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18.04.2005 Problems with the download of US PTO Data

Changes recently implemented by the US PTO in their data exchange procedures will lead to a delay in the update of the US patent data in the EPO databases. The databases affected are Doc db, IFD, PRS and consequently also esp@cenet.

The last data that was processed were publication dates 5th April (Granted Patents) and 7th April (Pre-Grants).

The EPO is working with the USPTO to urgently restore the download service and will make further announcements as soon as more information is available.