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DWPI Kind Codes

*OPI = Open for Public Inspection

AR ARGENTINA

AR A Examined granted patent (1974-1976 only)

AT AUSTRIA

AT A Old law application (examined patent application)

AT A1 Application with search report (from 200574)

AT A2 Application without search report (from 200574)

AT A3 Publication of search report (from 200754)

AT A4 A2 published on same day as B document without A3 (from 200574)

AT A5 Supplementary search report (from 01082005)

AT A8 Modified first page (from 0182005)

AT A9 Modified complete specification (from 01082005)

AT B Old Law patent (granted patent) (from 199303)

AT B1 Patent not preceded by OPI (from 200574)

AT B2 Patent preceded by OPI

AT B8 Corrected first page of patent

AT B9 Corrected complete granted patent

AT U1 Utility model with search report

AT U2 Utility Model without search report

AT U3 Utility Model search report only

AT U8 Corrected first page of utility model

AT U9 Corrected complete utility model

AU AUSTRALIA

AU A OPI application

AU A1 OPI first publication or divisional standard/petty application

AU A2 Amended first publication

AU A4 Publication of granted innovation patent

AU A5 Amended pre-grant OPI innovation patent

AU A6 Amended post-grant OPI innovation patent

AU A8 Correction to bibliographic data of A level publication
 AU A9 Correction to patent specification of A level publication
 AU B Examined and accepted patent (from 199308)
 AU B1 First publication of application at acceptance
 AU B2 Second publication of A1 application at acceptance
 AU B3 Second publication of A3 application at acceptance
 AU B4 Publication of certified innovation patent
 AU B8 Correction to bibliographic data of B level publication
 AU B9 Correction to patent specification of B level document

BE BELGIUM

BE A Patent of invention (until 1986)
 BE A0 Unexamined application (6 or 20 yrs)
 BE A3 Initial text with search report
 BE A4 Changed/corrected text with search report
 BE A5 Text with amended claims and search report
 BE A6 6-Year patent of invention text as filed
 BE A7 Corrected 6-year patent of invention
 BE B3 Patent of invention - second publication of A3 (max.
 20 years)
 BE B5 Patent of invention - second publication of A5
 BE B6 Patent of invention - second publication of A6
 BE B7 Patent of invention - second publication of A7
 BE T Transfer to national patent from EP application
 BE T7 European Transfer

BR BRAZIL

BR A OPI application
 BR A2 Application For a patent/pipeline patent published without
 search report (from 01 January 2010)
 BR A3 Pipeline patent application
 BR B1 Granted Patent (from 01 January 2010)
 BR E2 Certificate of addition application without search report
 (from 01 January 2010)
 BR F1 Granted certificate of addition (from 01 January 2010)
 BR U2 Utility model application without search report (from
 01 January 2009)
 BR Y1 Granted utility model (from 01 January 2009)

CA CANADA

CA A Examined granted patent before Oct 89 or OPI application
 from Oct 1989
 CA A1 OPI (from 2000001 on)
 CA B Reissue (old law)
 CA C Granted patent (old and new law)
 CA E Reissue patents granted after October 1, 1989 (old and new law)

CH SWITZERLAND

CH A Granted unexamined patent or examined application
 CH A1 Patent application including search report
 CH A2 Patent application without search report
 CH A3 OPI application searched and preliminarily examined
 (From 1978)
 CH A5 Granted without examination
 CH A8 Correction to bibliographic data of A level publication

CH A9 Correction to patent specification of A level publication
 CH B Examined accepted specification (under 559,000)
 CH B1 Assigned Patent
 CH B2 Modified Patent
 CH B5 Examined accepted specification (from 559,000)
 CH B8 Rectified first page of a B document
 CH B9 Rectified B document
 CH C1 Partial withdrawal of Swiss patent
 CH C2 Partial annulment of Swiss patent
 CH C3 Second partial withdrawal of Swiss patent
 CH C9 Rectified C document
 CH H1 Partial withdrawal of EP patent granted for Switzerland
 CH H2 Partial annulment of EP patent granted for Switzerland
 CH H3 Second partial withdrawal of EP patent granted for Switzerland
 CH H9 Rectified H document

CN CHINA

CN A OPI application
 CN B Granted patent (from 7 April 2010)
 CN C Examined patent application (from 199518 to 7 April 2010)
 CN U Utility Model (from 7 April 2010)
 CN Y Granted Utility model (to 7 April 2010)

CS CZECHOSLOVAKIA

CS A Patent application (Patent Law 1990)
 CS A1 Patent application
 CS A2 Patent application (from 199232)
 CS B Examined granted patent (from 199301)

CZ CZECH REPUBLIC

CZ A3 Unexamined application (from 199417)
 CZ B6 Granted patent (from 199417)

DD EAST GERMANY

DD A Examined granted patent
 DD A3 Economic patent (searched and examined)
 DD A4 Economic patent (additional)
 DD A5 Exclusive patent
 DD A7 Exclusive patent (searched)
 DD A8 Exclusive patent of addition (searched and examined)
 DD A9 OPI application (after May 1, 1992)
 DD B Re-examined after grant
 DD B1 Economic patent, searched and examined
 DD B3 Exclusive patent, searched and examined
 DD B5 Patent specification following A7 after objection
 DD C Examined granted patent
 DD C2 Economic patent (Section 19) or corrected/amended (Section 23)
 DD C4 Granted examined exclusive patent
 DD C5 Patent specification, 3rd publication
 DD T9 Translation under Havana agreement

DE GERMANY

DE A OPI unexamined application (from 1968); examined accepted (pre-1974)

DE A1 OPI application before examination (from 199301)

DE A5 Title page for PCT application filed in German (from 2007)

DE A8 Correction of patent application (bibliographic change)

DE A9 Correction of patent application (claims, description or drawings)

DE B Examined accepted specification (from 1974-1981)

DE B3 Examined patent - first publication (from 200404)

DE B4 Examined patent - second publication (from 200404)

DE B8 Correction of examined patent (bibliographic change)

DE B9 Correction of examined patent (claims, description or drawings)

DE C Granted patent from 1981 (from 198138)

DE C1 Examined patent - first publication (from 199252)

DE C2 Examined patent - second publication (from 199252)

DE C5 Modified granted patent (previously kind code C3)

DE C8 Correction of modified patent (bibliographic change)

DE C9 Correction of modified patent (claims, description or drawing)

DE E Granted EP in English or French assigned DE number

DE G Granted EP in German assigned DE number

DE T PCT transfer to DE published in German

DE T0 PCT transfer to DE published in non-German language

DE T2 Translation of granted EP from English or French

DE T5 Translation of PCT international announcement (from June 2005)

DE T8 Correction of EP application (bibliographic change)

DE T9 Correction of EP application (claims, description, or drawings)

DE U Utility Model

DE U1 Utility Model (from 199626)

DE U8 Correction of utility model (bibliographic change)

DE U9 Correction of utility model (claims, description or drawings)

DK DENMARK

DK A Granted patent (to December 6, 1978); OPI unexamined application (from 1978)

DK B Granted patent (from 199301)

EP EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE

EP A OPI application

EP A1 OPI application with search report (from 199220)

EP A2 OPI application without search report (from 199221)

EP A3 Publication of search report

EP A4 Supplementary search report

EP A8 Corrected title page of A document from March 14, 2001

EP A9 Complete reprint of A document from March 14, 2001

EP B Examined granted specification (before 199220)

EP B1 Examined granted specification (from 199220)

EP B2 Amended specification (from 199220)

EP B3 After limitation procedure

EP B8 Corrected title page of B document from March 14, 2001

EP B9 Complete reprint of B document from March 14, 2001

ES SPAIN

ES A Unexamined granted patent; OPI application from 1987
 ES A1 Patent application published with search report
 ES A2 Patent application published without search report
 ES A6 OPI application without search report
 ES B Patent published with search report
 ES B1 Patent published with search report
 ES B2 Patent published after examination
 ES T1 Translation of claims and drawings of EP application
 ES T2 Revised translation of claims and drawings of EP applications
 ES T3 Translation of complete text of granted EP
 ES T4 Revised translation of granted European patent
 ES T5 Translation of modified European patent (from 1996)
 ES T6 Translation of PCT application
 EP U Utility model application

FI FINLAND

FI A Granted patent (until 1969); OPI application (from 1969)
 FI B Examined patent application (from 199302)
 FI B1 Granted patent (new law) (from 199733)

FR FRANCE

FR A Granted patent (until 1969); OPI application (from 1969)
 FR A1 OPI application (first publication)
 FR A2 Application for certificate of addition
 FR A3 Application for certificate of utility
 FR B1 Patent of invention (after A1) (from Jan 2010)
 FR B2 Certificate of Addition (After A2) (from Jan 2010)
 FR B3 Certificate of Utility (after A3) (from Jan 2010)
 FR B4 Certificate of addition to utility (after A4) (from Jan 2010)
 FR E Certificate of addition (until 1969)
 FR M Medicament (addition) (until 1979)

GB UNITED KINGDOM

GB A Unexamined granted patent (<2000000); OPI application
 (2000000+)
 GB B Examined granted patent

HU HUNGARY

HU A OPI application (examination requested or deferred
 examination)
 HU A1 Unexamined patent application (deferred examination)
 HU A2 Examined patent application (new law)
 HU B Patent with Search Report (from 199302)
 HU B1 Granted patent
 HU H OPI application (from 199223)
 HU T English abstract of Hungarian patent (from 199223)

IE IRELAND

- IE A Patent specification (1963-1969 only)
- IE B Granted patent (from 199517)
- IE B3 Short patent (from 199517)

IL ISRAEL

- IL A Application of patent for invention

IN INDIA

- IN B Pre opposition granted applications
- IN I1 Pre-grant application - Delhi
- IN I2 Pre-grant application - Kolkata
- IN I3 Pre-grant application - Mumbai
- IN I4 Pre-grant application - Chennai
- IN P1 National phase PCT application - Delhi
- IN P2 National phase PCT application - Kolkata
- IN P3 National phase PCT application - Mumbai
- IN P4 National phase PCT application - Chennai

IT ITALY

- IT A Patent
- IT B Patent of invention - second publication

JP JAPAN

- JP A OPI application (Kokai)
- JP B Application published after examination (Kokoku)
- JP B1 Examined accepted spec not published as unexamined (Kokai-mae Toroku) (from 199626)
- JP B2 Examined application (Kokoku 199404-199618); Granted patent (Toroku) (from 199626)
- JP U Utility model
- JP W PCT transfer (origin abroad)
- JP X PCT transfer (origin Japan)
- JP Y PCT transfer to UM (origin abroad)
- JP Z PCT transfer to UM (origin Japan)

KR SOUTH KOREA

- KR A Application
- KR B Examined patent specification
- KR B1 Examined patent specification (from 199252)
- KR B2 Examined patent application (1st publication)
- KR U Utility model
- KR Y1 Utility model (registered)

LU LUXEMBOURG

- LU A Unexamined granted patent

MX MEXICO

- MX A Patent of invention (from 199816)
- MX A1 Published patent application (from 199816)
- MX A2 Anticipated publication of patent application (from 199816)
- MX A4 Regional filing - Jalisco
- MX A5 Regional filing - Nuevo Leon

MX A6 Regional filing - Yucatan
 MX A7 Regional filing - Guanajuato
 MX B Granted patent (patent law 1991) (from 199816)

 NL NETHERLANDS

 NL A OPI application
 NL A1 Registered specification laid open
 NL B Examined accepted specification
 NL C Granted patent
 NL C2 20-years new law granted patent (from 199608)
 NL C6 Six-year new law petty patent (from 199608)

 NO NORWAY

 NO A OPI application
 NO B Examined and searched accepted specification (from 199301)
 NO B1 Granted patent (new law)

 NZ NEW ZEALAND

 NZ A Examined application (from 199301)

 PH PHILLIPINES

 PH A Patent application (from 199511)
 PH B Granted patent (new law)
 PH B1 Granted patent (from 200267)

 PT PORTUGAL

 PT A Application for patent of invention
 PT A1 Application for certificate of addition to patent of invention

 RD RESEARCH DISCLOSURES

 RD A Research Disclosures. Kenneth Mason Publications Limited

 RO ROMANIA

 RO A Examined granted patent (1974 law)
 RO A0 Unexamined application published before 18 months from application or priority or before 6 months from entry to national phase (from 01/2010)
 RO B Granted patent according to 1991 Law
 RO B1 Granted patent according to 1991 law
 RO B2 Modified granted patent after revocation
 RO B8 Modified first page of granted patent (from 01/2010)
 RO B9 Modified complete specification (from 01/2010)

 RU RUSSIA

 RU C Granted patent (from 199406)
 RU C1 Granted patent of invention
 RU C2 Granted patent of invention (second publication)
 RU C8 Modified first page of granted patent
 RU C9 Reprinted granted patent of invention

SE SWEDEN

SE A OPI application
 SE A1 OPI application (from 13 April 2010)
 SE A2 Republished OPI application (from 13 April 2010)
 SE B Examined accepted specification (from 198701)
 SE C Granted patent
 SE C1 First level patent specification (from 1 to 227869)
 SE C2 Granted patent (New Law)

SG SINGAPORE

SG A Registration via GB or EP designating GB (from 199513)
 SG A1 Patent application (from 199631)

SK SLOVAK REPUBLIC

SK A3 Patent application according to law 527/90
 SK B6 Granted application according to law 527/90

SU SOVIET UNION

SU A Examined granted patent
 SU A1 Inventor's Certificate
 SU A2 Addition to Inventor's Certificate
 SU A3 Patent
 SU A4 Patent of Addition
 SU B Reissued patent
 SU C Patents replacing inventor's certificate (from 1981)

TP INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DISCLOSURES

TP A International Technology Disclosure (Jan 1984 - Dec 1993)

TW TAIWAN

TW A Examined patent application (Old Law) (1993 to August 2004)
 TW B1 Examined patent application (New Law)(from August 2004)
 TW U Utility Model

US UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

US A Examined granted patent (before Jan 2001)
 US A1 Utility Patent Application (from 02.01.2001)
 US A2 Second/subsequent publication of Utility Application
 (from 2001)
 US A9 Corrected published Utility Patent Application (from 2001)
 US B Re-examination Certificate (prior to 02.01.2001)
 US B1 First re-examination Cert. (pre 2001); Utility Patent Grant
 no pre-grant publication (from 2001)
 US B2 Second re-examination certificate (pre 2001); Utility
 Patent Grant with pre-grant publication (from 2001)
 US B3 Re-examination Certificate, 3rd re-examination (before 2001)
 US C1 Re-examination (from 2001)
 US C2 Re-examination (from 2001)
 US C3 Re-examination (from 2001)
 US E Reissue Patent
 US H Statutory Invention Registration (replaces Defensive
 Publication)
 US N NTIS published invention application (1983-1996)

WO PCT - WIPO

WO A OPI application
 WO A1 OPI application with search report (from 199220)
 WO A2 OPI application without search report (from 199220)
 WO A3 OPI application search report for A2 (from 199220)
 WO A4 Amendment to claims and/or statement of OPI application
 WO A8 Amendment to front page data of OPI application
 WO A9 Republished specification of OPI application
 WO B1 Second publication of claims of OPI application

ZA SOUTH AFRICA

ZA A Unexamined accepted specification
 ZA AA Second application with same number
 ZA AZ Second application with same number

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