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## Newsflash 2005/23

### **06-09-2005 New distribution format for the product ECLA (explanation of the European patent classification)**

The EPO is currently very busy adapting all the raw data products (these products can be found in our pricelist with the numbers 14.1 through 14.15)

[http://www.european-patent-office.org/pricelists/overall\\_pricelist\\_2005\\_07.pdf](http://www.european-patent-office.org/pricelists/overall_pricelist_2005_07.pdf)

to XML.

Details about the EBD (European Bibliographic Database, product number 14.1) have already been published in Newsflash 2005/15. This Newsflash is about information on ECLA , product number 14.8.

We plan to include the XML version of this file in the monthly CD ROM product 14.8 from September 2005 onwards. Therefore, from September, the CD ROMS will not only contain the EBCDIC version as currently distributed but the new XML version including the appropriate DTD.(data table definition) as well

Since we will not be able to distribute the new format on tape, we kindly request our subscribers to switch to the CD ROM version of this product, or to use our subscribers' download area at

<http://id.european-patent-office.org/>

in order to get the newest versions.

It is planned to continue with the EBCDIC version for around six months as this is the usual term set for parallel production by the EPO.

Here an example for the old EBCDIC and the new XML presentation the old EBCDIC presentation for ECLA B27H5/08 through B27H5/12

**XML presentation:**

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<class id="idB27H5_08-8" level="8" number="73"  
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grooves</title>  
<class id="idB27H5_10-9" level="9" number="195"  
symbol="B27H5/10"><title>Trussing or hooping barrels</title>  
</class>  
<class id="idB27H5_12-9" level="9" number="35"  
symbol="B27H5/12"><title>Making bungs from wood; Drilling or reaming  
bung holes</title>  
</class>
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**EBCDIC presentation:**

B27H	508	001B27H5/08	.
B27H	508	002	Finishing barrels, e.g. cutting grooves
B27H	510	001B27H5/10	. .
B27H	510	002	Trussing or hooping barrels
B27H	512	001B27H5/12	. .
B27H	512	002	Making bungs from wood; Drilling or reaming bung holes