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New CN Application number format and updates of Chinese bibliographic data

From 01-10-2003 onwards the Chinese Patent Office changed their application number format. The new format consists of 12 digits: CCYY T NNNNNNN

The application number is composed of three parts, namely the number designating the filing year, the number designating the application type and the serial number for the application.

- According to the sequence from left to right, the 1-4 digits (CCYY) indicates the year in which the patent application was filed.

- The fifth digit (T) designating the application type represents:

1- patent application for invention

2- patent application for utility model

3- patent application for design application

8- PCT patent application for invention entering China national phase

9- PCT patent application for utility model entering China national phase

- The serial number for application, digits 6 - 12, is indicated by a seven digit successive numeral and usually used as rising sequence.

The serial numbers of applications are rearranged annually, namely beginning from January 1 st of each year. Newly issued serial numbers of applications do not follow the serial numbers of the previous year.

Example for patent application for invention: 2004 1 1234567

Load Planning:

Firstly, incorrect CN data of Q1 2004 will have to be deleted.

Then correct CN data of Q1 2004 will be loaded and made available for users in week 10 (starting Monday 7th March).

The complete load 2004 will be made available by week 15.

CROSS REFERENCE: Newsletter 2/2004, Change of CN Application Numbers on page 19
http://www.european-patent-office.org/inpadoc/news/inp/inp_0402.pdf

PLEASE NOTE: Amendments will be made to over two hundred thousand documents between weeks 9 to 14/2005.