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31.01.2005 Change in kind codes of Chinese documents

The high number of records is due to a re-key procedure for Chinese patents.

From 1993 onwards, the Chinese office has introduced the registered patent publication instead of the publication of the examined patent specification. This means that the Chinese patents issued from that time onwards should have had kind code C instead of B. Now all the erroneous CN-B records have been replaced by CN-C records.

The same applies to Chinese Utility Models where CN U records have been replaced by CN Y records.

In the DOC db exchange 1.3 million records are affected, half of them "D" (delete), half of them "C" (new). In IFD, 1.1 million documents are affected, half of them "A" (delete) and half of them N (new)

The difference between DOC db and IFD results from the fact that the pre-1995 records are not yet exchanged in IFD. This will be done in due course (probably in the latter half of 2005) See also Newsflash 2005/01