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19.04.2005 Update on the USPTO data

The problem with the data download has been solved quicker than expected and therefore the loading of the US data will not be significantly delayed.

However, due to the fact that the US A documents derived from PCT applications do not have filing dates, there are still some problems with the US PCT entries. and it is more than likely that we will not be able to include the PCT cases from the US publications from this week onwards. Approximately 10% of the US A documents will be affected. The EPO is working to alleviate this problem but it could take several weeks until these difficulties are overcome.

As the entry into the national phase date (INID B850) is no longer reported in the new USPTO data exchange format, no valid date can be used to combine with the national US application number.