Survey Concerning Citation Practices in Intellectual Property Offices

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2. Section 1: Identification page

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

IE - Ireland

2. Please enter the name of the office or organization you represent. For instance, International Bureau of WIPO.
If your organization name is the same as your ST.3 code name, you may put "n/a".

Intellectual Property Office of Ireland

3. Questions about citation references provided by your Office: Sections 2 to 4

Section 2: Citation reference availability

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

Yes
Please comment if necessary:

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

Available to the public

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

Substantive search and/or examination report
Please comment on any of the above mentioned locations, if appropriate:

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

No

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

Other location (Please provide details): Espacenet

10. Are hyperlinks included for the above Internet locations?

Yes
Please comment if necessary:

11. 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)?

No

12. Are hyperlinks to the citing document provided?

No
Please comment if necessary:

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

Yes
Please comment if necessary:

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

Yes

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

Substantive search and/or examination report
Please comment if necessary: The searcher ID provided in the search report conducted by the EPO on behalf of the IPOI

4. Section 3: Search Report Information

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

No

5. Section 3: Search Report Information

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

Do your citation references include online URLs?

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

If applicable, which unique document identifiers are used?

6. Section 3: Search Report Information

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

No

7. Section 3: Search Report Information

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

Are relevance indicators stated?

Do your citation references include online URLs?

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

If applicable, which unique document identifiers are used?

8. Section 3: Search Report Information

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

9. Section 4: Centralizing/Tagging Citation References

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

No

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

No

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

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

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

Yes (please specify the location where the references are searchable e.g., http://www.): Espacenet

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

n/a

10. 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

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

Paper

Website (if multiple website separate each address with a semi- colon ";"): https://eregister.ipoi.gov.ie/default.aspx

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

Paper
Website (if multiple website separate each address with a semi- colon ";"): https://eregister.ipoi.gov.ie/default.aspx

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

Yes

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

Paper
.pdf (Adobe)

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

No

11. Section 6: Availability of location identifiers

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

Page numbers
Line numbers
Paragraph numbers

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

Image/figure numbers within the description:
Chemical formula numbers:
Tables:
Gene sequences:
Mathematical formulas:

12. Section 7: Paragraph number details

27. Does your published patent documents include paragraph numbers?

Yes

13. Section 7: Paragraph number details

28. Paragraph numbers are typically created by:

Applicant / Inventor

29. Paragraph numbers are recreated:

During the publication process
When numbered paragraphs are amended

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

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

Subsequent paragraphs re-numbered

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

14. Section 8: Citing documents based on machine translations

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

Yes

15. Section 8: Citing documents based on machine translations

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

The IPOI does not conduct searches; all searches are carried out by the EPO on behalf of the IPOI

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

The exact machine translation is sent directly to the applicant

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

Yes, for internal use only

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

No

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

No

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

Yes

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

Yes

16. General questions about Citation Practices: Sections 9-10

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

41. 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.

Specify application number and kind code, e.g., WO 2005/110961 A1 : IE 2024/0045 A1
Specify Internet address and any instructions helpful to find patent (application) number, e.g., IA=IB2005001265&REF=RSS : https://eregister.ipoi.gov.ie/list/PTResultList.aspx
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 : search report at the end of the document

17. Section 10: Additional comments about citation practices

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