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The existing ST.23 and ST.25 sequence listing format are currently available in EFS-Web and Patent Center. They will continue to be available after July 1, 2022 for applications with a filing date prior to July 1, 2022.

We are working on making ST.26 sequence listings available in Patent Center training mode and will post an announcement on the Patent Center Info page when it's available.

Please keep in mind that you should not submit ST.26 format sequence listings prior to the July 1, 2022 implementation date or in applications with a filing date prior to July 1, 2022.