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### **Change to variable line lengths in the PRS code tables**

The PRS code tables from the INPADOC internet site will change from a fixed line length to variable length format, i.e. :

Until now each line was filled with spaces until the line had 118 characters (without end of line character). In the future the line will finish after the explanatory text.

This change will take place in week 2005/16. There will not be a parallel delivery of the code table in the old and new format.

The exact format of each record is:

<u>Columns:</u>	<u>Explanation:</u>	<u>Example:</u>
1-2	Country Code according ST 3	DE
3	Blank	
4-7	PRS Code (1-5 characters)	8276
8	Blank	
9-10	normally blanc, else PRS Code 2	P
11-13	Blanks	
14	"+", "-", " " sign as hint for the validity	-
15-17	Blanks	
18ff	Explaining text	PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF APPLICATION NO:

The same format is used for the PRS codes in English and the PRS Codes in original language.

Under the column counter line are some sample records listed:

1234567890123456789012345678901234567890123456789012345678901234567890

AT AAW - REVOCATION OF PUBLISHED EXAMINED APPLICATION  
AT AB CORRECTION  
AT AJ - WITHDRAWAL PARAGRAPH 166 LIT. 6  
AT AJI - ERRONEOUS WITHDRAWAL  
DE 8272 DIVISIONAL INVENTIVE UNIT IN:  
DE 8272 P DIVISIONAL INVENTIVE UNIT IN:  
DE 8276 - PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF APPLICATION NO:  
DE 8276 P - PROCEEDINGS SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF APPLICATION NO:  
EP RAX EXTENSION OF THE EUROPEAN PATENT TO (CORRECTION)  
EP RA1 + DATE AND KIND OF FIRST PUBLICATION (CORRECTION)  
EP RA4 + DATE AND KIND OF SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH REPORT (CORRECTION)  
EP RBV + DESIGNATED CONTRACTING STATES (CORRECTION):  
EP RB1 + DATE AND KIND OF SECOND PUBLICATION (CORRECTION)  
HK AMPE - AMENDED SPECIFICATION; PATENT EXPIRED IN MEANTIME  
HK AMPF + AMENDED SPECIFICATION: PATENT STILL IN FORCE  
HK AR - APPLICATION REFUSED  
HK AS CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP  
HK ASPC - CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP; PATENT CEASED IN MEANTIME  
HK ASPE - CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP; PATENT EXPIRED IN MEANTIME  
HK ASPF + CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP; PATENT STILL IN FORCE  
WO 713B GB: PROCEEDING UNDER SECTION 13(1) PATENTS ACT 1977  
WO 713C GB: PROC. UNDER SECT. 13(3) PAT. ACT 1977  
WO 713D GB: PROC. UNDER SECT. 13(1) PAT. ACT 1977 \*\* APPL. FILED