

# Publication and patent number format

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| <b>CC</b>      | Is the country code  | Read more about <a href="#">country specific number formats</a> when adding references to IPsurvey. |
| <b>nn..nnn</b> | Serial number. May be up to 15 digits. The first <b>n</b> may be a letter. |   |
| <b>K(K)</b>    | Optional kind code. May be 1 or 2 characters.                              |   |

In general the publication number is typed without spaces and with or without the kind code (optional). A dot is separating the patent number and kind code.