



STANDARD ST.17

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CODING OF HEADINGS OF ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE IN OFFICIAL GAZETTES

INTRODUCTION

1. This recommendation is intended to improve the informative value of Official Gazettes, by including standard codes with the various headings which normally are printed above announcements made in those Gazettes.
2. The inclusion of codes to identify various headings of announcements should allow the user to find more easily those announcements which are of interest to him, without any particular knowledge of the language in which the Official Gazette is published, or without any specialized knowledge of the industrial property laws involved.
3. The codes are *not designed* to give a legal interpretation of the headings of announcements nor of the subsequent data involved.

DEFINITIONS

4. For the purposes of this recommendation:
 - (a) the term "Official Gazette" means an official publication containing announcements with respect to industrial property rights made in accordance with requirements under industrial property laws or international industrial property conventions or treaties;
 - (b) the terms "publication" and "published" are used in the sense of making available either:
 - (i) the relevant document to the public for inspection, or supplying a copy thereof on request, or
 - (ii) multiple copies of the relevant document produced by printing or like process;
 - (c) the expressions "examined" and "non-examined" refer to an examination made as to substance, as distinct from an examination made as to form which latter examination is ordinarily made by an industrial property office immediately upon receipt of an application.

THE ELEMENTS OF THE CODE

5. The code consists of four positions which should always appear in the following order:
"LETTER-LETTER-NUMERAL-LETTER."
6. The code consists of the following two basic constituent parts:
 - (a) *PART A*: two letters to identify:
 - the *procedural step* involved *during* the filing and examination procedure leading to and including the grant or registration of an industrial property right, or
 - the action or decision taken after the grant or registration of this right;

The procedural steps and the actions or decisions are categorized. The generic headings are coded with double letters AZ, BZ, CZ, DZ, etc., and comprise the following subject matter:



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- (i) *Actions or decisions taken with regard to an application for an industrial property right during the filing and examination procedure and up to and including the granting.*

AZ	FILING PROCEDURE
BZ	PUBLICATION
CZ	OPPOSITION
DZ	AMENDMENTS OF SPECIFICATIONS OR CLAIMS
EZ	SEARCH AND EXAMINATION
FZ	GRANTING PROCEDURE
GZ	LEGAL STATUS; LICENSE
HZ	CORRECTION; CHANGE; MISCELLANEOUS

- (ii) *Actions or decisions taken after the grant or the registration of an industrial property right:*

KZ	FEES
LZ	RESTRICTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT
MZ	DISCONTINUATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT
NZ	CONTINUATION OR EXTENSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT
PZ	LEGAL STATUS
QZ	LICENSE
RZ	DECISIONS NOT PROVIDED FOR ELSEWHERE
SZ	PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
TZ	CORRECTION; CHANGE; MISCELLANEOUS.

(b) *PART B:* a numeral and a letter to identify the prospective industrial property right(s) or the industrial property right(s) which is(are) the subject of the action or decision in the sense of subparagraph (a), more particularly:

- (i) the numeral to specify the "status" of the industrial property right application, and
- (ii) the letter to identify the type of industrial property right.

7. The following coding elements set forth the details of Parts A and B of the Code respectively:

PART A(i): ACTIONS OR DECISIONS TAKEN WITH REGARD TO AN APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT DURING THE FILING AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURE AND UP TO AND INCLUDING THE GRANTING

AZ	FILING PROCEDURE
AA	Filing
AB	Filing of documents in respect of an earlier filed application, e.g., divisional application
AC	Request for continuation, e.g., extension of time limits
AD	Continuation, e.g., extension of time limits
AE	Restoration of lapsed or forfeited application
AF	International (PCT) Application for which the country is a designated State
AG	European Application for which the country is a designated State
AH	Application for recognition according to the CMEA Agreement on the mutual recognition of inventors' certificates and other titles of protection for inventions



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BZ PUBLICATION

- BA By making available multiple copies
- BB By laying open for public inspection or by supplying a copy on request
- BC Secrecy order
- BD Withdrawal of secrecy order
- BE Unsealing (industrial designs or models)
- BF Cancellation of earlier publication

CZ OPPOSITION

- CA Opposition invited
- CB Opposition to grant initiated
- CC Opposition rejected
- CD Application refused following opposition
- CE Application withdrawn following opposition
- CF Objection of applicant to intervention of third party
- CH Other opposition proceedings not specifically mentioned above

DZ AMENDMENTS OF SPECIFICATIONS OR CLAIMS

- DA Request for amendment of the specification or the claims
- DB Rejection of the request for amendment of the specification or the claims
- DC Amendment of the specification or the claims accepted

EZ SEARCH AND EXAMINATION

- EA Request for documentary search
- EB Request for additional search
- EC Establishment of a documentary search report
- ED Request for deferred examination
- EE Request for examination
- EF Request for examination declared void

FZ GRANTING PROCEDURE

- FA Abandonment or withdrawal
- FB Suspension of granting procedure
- FC Refusal
- FD Application declared void or lapsed, e.g., due to non-payment of fee
- FE Partial withdrawal
- FF Provisional grant; provisional registration
- FG Grant; registration
- FH Recognition granted according to the CMEA Agreement (see AH above)

GZ LEGAL STATUS; LICENSE

- GA Conversion from one type of application for an industrial property right to another
- GB Transfer or assignment
- GC Availability or offer of license
- GD License granted or registered



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HZ CORRECTION; CHANGE; MISCELLANEOUS

- HA Naming of inventor
- HB Correction of names
- HC Change of names
- HD Correction of addresses
- HE Change of addresses
- HF Correction of dates
- HG Correction of classifications
- HH Correction or change in general
- HK Errata in Official Gazettes

*PART A(ii): ACTIONS OR DECISIONS TAKEN AFTER THE GRANT OR THE REGISTRATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT

KZ FEES

- KA Renewal fees due
- KB Payment of renewal fees
- KC Renewal fees not paid

LZ RESTRICTION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT

- LA Request for restriction of right initiated
- LB Request for restriction of right refused
- LC Invalidation of claims
- LD Partial disclaimer
- LE Suspension of the industrial property right

MZ DISCONTINUATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT

- MA Abandonment or withdrawal
- MB Plea of annulment
- MC Annulment
- MD Opposition action initiated
- ME Revocation action initiated
- MF Right revoked following opposition or revocation
- MG Other revocation decisions
- MH Disclaimer
- MK Expiration of term
- ML Annulment of the extension of term
- MM Annulment or lapse due to non-payment of fees
- MN Renewal refused
- MP Refusal of national protection

* For the purpose of the application of this set of letters the grant or the registration of an industrial property right is considered also to have resulted in a publication in the sense of paragraph 4(b), above.



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NZ CONTINUATION OR EXTENSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT

- NA Request for reissue
- NB Reissue granted
- NC Request for renewal or extension of term
- ND Renewal or extension of term granted
- NE Request for restoration of lapsed right
- NF Restoration of lapsed right
- NG Right maintained following opposition or revocation
- NH Annulment of the refusal of a renewal

PZ LEGAL STATUS

- PA Conversion from one type of industrial property right to another
- PB Ownership claimed or determined
- PC Transfer or assignment
- PD Change of proprietorship
- PE Dedication for public use

QZ LICENSE

- QA Availability or offer of license
- QB License granted or registered
- QC License declared terminated

RZ DECISIONS NOT PROVIDED FOR ELSEWHERE

- RA Request for infringement action initiated
- RB Decision concerning infringement action
- RC Pawning
- RD Attachment
- RE Decision establishing dependency
- RF Removal of pawning, attachment or dependency
- RH Other decisions by the Industrial Property Office
- RL Court actions initiated or decisions rendered

SZ PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

- SA Secrecy order
- SB Withdrawal of secrecy order
- SC Availability of copies of granted industrial property right

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- TA Naming of inventor
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PART B(i): NUMERAL TO IDENTIFY THE “STATUS” OF THE APPLICATION

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| 1 | Application which has been neither searched nor examined |
| 2 | Application which has been searched, but not examined |
| 3 | Application which has been examined, but not searched |
| 4 | Application which has been searched and examined |
| 9 | Applications pertaining to more than one of the categories 1 to 4 |

PART B(ii): LETTER TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHT

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| A | Patent for invention |
| B | Patent of addition |
| C | Patent of improvement |
| D | Patent of importation, introduction or similar nature |
| E | Plant patent |
| F | Inventor's certificate or similar industrial property right |
| G | Inventor's certificate of addition or similar industrial property right |
| H | Utility certificate |
| J | Utility certificate of addition |
| X | Industrial property right falling in more than one of the types A to J |
| K | Utility model |
| L | Design, design patent, design certificate |
| Q | Industrial model, industrial model certificate |
| Y | Industrial property right not specifically identified, or falling in more than one of the types A to Q, above. |

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. The Code should be applied to all headings or announcements, including errata notices, made in Official Gazettes as far as relevant codes for the said headings are unequivocally provided for.

9. Each code should be associated with the corresponding heading of the announcement, by putting it in capitals, immediately preceding or following the text of the said headings. If, in a given situation, the use of two or more codes is necessary to code the entries given under a particular heading, then all such codes should be given, preferably separated by a slash. If the heading of the announcement is printed in more than one language, the code(s) may be used only once.

10. In order that the users of official gazettes may be assisted to make maximum use of the codes, this recommendation, as well as the list of the codes with their respective headings, as intended to be used, should be published in the official gazette prior to its implementation and at regular intervals as deemed necessary.

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