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Number formats*:

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**JAPANESE NUMBER FORMATS**

**Input of numbers**

*publication numbers:*
- Syy-nnnnnn
- Hyy-nnnnnn
- yyyy-nnnnnn (from 2000)

*patent numbers:*
- nnnnnnn

y... 2-digit Japanese year*
y... 4-digit Western year
n... serial number

*Conversion rule:*
- Showa year (S) + 25 = Western year
- Heisei year (H) + 88 = Western year

**Japanese imperial years:**

**SHOWA (S)** 昭和
- reign of Emperor Hirohito
- (1926 to 1989)

**HEISEI (H)** 平成
- reign of Emperor Akihito
- (1989 to date)

**NOTE:** Showa 64 = Heisei 01 = 1989!
Final disposition: deemed as withdrawn as no request for examination was filed as of 25 July 2000

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