

Shortly after the PCT publication for week 33/2009, a number of errors were reported to the International Bureau.

Following investigation, it was determined that the errors affected approximately 200 applications published in publication week 33. For these applications, only the wo-published-application.xml file was incorrect. If your document/data upload (or import) process does not make use of wo-published-application.xml files, then your processing should not have been affected.

There were 3 types of error, each of which is described under "**incident report 1**", below.

A more thorough investigation into the publication data sent for weeks 33 and 34 has been conducted during the week commencing August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This investigation identified a number of additional types of error which have been described under "**incident report 2**", below.

The first set of errors ("**incident report 1**", below) has been corrected immediately on PATENTSCOPE® (August 17, 2009) and promptly thereafter on the ftp site (August 18, 2009). Care should be taken to ensure that the updated data set is used when reading the data, noting that it is possible that you have already processed these documents (from the DVD or from the ftp site) before the correction was made.

A further replacement of the complete publication data set for both weeks 33 and 34 is being prepared to address the second set of issues ("**incident report 2**", below), and is intended to be completed in week commencing Monday August 31, 2009. This corrected version of the R87 DVD images for weeks 33 and 34 will be made available on the ftp site in case you need to reprocess these applications, or to process them if you have not done so already.

If you require a replacement Rule 87 DVD for Weeks 33 and/or 34, please let us know.

While processing the PCT publications for week 35 our quality control check procedures detected a number of additional issues some of which have not yet been completely resolved. Some of our IP data subscribers also highlighted a few new issues (all these issues have been listed in "**incident report 3**", below).

We would like to apologize for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

Further information will be posted on this website as it becomes available.

### **Incident report 1 :**

The list of applications affected by this incident is accessible at:

[http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/data/pdf/data\\_incident\\_20090825\\_list.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/data/pdf/data_incident_20090825_list.pdf)

**- required attribute wo-amended-claims@lang is missing:**

*<wo-amended-claims>*

Was sent instead of:

*<wo-amended-claims lang="ENG">*

/...

**- Missing amend-body child for wo-amended-claims:**

```
<wo-amended-claims lang="ENG">  
<doc-page id="docp000025" type="tif" file="000025.tif" wi="2540" he="3560"/>
```

...

Was sent instead of:

```
<wo-amended-claims lang="ENG">  
<amend-body lang="ENG">  
<doc-page id="docp000025" type="tif" file="000025.tif" wi="2540" he="3560"/>
```

...

**- required element country in addressbook lang="zh" is missing:**

```
<addressbook lang="zh">  
<name>xxxxxxxxxxxx</name>  
<address>  
<address-1>xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
xxxxxxxxxxxx</address-1>  
</address>  
</addressbook>
```

Was sent instead of:

```
<addressbook lang="zh">  
<name>xxxxxxxx</name>  
<address>  
<address-1>xxxxxxxxxxxx  
xxxxxxxx</address-1>  
<country>CN</country>  
</address>  
</addressbook>
```

[End of incident report 1]

**Incident report 2 :**

The list of applications affected by this incident is accessible at:

[http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/data/pdf/data\\_incident\\_20090825\\_list.pdf](http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/data/pdf/data_incident_20090825_list.pdf)

**- <address-6> invalid element**

This element is not defined in the DTD.

Workaround: merge <address-6> and <address-5> element contents into a single <address-5> element, deleting the <address-6> element.

4 cases in week 33, 5 cases in week 34.

**- Discrepancy related to Priority information**

Element <wo-priority-info> should not appear in the output when its child elements are empty.

Workaround: the empty element '<wo-priority-info/>' should be deleted whenever it occurs.

0 cases in week 33, 3 cases in week 34

/...

**- Discrepancy related to Protection request when protection type is a treatment (COA, CON, CIP, ICA, POA)**

The element <protection-request> is 'duplicated'.

And the <country> element is wrongly named <code>

Workaround: delete unnecessary lines (in bold in the example), and replace the element tags for <code> with <country>.

Found 24 cases in gazette 33, 14 cases in gazette 34

```
<protection-request>
<kind-of-protection/>
<document-id>
<code>US</code>
<doc-number>61/026,201</doc-number>
<date>20080205</date>
</document-id>
</protection-request>
<protection-request>
<kind-of-protection>CON</kind-of-protection>
<document-id>
<code>US</code>
<doc-number>61/026,201</doc-number>
<date>20080205</date>
</document-id>
</protection-request>
```

Was sent instead of:

```
<protection-request>
<kind-of-protection>CON</kind-of-protection>
<document-id>
<country>US</country>
<doc-number>61/026,201</doc-number>
<date>20080205</date>
</document-id>
</protection-request>
```

[End of incident report 2]

**Incident report 3:**

**- IPC classification level element empty :**

<classification-level> elements with empty contents have been reported to us. The error has been investigated and corrected; unfortunately the correction was not applied in sufficient time to correct week 35 publication.

**- Incorrectly referenced front page drawings :**

The quality control check procedure detected some front page drawings files referenced incorrectly in wo-published-application XML files. Further investigation identified that the file naming was incorrect. Publication week 35 has been corrected accordingly.

/...

**- New publication languages OCR files :**

The quality control check procedure detected some erroneous file references in wo-published-application XML, and package-data.XML, files related to OCR files for the additional publication languages recently added. These references point to OCR files that are not yet available for the new publication languages (KR, PT and anticipated AR). The International Bureau intends to implement the creation of these XML files as part of the weekly publication process in due course.

[End of incident report 3]