



Brief and important information for our users

Newsflash 2005/21

10-08-2005 Schedule for the implementation of the reformed IPC in the EPO raw data products

Master database for the IPC reform is the Master Classification Database (MCD) of the EPO. MCD is a part of the bibliographic database DOCDB.

Currently MCD is populated with reformed IPC (IPC8) data. This migration is independent from the DOCDB migration to XML. This means that the bibliographic exchange files DOCDB ST30 and IFD will already store IPC8 from January 2006 onwards.

The exchange files will contain two new tags:

tag allocation for ST30	DOCDB ST30	IFD ST30
for core classification	516	073
for advanced classification	517	074

DOCDB ST30 and IFD will use the 50 character string option of the WIPO ST.8 for the presentation of the reformed IPC. The upcoming DOCDB XML exchange will use the natural language option of WIPO ST.8. The DOCDB XML exchange format is still under development and the DTD or schema will become available in October 2005.

esp@cenet, the Open Patent Services and other EPO systems will not show IPC8 before January 2006.

Schedule for the conversion of IPC:

August 2005: 30m documents will be converted from IPC7 to IPC8

DE/RU data: in October 2005, approx. 1m records each

JP data: January 2006, approx. 5m documents

There will be two distributions of backfiles on DVD to the subscribers of IFD and DOCDB, one in October 2005, one in spring 2006 (for the JP data). The format will be a special XML. This delivery will be free of charge.

[IPC-reform_Backfile_Exchange.pdf](#)

Please find attached the document containing the layout specification of the IPC8 backlogs.

For the European bibliographic raw data file EBD, the new DTD and the test files are under production and will be available on the epline web pages in due course. EBD will use tag <B510EP> together with the 50 character string option of the WIPO ST.8.

The presentation of the reformed IPC in EBD will also be applied to the EP raw data on the publication server of the EPO.

The raw data files EP-abstracts, EP-A and EP-B fulltext will not be concerned since they do not contain IPC.

From other patent offices we only have evidence of the planning of WIPO which will use the natural language option of ST.8. See the web-link below.

http://www.wipo.int/pct/edi/en/wo_publication_information/index.html