

PCT MINIMUM DOCUMENTATION

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AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION	OA	A	Patents for Inventions	1979–	
AFRICAN REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION	AP	A	Patents	1985–	
AUSTRALIA	AU	A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A8, A9 B1, B2, B3, B4, B8, B9 C1, C4, C8, C9	Standard and Petty Patent Applications, and Innovation Patents Granted Patents and Petty Patents, and Certified Innovation Patents Amended Granted Patents, Petty Patents,	1970– ⁽¹⁾	1908–
AUSTRIA	AT	A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A8, A9 B1, B2, B8, B9	Patent Applications Granted Patents	1982– ⁽¹⁾	1990–
CANADA	CA	A, B C, E A1	Patents and Reissue Patents Patents and Reissue Patents Laid-open Applications	1974–1989 ⁽¹⁾ 1989– ⁽¹⁾ 1989– ⁽¹⁾	1869–

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CHINA	CN	A A8, A9 B B8, B9 C C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6	Unexamined Patent Application Examined Patent Application Granted Patents Amended B document after partial invalidation	1985– ⁽²⁾ 1985–1992 2010– 1993–2010 2010–	1985–
EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE	EA	A1, A2, A3, A8, A9 B1, B2, B3, B8, B9	Published Patent Applications Granted Patents	1996– 1997–	1996–
EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE	EP	A1, A2, A3, A4, A8, A9 B1, B2, B3, B8, B9	Published Patent Applications Granted Patents	1978– 1980–	1978–
FORMER REICHSPATENTAMT OF GERMANY	DE	C1, C2, C3, C4	Patents	1920–1945	
FRANCE	FR	A B B1 B2 M	Applications for all Types of Patents Patents for Inventions Patents for Inventions (including additions) Certificates of Addition to Patents Special Medicament Patents	1969– 1920–1988 1969– 1920–1985 1961–1967 (filing) 1961–1973 (grant)	1990–

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		M	Certificates of Addition to Special Medicament Patents	1961–1967 (filing) 1961–1973 (grant)	
GERMANY	DE	A1, A8, A9 B1, B2, B3, B4, B9 C2, C3, C5, C9	<i>Offenlegungs-schriften</i> (OS) (Non-examined Patent Applications) <i>Auslegeschriften</i> (Examined Patent Applications) Patents and Patents of Addition	1958– 1957–1988 1948–	1978–
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (FORMER)	DD	A B C	Patent Applications Examined Patent Applications Granted Patents	1951–1991 ⁽¹⁾ 1951–1991 ⁽¹⁾ 1951–1991 ⁽¹⁾	1951–1991
GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL	GC	A	Granted Patents	2001–	
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF WIPO	WO	A1, A2, A3, A4, A8, A9	International Publications under PCT Art. 21(i)	1978–	1978–
JAPAN	JP	C1, C2 B1, B2, B5, B6, B7 A, A5, A6, A7	Tokkyo hatsumeimei saisho (Patent Specification) Tokkyo kôhō (Published Examined Patent Application) Kôkai Tokkyo kôhō (Published Unexamined Patent Application)	1920–1923 1924–1950 1956 ⁽²⁾ 1922– ⁽²⁾ 1971– ⁽²⁾	1993–

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA	KR	A	Unexamined Publication	1983– ⁽²⁾	1983–
		B1	Publication of Application	1979–1997 ⁽²⁾	1979–1997
			Examined Publication	1997– ⁽²⁾	1997–
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	RU	A	Published Patent Applications	1993– ⁽²⁾	1993–
		C1, C2	Patents for Inventions	1993– ⁽²⁾	
SOVIET UNION (FORMER)	SU	A1, A2, A3, A4	Inventor's Certificates and Patents for Invention	1924–1999 ⁽²⁾	1924–1999
SWITZERLAND (published in French and German only)	CH	A, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A8, A9	Patent Applications and Specifications	1920–	
		B, B1, B5, B9, E	Granted Patents, including Patents of Addition	1920–	
UNITED KINGDOM	GB	A	Granted Patents	1920–2017	1920–
		A, A8, A9	Published Patent Applications	1979–	
		B	Granted Patents	1979–	
		C	Amended or Corrected Granted Patents	1979–	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	US	A	Granted Patents	1920–2000	1790– (Patent grant)
		A1, A2, A9	Published Patent Applications	2001–	2001– (Pre-grant)
		B1	Granted Patents (no pre-grant publication)	2001–	

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		B2	Granted Patents (with pre-grant publication)	2001–	
		E	Reissue patents	1920–	
		H	Statutory Invention Registrations	1985–	

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