Introduction of “Corporate Information” operated by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) as an example of utilization of Corporate Number by government agencies

From January 2017, METI publishes a tool “Corporate Information” that makes it easy to search and read about the consolidated corporate information managed by the governments.

Published information which is separately managed by departments within each government is the subsidy grant information, trust contract information, administrative penalties information, authorization and report information and commendation information. It will be likely added sequentially in future.

The corporate information enables to search not only by Corporate Number and corporate name, but to search with the designation of some detailed condition such as address, capital stock, employees number.

Also, a simple map search function is attached to it and searching from the map of Japan is possible based on the address.
Introduction of the site for general qualification application and procurement information searching run by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications as an example of the use at government offices

As a bid participation qualification of the general competition (nomination competition) related to the production and sale of a specific article in each ministries and government offices, there are unified qualifications penetrating all ministries and government offices.

When a qualification is given, the qualification is with an effective bid participation qualification in all procurement engines of each ministries and government offices located in every area hoping to be in the applicable competition participation areas.

From December 24, 2015, the “Corporate Number” was added to the items necessary for the general qualification application.

With this, when you apply on the Internet, if you first input a Corporate Number, the information of the “trade name or name”, “head office address” and “head office zip code” are reflected automatically.

In addition, as for suppliers who passed through the screening, the Corporate Number will be shown together with the head office address, trade name or name, as such (but, about corporations without a legal person, this is true only when the representative or the manager of the corporation have agreed beforehand.)
The National Tax Agency was registered as an issuing agency based on global standard

The National Tax Agency was registered as an issuing agency with the United Nation and the International Organization for Standardization and gained “issuing agency code”, so that the Corporate Number ensures use within the country and overseas for international commerce (e-commerce) on a global basis.

1. It is like using a Corporate Number as a common corporate code in international e-commerce.

First, the National Tax Agency gained an issuing agency code from the United Nation as such, by registration to the initiating agency of the company code base on the rule authorized by the United Nation and standard authorized by ISO, in other words, registration as an issuing agency with the United Nation and ISO. By combining the issuing agency code and Corporate Number (company code), it ensures singleness of the company code on a global basis.

2. When a Corporate Number is utilized as a common company code, these are prospective effects and utilization examples.

Effects such as the load reduction of the maintenance (change of trade name, address, etc.) are expected, once utilization of the Corporate Number as common company code regarding the business partners held as company code set by each company’s own method.

3. There are three international standards that the National Tax Agency registered for the issuing agency. Those are administration-centered difference in the standard, but come to greatly relate to standards to modify the electronic tag to distinguish a standard and things concerned with e-commerce.
### Brief explanation about each standard with which National Tax Agency registered an issuing agency, and about the issuing agency code sent to the National Tax Agency

The second left registration of "Registered Standard Row" (UN/EDIFACT Data Element 3055 and ISO/IEC 6523-2) is the standard on company codes to identify partners participating in exchange of orders through data exchange such as e-commerce.

As a reference, UN/EDIFACT data element 3055 has the registration of issuing agencies including for customs, Ministry of land Infrastructure and Transport, the Coast Guard, Ministry of Justice, NACCS center.

From October 2017, exporter/importer marks for import and export reports, JASTPRO codes (corporate) and customs issue codes (corporate) are replaced, in principle, with a Corporate Number to be input.

As for ISO/IEC 15459-2 on the right side, it is used in part in codes to identify goods, supplies being transported and cargo, which is the standard for the company code. This is in use combined with company code (Corporate Number) and this issuing agency code (TAJ) as the identifiers of a company in automated identification media such as electronic tags.

Those issuing agency codes issued for the National Tax Agency are "402", "0188" and "TAJ" respectively. To confirm, please refer to the homepage of the National Tax Agency.

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※1 UN/EDIFACT (United Nations Electronic data interchange for administration, commerce and transport)  
※2 ISO (International Organization for Standardization)  
※3 IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission)
Explanation about the English version of “National Tax Agency Corporate Number Publication Site”

Under the situation that globalization of economic business, thinking about promotion of the profit inflection of the Corporate Number, English notation of the name and location of corporate will be necessary.

Therefore, from April 2017, the National Tax Agency publicized English notations of “trade name or name” and “address of the head office or main office” based on the application from the hoped corporation, on “the English version web page of the National Tax Agency Corporate Number publication site”.

The lower part of the document shows the flowchart from registration of the English notation to publication. When you hope for registration of the English notation,

① Input the English notation information from the registration form of the publication site.
② Please transmit a message to a National Tax Agency corporation number management office.
③ After the transmission, print out “the English notation information transmission vote and the sending book” that input, transmission contents were displayed after the transmission.
④ To prevent a spoofing attack, submit it with room for attaching corporation confirmation documents, via mail as such, to a corporate number management office and submit it to a corporation number management office by mail.
⑤ At the corporate number management office of the National Tax Agency, they confirm information and presentation documents input, and perform work called the publication in registration of the English version web page.

Please note that the announced English notation information requires attention not to make any errors because input contents are just reflected as is.