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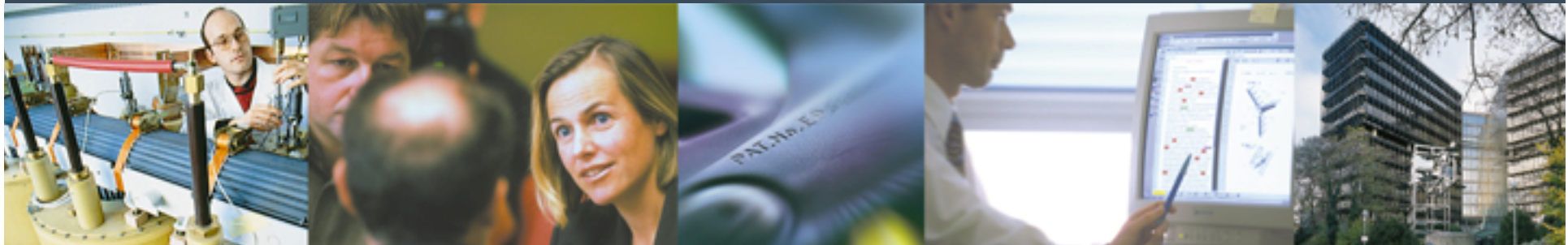


IPC Reform

Status of MCD developments

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Status of MCD developments

1. MCD Backfile
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Backfile Status (1)

MCD Backfile

MCD Frontfile

Reclassification

Work done since Dec 2005 DVD release

- 06.05.06 IPC-IPC conversion re-run
 - covered period 10.11.05 - 31.12.05
 - 793,000 new symbols added
- 20.05.06 DE Backfile (part 1) loaded
 - filled gap in ECLA-IPC concordance
 - 623,000 new symbols added



Backfile Status (2)

MCD Backfile

MCD Frontfile

Reclassification

Work planned for coming weeks

- ECLA-IPC conversion re-run
 - covers period 11.10.05 - 31.12.05
 - based on revised concordance table
- JP backfile load
 - expected to add 25m symbols, modify 35m



Backfile Status (3)

MCD Backfile

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Reclassification

Further planned work

- new DVD release
 - planned for July / August 2006
 - two different products -
 - a) complete
 - b) updates only
- loading of backfile data from other offices
 - planned for Q3 2006
 - (AU, DE, EAPO, LT, PT, RO, SI, US)



Overall Backfile Coverage

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Reclassification

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total apps</i>	<i>With IPC8</i>	<i>Coverage</i>	<i>Missing</i>
EPO	1.852.771	1.807.899	98%	44.872
JPO	13.808.144	13.237.651	96%	570.493
USPTO	8.355.461	6.854.870	82%	1.500.591
EPO Member States	16.405.297	14.262.967	87%	2.142.330
Other	8.926.279	7.798.339	87%	1.127.940
Total	49.347.952	43.961.726	89%	5.386.226

- Figures from beginning of June, based on application
- Average 3-4 symbols per family / document
- Figures by country are available on request



Frontfile Status

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Reclassification

- IPC-2006 currently being loaded for 24 countries
- error reports so far sent manually
 - reports do not include missing IPC
 - prototype for error retrieval mechanism available soon



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Reclassification

<i>Country</i>	<i>Total Pubs in 2006</i>	<i>With IPC8 Fam or Pub Coverage</i>		<i>With IPC8 Pub only Coverage</i>	
EPO	114.699	107.763	94%	70.979	62%
JPO	171.629	171.616	100%	171.616	100%
USPTO	180.643	172.268	95%	170.967	95%
EPO Member States	137.797	133.487	97%	114.896	83%
WIPO	66.947	45.466	68%	34.302	51%
Other	104.697	77.494	74%	60.495	58%
Total	776.412	708.094	91%	623.255	80%

- Figures from beginning of June, based on publication
- 60,000 CN documents will be redelivered because of formatting issue
- EP figures are distorted because of use of old version indicators



Reclassification

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Reclassification

- Documentation available on WIPO website :
 - T03.06 Functional Specification (pdf)
 - T03.06.01 Working List Specification (pdf)
 - T04.05.02 Working list DTD
- Status - technical design complete, software development in progress
- will be ready for first reclassification in Oct 2006



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