in the document, but could include e.g. page number or section of document (generally either or both can be reverse-engineered by comparing the machine translation to the original document) and manually counting to the relevant paragraph; or using publicly available tool such as Espacenet, where the same translation can be accessed by the reader of the report as necessary.
BR	The examiner quotes lines from the translated document, even if they are not numbered.
CA	In national examination there is no requirement to give exact pinpoints so the relevant passage may or may not be indicated depending on the preference of the examiner. For international examination, there is no specific guidance provided. However, these are generally provided through figure numbers, claim numbers, example numbers or paragraph numbers (if available). A copy of the machine translation used is not sent to the applicant with the ISR.
CH	We try to find the relevant passage intellectually as well as possible by looking at elements (e.g., numbers or symbols) that are equivalent in the original document and the translation. Or by using techniques such as OCR and manual machine translation to reproduce the original machine translation process.
CL	The page and line number or paragraph on that page are given.
CU	With page numbers, indicating the section of the document or line number.
CZ	We have no experience.
DE	Reference is always the original document, which is also used in the citations. The machine translation is provided only as add on to the applicants. Text passages are referenced according to the available information in the original document like page numbers, line number, etc.
EG	If a structure, drawing, or table is referenced, it is cited directly as presented in the original document. When using Espacenet or Patent Scope translations, citations are provided based on the page and line numbers in the translated document. When using Google Lens translation, citations are given according to the page and line numbers of the original document.

EP	EPO examiners are required to identify relevant passages in the original document whenever possible. If passage identification is impossible, the whole document can be cited, and the written opinion should refer to the enclosed translation. (Guidelines for Search and Examination at the EPO as PCT Authority, B-X, 9.4). If only a specific paragraph of the machine translation is needed, the search division may copy that paragraph into the search opinion, but the full machine translation will be made available to the applicant as well (Guidelines for Search and Examination at the EPO as PCT Authority, B-X, 9.1.3).
ES	Page and line numbers.
FI	We refer to the page and line number in the printout.
FR	Page N°, lines X to X or, where applicable, the relevant passage highlighted in the attached translation
GB	This is at the examiner's discretion.
HR	The relevant passage of the machine translation is identified by machine translation document page number together with relevant lines at that page.
HU	We cite the relevant page number in the machine translation.
IE	The IPOI does not conduct searches; all searches are carried out by the EPO on behalf of the IPOI.
IL	Priority is given to the abstract and claims (as they are numbered) and drawings, then to passages appearing under titles. Otherwise, reference is given to the body of the description.
IN	Machine translated documents are cited as 'whole document'.
KE	To cite the page number of a pdf saved copy attached with Examination report.
LT	Compare texts manually.
MG	The text is usually broken down into paragraphs to enable the corresponding passage to be identified in the machine translation.
MX	Reference is made to the chapter, page or line from which the translation is taken; the paragraph to be translated is also included in its original language, followed immediately by the corresponding translation.
NO	It is most logical to use headings in the description or e.g. "text describing figure X".
NZ	Our office references the paragraph or lines in the original document, where possible.
PE	The entire page is cited.

PL	Where paragraph numbering is not available, the relevant passage is identified using other available location identifiers, such as page numbers, figure numbers, table numbers or claim numbers. Where necessary, line numbers may be indicated by counting lines on the relevant page.
PT	Machine translation usually includes the numbered paragraphs. Where this is not the case, the examiner specifies which paragraph is concerned and sometimes includes the relevant passage (for example: 1st paragraph of the automatic translation of description 'The present disclosure (...)')
RU	Typically, experts use machine translation tools available in Espacenet and Orbit Intelligence by Questel, where the translated description is provided with numbered paragraphs. Where other parts of the patent document are relevant – such as the claims or the abstract – the specific claim numbers or the abstract shall be indicated. Alternatively, where a fragment is identified by the title of a section of the description, a larger volume of text shall be indicated in comparison with the relevant portion.
SA	By referring to the relevant paragraph, section, page number, or quoted text in the machine translation, as appropriate.
SG	If there are no paragraph numbers in the machine translation, the relevant portion can be identified in the search report by including page number (e.g. page 17), column position (e.g. left column of page 4), paragraph counted from the top or bottom of the page (e.g. second para of page 9), section number (e.g. Sections II-III) or section heading (e.g. Materials and Methods). In the written opinion or examination report, the text from the machine translation is used in the explanation and may be accompanied by the corresponding portion in the original text.
SI	Office is not doing full examination.
TR	For example, Description Machine Translation Examples Description Machine Translation Summary of Invention Description Machine Translation Detailed Description.
US	This is decided by the examiner, typically referencing page number and paragraph.

46. How does your Office ensure that applicants can access the exact machine translation used by your Office?



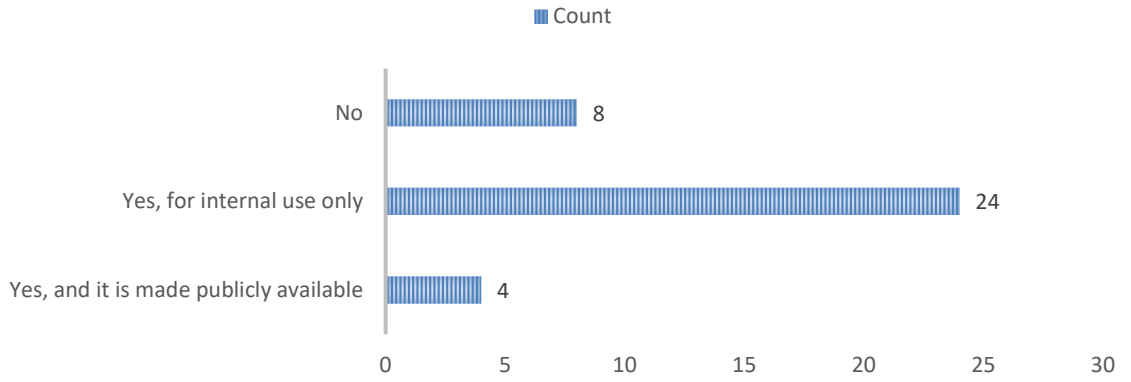
Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
The exact machine translation is sent directly to the applicant	10	DE, ES, FI, FR, HR, HU, IE, KE, SG, TR
The exact machine translation is uploaded to the electronic file to an online register	2	BR, US
The exact machine translation is not currently shared	7	EA, LT, NZ, PL, RU, SI, SK
Other (Please specify)	18	AT, AU, CA, CH, CL, CU, CZ, EG, EP, GB, IL, IN, MG, MX, NO, PE, PT, SA

Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify)
AT	Since our office's search tool is the EPO's ANSERA-based Search, mostly the content from AbS is identical to that available on Espacenet, which is readily available for the general public.
AU	There is no requirement that the exact machine translation is shared, but generally the tool used is mentioned in the report so that the reader can theoretically access the same translation.
CA	For international examination, identification of the source of the machine translation is provided as part of the citation. Example: D1: CN 1465217A (HASHIMOTO, A. et al.) 31 December 2003 (31-12-2003) *machine translation provided by Google Translate used for understanding*
CH	In general, we do not share machine translations, but refer to the online translation on Espacenet. Machine translation is shared only in cases when this seems inappropriate.
CL	The translation is provided by the applicant and forms part of the electronic file.
CU	A link to its available location is sent.
CZ	Upon request of applicants.
EG	The applicant can easily access the original document, as well as Espacenet and PatentScope, when these translation tools are used for references. In some cases, the applicant is informed of the translation tool used so that the same version used by the examiner can be accessed.
EP	The exact machine translation is made available to the applicant both by being sent directly (e.g. as annex to the written opinion) and by being uploaded to the electronic file accessible via the online register.
GB	Sent directly to the representative if one has been appointed.
IL	The exact machine translation is internally documented and is sent to the applicant upon request.
IN	Shared only when the applicant requests for the translation.

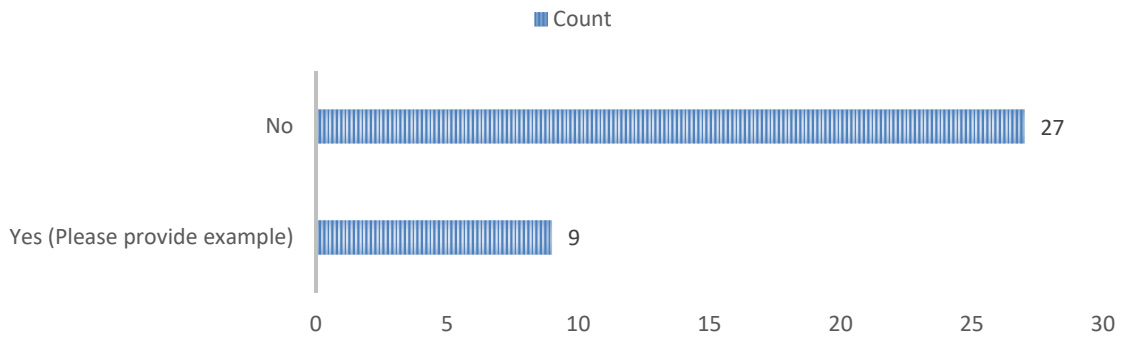
MX	The accurate machine translation is sent directly to the applicant, and the accurate machine translation is uploaded to an electronic file in an online register.
NO	Since we use Ansera based Search (AbS), the machine translation seen in AbS is normally available in espacenet.org. If there is no machine translation available, we send the machine translation to the applicant.
PE	The document is sent to the applicant in PDF format.
PT	The machine translation is available to the general public via the link sent to the applicant. However, the examiner usually keeps a copy of the machine translation in case it needs to be sent to the applicant at a later date.
SA	The original cited source document is provided where available, preferably in English. Full machine-translated versions are not typically generated or shared; only relevant excerpts may be translated as needed.

47. Does your Office record or store the machine translation used by the examiner for internal or public reference?



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Yes, and it is made publicly available	4	EP, HU, TR, US
Yes, for internal use only	24	AU, BR, CA, CH, CL, CU, CZ, DE, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, IE, IL, IN, KE, LT, MG, NO, NZ, PE, SG
No	8	AT, EA, MX, PL, PT, RU, SA, SI
Total	**36**	

48. Does your Office have a preferred format for citing machine translations in search or examination reports?



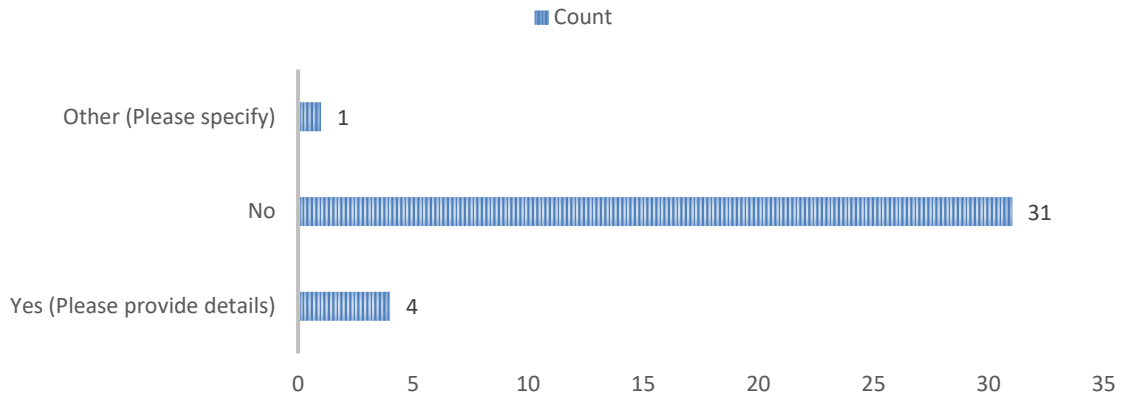
Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Yes (Please provide example)	9	AT, CA, FI, FR, IL, NO, PE, RU, SG
No	27	AU, BR, CH, CL, CU, CZ, DE, EA, EG, EP, ES, GB, HR, HU, IE, IN, KE, LT, MG, MX, NZ, PL, PT, SA, SI, TR, US
Total	**36**	

Comments provided when answering "Yes (Please provide example)"

ST.3 Code	Yes (Please provide example)
AT	We use the WIPO Standard ST.14 format for translations: "(translated) [online] [retrieved on YYYY-MM-DD]. Retrieved from KIME"
CA	*machine translation used, International practice: *machine translation provided by XX used for understanding*
FI	We use paragraph numbers whenever possible.
FR	A PDF printout of the machine translation generated via the web browser, combined with the PDF of the original document.
IL	If paragraph numbers are available in the original document, reference is made directly to them. If not, reference is made to the abstract, claims, passages under titles and drawings. Otherwise, reference is given to the body of the description. The ILPO considers changing the citation practice by citing directly the machine-translated text which should be sent to the applicant together with the search/examination report.
NO	To indicate the machine translation in both search report and office action, e.g. "see machine translation".
PE	Hyperlink
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SG	E.g., JP 2002-300027 A (ASAHI CHEMICAL MICRO SYST) 11 October 2002 Figures 1 and 2; Paragraphs [0011]-[0030] of the machine translation.

49. Has your Office encountered cases where an applicant disputed the relevance of a citation based on a machine translation?



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Yes (Please provide details)	4	EP, NZ, SG, US
No	31	AT, BR, CA, CH, CL, CU, CZ, DE, EA, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, HR, HU, IE, IL, IN, KE, LT, MG, MX, NO, PE, PL, PT, RU, SA, SI, TR
Other (Please specify)	1	AU
Total	**36**	

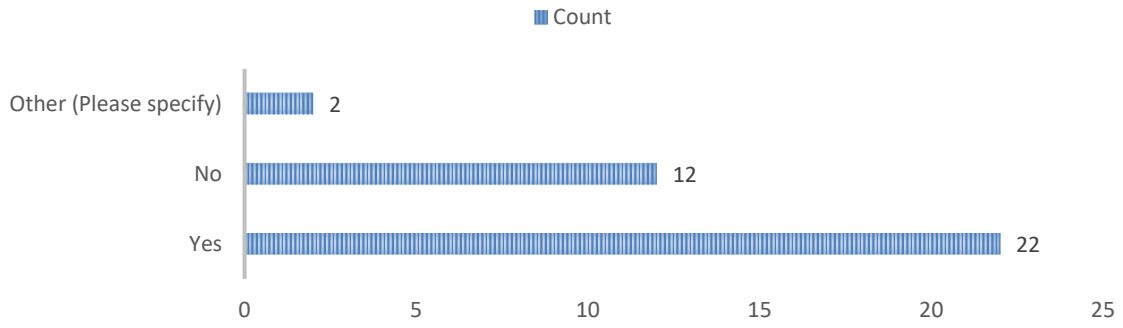
Comments provided when answering "Yes (Please provide details)"

ST.3 Code	Yes (Please provide details)
EP	If an applicant wishes to dispute the relevance of a citation based on a machine translation, they must provide substantiated reasoning and bear the burden of adducing evidence showing the extent to which the quality of the machine translation is defective and should therefore not be relied upon. (Guidelines for Search and Examination at the EPO as PCT Authority, G-IV, 4.1).
SG	In some cases, the applicant submitted arguments regarding the accuracy of the machine translation because it affected the assessment of novelty and inventive step.
US	USPTO is not aware of a dispute specific to MACHINE translations, but there have been disputes over translations in general.

Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify)
AU	No data recorded.

50. Should there be a standardized method for referencing the machine translation engine and date of translation in the international search report?



Response	Count	ST.3 Codes
Yes	22	AT, CA, CH, CL, CU, EG, ES, FI, FR, HR, IE, IL, IN, KE, MG, MX, PE, PL, PT, RU, SI, TR
No	12	AU, BR, CZ, DE, EA, EP, GB, HU, LT, NO, SA, US
Other (Please specify)	2	NZ, SG
Total	**36**	

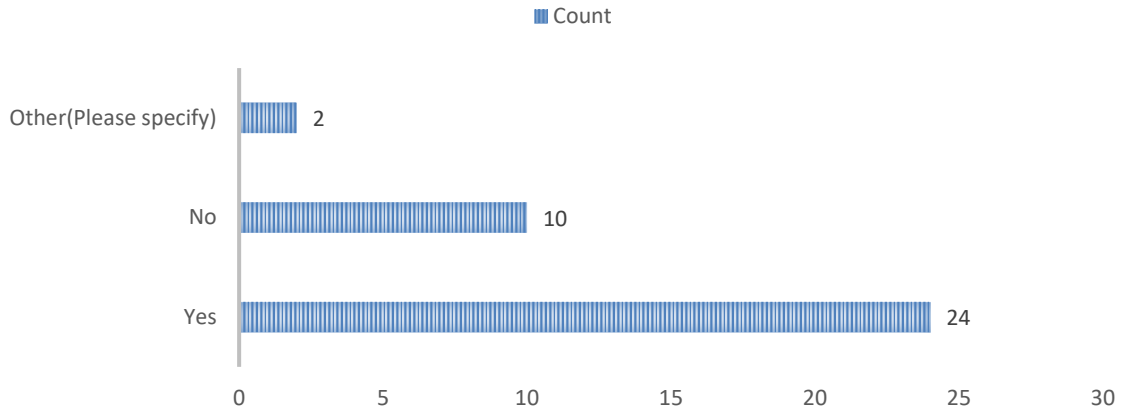
Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify)
NZ	We would consider the merits of any proposal depending on what was proposed.
SG	We suggest that it can be in the form of recommendations for referencing the machine translation engine and date of translation in the international search report.

51. Should WIPO Standard ST.14 be revised to include recommendation on how references to machine translations should be cited in a patent document?

Response	Count	ST.3 codes
Yes	24	AT, CA, CH, CL, CU, EG, EP, ES, FI, FR, HR, IE, IL, IN, KE, MX, NO, PE, PL, PT, RU, SG, SI, TR

No	10	BR, CZ, DE, EA, GB, HU, LT, MG, SA, US
Other(Please specify)	2	AU, NZ
Total	**36**	



Comments provided when answering "Other (Please specify)"

ST.3 Code	Other (Please specify)
AU	We would welcome the inclusion of examples on how references to machine translations should be cited, as a recommendation only.
NZ	It depends on any proposal as noted under the previous question.

General questions about Citation Practices: Sections 9 to 10

Section 9: Examples of citation references published by your Office, if this information is available.

52. If possible, please provide a patent (application) number and a publicly available internet address that contains one or more typical examples of patent and non-patent literature citation references.

ST.3 Code	Response to the question: Specify application number and kind code, e.g., WO 2005/110961 A1:
AT	A 236/2020; AT524365A1
AU	AU 2022200741 B2
BE	BE1024024 B1
BG	BG65974B1
CA	Application #: 3101234. Direct link: https://www.ic.gc.ca/opic-cipo/cpd/eng/patent/3101234/summary.html?type=number_search&tabs1Index=tabs1_1
CH	CH 720467 A1
CL	CL202403406
CZ	CZ 2023-507 (CZ 310 431 B6)
DE	DE1020242080306A1
DK	DK182349B1
EP	EP 2 353 504 A1; EP 2 079 261 A1
ES	P202130611 (ES202130611 A1)
FI	FI 20245823 A1
GB	GB2644028 A - example with patent citation references (see front page INID code (56) and search report on page 19) and GB2602685 A - example with non-patent

	literature citation references (see front page INID code (56) and search report on page 22)
GE	GE P 2025 7821 B
HR	HRP20231275 A1
HU	WO2025133648 A1, WO2025083434 A1
IE	IE 2024/0045 A1
IN	IN202511050089
JP	JP 6691280 B1
KE	https://kipi.go.ke/ip-journal
KR	KR 10-2018-0054332 A
LT	LT 7000 (B1)
MD	MD 4880 C1 2024.07.31
MX	MX/a/2018/009287
NO	NO20210585 B1;
NZ	NZ 805055 A1
PE	Not applicable.
PL	PL438369 A1
PT	PT 118295 B
RS	RS 20240247 (A1)
RU	RU 2620031 C1, RU 2620011 C2

SE	SE 2450944 A1
SG	E.g., US 2017/0123456 A1 (CHUNG C. ET AL.) 4 May 2017 Whole document, in particular paragraphs [0020]-[0030] Core Jr: "Core77 /Pulse: a new urban bike concept from Teague". 3 August 2009.
SK	SK20260032U1
TH	2401006380A

ST.3 Code	Response - Specify Internet address and any instructions helpful to find patent (application) number, e.g., IA=IB2005001265&REF=RSS
AT	https://see-ip.patentamt.at/patentsuche (usage self-explanatory) - this new version of see-ip was launched a few weeks ago.
AU	https://ipsearch.ipaustralia.gov.au/patents/2022200741
BE	https://worldwide.espacenet.com/publicationDetails/biblio?CC=BE&NR=1024024B1&KC=B1&FT=D&ND=&date=20171030&DB=&locale=en_EP
BG	https://worldwide.espacenet.com/patent/search/family/037022801/publication/BG65974B1?q=pn%3DBG65974B1
CA	Go to this link and enter any 7-digit patent number: https://www.ic.gc.ca/opic-cipo/cpd/eng/search/number.html
CH	https://www.swissreg.ch/database/resources/ds/doc/urn:ige:doc:700a8a943af443ff72a01308a149b48c4f040f2f
CL	https://buscadorpatentes.inapi.cl/UI/MainSearch.aspx
CZ	https://isdv.upv.gov.cz/webapp/!resdb.pta.frm
DE	https://register.dpma.de/DPMAregister/pat/register?AKZ=1020242080306
DK	https://onlineweb.dkpto.dk/pvsonline/Patent?action=102&sagID=PA%202024%2030696
EE	https://www.epa.ee/en/patents-utility-models/search-databases/inventions-databases
EP	https://worldwide.espacenet.com/
ES	https://consultas2.oepm.es/InvenesWeb/detalle?referencia=P202130611
FI	See Patent information service: https://patenttitietopalvelu.prh.fi/en/ search by application number 20245823

GB	https://worldwide.espacenet.com/patent/search/family/097067541/publication/GB2644028A?q=gb2644028
GE	https://www.sakpatenti.gov.ge/media/fulltexts/inventions/E_7821.pdf
HR	https://worldwide.espacenet.com/publicationDetails/biblio?CC=HR&NR=P20231275A1&KC=A1&FT=D&ND=3&date=20250425&DB=EPODOC&locale=en_EP#
HU	https://worldwide.espacenet.com/patent/search/family/096136808/publication/WO202 https://worldwide.espacenet.com/patent/search/family/095447937/publication/WO2025083434A1?q=pn%20%3D%20%22WO2025083434%225133648A1?q=pn%20%3D%20%22WO2025133648%22
IE	https://eregister.ipoi.gov.ie/list/PTResultList.aspx
IN	Search using application number "202511050089" as search field on https://iprsearch.ipindia.gov.in/PatentSearch/PatentSearch/ViewApplicationStatus
JP	https://www.j-platpat.inpit.go.jp/c1801/PU/JP-2020-008423/10/ja
KE	Not applicable
KR	https://www.kipris.or.kr
LT	https://search.vpb.lt/pdb/patent/lt/search;jsessionid=8E910A55AAD4CC382E5B7EECC0645BC8?f11_mc=has&f11=7000&f21_mc=eq&f21=&status=
MD	Search by relevant criteria on https://www.db.agepi.md/Inventions, in this case by patent number 4880.
MX	https://vidoc.impi.gob.mx/Visor?pVidoc=MX/a/2018/009287
NZ	URL: https://www.iponz.govt.nz/manage-ip/ Select Search patents, then enter 805055 in the Case Number(s) field, then hit enter, then navigate to documents tab, and download the Patent Examination Report 1 document.
PE	Not applicable.
PL	https://ewyszukiwarka.pue.uprp.gov.pl/search/pwp-details/P.438369
PT	Using INPI search tool: https://servicosonline.inpi.justica.gov.pt/pesquisas/main/patentes.jsp?lang=PT&pk_vid=b303a43cbd5f51ad177548283887756d choose "Número do processo" (1st option) and then click on "Continuar" (at the bottom left). Then, write 118295 in "Número do Processo" (the second field on the screen, that is the only one in white), and then click on "Pesquisar" (the bottom below "Número do Processo").
RS	https://worldwide.espacenet.com/publicationDetails/originalDocument?CC=RS&NR=20240247A1&KC=A1&FT=D&ND=4&date=20250829&DB=EPODOC&locale=en_EP

RU	https://fips.ru/registers-web/action?acName=clickRegister&regName=RUPAT In the right box enter the patent number without RU prefix and any spaces. Click «НАЙТИ» on the right.
SE	https://search.prv.se/#/en/patent/SE2450944-0
SG	[Retrieved on 2015-08-31 from http://www.core77.com/posts/14220/pulse-a-new-urban-bike-concept-from-teague-14220]
SK	https://wbr.indprop.gov.sk/WebRegistre/UzitkovyVzor/Detail/32-2026?csrt=14294253670263317016#
TH	https://search.ipthailand.go.th/

ST.3 Code	Response - Specify where in the document the citation references can be found, e.g., page 1, lines 19 and 25, search report at end of document
AT	Page 37
AU	See under heading 'Specification/eRegister' to download the AU-B2 specification, first page is bibliographic information and under INID code 56 are listed related art documents including patents and NPL.
BG	Bibliographic data, INID code (56), page 2, column 1, line 15 and line 26.
CA	In this example, citation references can be found under Documents > Examiner Requisition. There may also be citation references provided by the applicant in the Description. In this case there are no third-party submissions of citation references.
CH	Search report
CL	Search report
CZ	Page 1 (front page of the B6 document in pdf format), under INID Code 56.
DE	Refer to INID code 56.
DK	Page 1, page 3 line 17.
EE	The last page of the published document regarding registrated utility model.
EG	Not applicable
EP	Found in the Search Report at the end of the Original Document PDF and in the interactive Citations tab.

ES	Search report at end of document.
FI	Search report at end of A1 publication document.
GB	https://worldwide.espacenet.com/patent/search/family/074667682/publication/GB2602685A?q=GB2602685
GE	Page 1, INID code 56
HR	Search report
HU	Search report at end of document.
IE	Search report at the end of the document.
IN	Click on "view documents" and open "202511050089-FER.pdf";pages 2-3/8.
JP	(Entry of the document number is required to obtain the document) see front page, INID code (56).
KE	Not applicable
KR	In the bibliographic data and examination-related information sections.
LT	Page 1-2
MD	Citation references can be found at the end of "Descriere" or "Revendicari" document in the „Documents as submitted by the applicant" section [https://www.db.agepi.md/Inventions/details/a%202022%200022/Fascicol?lang=en], in section V of the search report [https://www.db.agepi.md/Inventions/details/a%202022%200022/RaportLink?lang=en], at the end of Issued or granted title of protection [https://www.db.agepi.md/Inventions/details/a%202022%200022/LinkTitluAcc?lang=en], search for "(56) Referinţe bibliografice citate în descriere:", in this case page 6.
MX	In Document No. 3, reference MX/W/2023/069894, concerning the official substantive examination, p. 2
NO	Click on «Citations/Mothold» in the menu on the left.
NZ	Bottom of page 2 of the Patent Examination Report 1 document.
PE	Not applicable.

PT	In "Documentos Relacionados" you can find "Relatório de Pesquisa" and you can click on "Consultar" (the links presented). Then, for example clicking on the "Relatório de Pesquisa" from 30-06-2023, it will open this window https://servicosonline.inpi.justica.gov.pt/pesquisas/GetDocsRelacionados?docNum=8168124-6612276&procNume=8168124&anoPed=2022&mesPed=10&codMod=01. In this document you can find the documents that were cited in the Written Opinion. If for example you click on "Relatório Exame PAT" from 17-07-2025 you will open the document https://servicosonline.inpi.justica.gov.pt/pesquisas/GetDocsRelacionados?docNum=8168124-7046018&procNume=8168124&anoPed=2022&mesPed=10&codMod=01. In this document, besides having a table with the cited documents (that you can find at the end of the document), you will find citation references during the report (for example, in p. 2 "revestimento de poliuretano (D1: abstract; p. 2 secção 2.1, p. 4 secção 3.1).")
RS	Search report at the end of A1 document (pages 18-20).
RU	Cited references appear under INID code (56).
SE	See SE 547896 C2 document front page and Document in case file (2025-02-27 Swedish Search Report).
SG	Whole document
SK	Search report

Section 10: Additional comments about citation practices

53. If applicable, please make any further comments, e.g., you may wish to comment on difficult aspects of citation practices for your IPO:

ST.3 Code	Response to the question - Users are confused about the part of a document a citation reference was referring to
BR	It is not common practice at the BR office to tabulate the results of citation practices in a way that allows for easy attribution to the bibliographic data of applications at the time of publication. Generally, citations are only described in technical opinion documents.
CA	Additional context (rationale) regarding Section 5 (question 24 and 25 from this online survey): From a Data Dissemination perspective, we consider IP Horizons, the SFTP Cloud, and the Patent API to fall within the scope of this survey, as we interpret a "medium" to be a platform used to disseminate patent citations. While the Data Dissemination platforms noted above do not provide a standalone patent citation product, citation data is included within patent descriptions, which form part of our bulk data offerings. This is consistent with the nature of IP Horizons and the SFTP Cloud as comprehensive data repositories containing trademark, industrial design, and patent applications filed with CIPO.
CH	The use of category & is often unclear.
EE	The detailed rules for citated references are not specified in the regulation.

EG	No further comment.
EP	At the EPO, there is an established practice on how to deal with cases involving machine translations, including cases where machine translations do include references (e.g. paragraph numbers) or where such references do not align with those in the original document. There is also an established practice for citing non-textual content (e.g. video), equally ensuring sufficient information for identification and accessibility.
IB	Citation references linked to an international application published by the International Bureau will depend on the citation practices at the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.
IN	Whole document has to be cited when relying on machine translation.
NO	In our office, the citation practice for patent literature is the same as or close to the standard set of in WIPO Standard ST.14. For everything else, the citation practice is not always the same as WIPO Standard ST.14. We recently introduced more examples from the standard into our guidelines in the hope that this will help the examiners. We think that it would be helpful with more real-life examples in the standard.
PE	Ambiguity in document identification (missing kind codes, confusion regarding patent families).
SA	Ongoing development focuses on improving accessibility, searchability, and consistency of citation references.
US	There are instances when applicant or examiner does not provide complete or correct citation information in a standardized format.

ST.3 Code	Response to the question: Citation references do not refer to the authentic rendering of a patent document
BR	Citations on PCT/ISR (WO2024130365, WO2024092330 and PCT/BR2024/050167). Citations on national phase (BR112023010043-7; BR102016023038-1). PCT/ISR: Available only on Patentscope within the completed documents of the form PCT/ISA/210: (https://patentscope.wipo.int/search/en/search.jsf). National phase: Within the system for viewing patent applications submitted to the BR Office, associated with technical opinion under dispatch 9.1 (https://busca.inpi.gov.br/).
CA	Clients may want relevant citations in all reports (not just a search report) as it is easier for them to work without searching for other documents to find the citations.
CH	How to cite a document that is published both on paper and online?
EG	No further comment.
EP	The alignment between the machine translation and the original document must be clear, including where the translation is presented in a different format.
PE	Inconsistency in the citation structure (failure to follow ST. 14 standard, date format).

ST.3 Code	Response to the question: It is not clear how or whether to state a url as part of a citation reference
BR	Citations on PCT/ISR under form PCT/ISA/210 page 2 box "C - DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT". Citations on national phase under technical opinion on dispatch 9.1 page 1 numbered item "3 - REFERÊNCIAS PATENTÁRIAS" and/or "4 - REFERÊNCIAS NÃO-PATENTÁRIAS".
EG	No further comment.
EP	In order to ensure long-term accessibility of internet citations, dedicated processes and instructions have been established by the EPO (see Guidelines for Examination in the EPO, B-X, 11.6 and G-IV, 7.5.6).
FI	An overly long URL causes problems in PDF printouts.

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