



Brief and important information for our users

Newsflash 2005/30

11-11-2005 Incomplete data in IFD since week 39/2005

This is an update of Newsflash 2005/28 where we reported about missing bypass data in the IFD exchange data from week 42/2005 onwards.

First the good news: the problem has fixed for the front file data, i.e. from week 2005/46 onwards the weekly IFD will again contain all expected tags.

For the corrections of incomplete data in weeks 39/2005 to 45/2005, our target date is week 47/2005. This correction file, that will be issued as a separate delivery will contain about 580.000 records.

Here the history of the problem:

In week 2005/39 there was a switchover in the production platform from an MVS database to a DB2 database. At that time, the feed of DOCDB in the DB2 version with the so called bypass data failed. The effect for the IFD exchange was, that new records (status N) did not contain these tags any longer. The most important among them were:

tag 071	National classification for US and GB
tag 081	Designated country for PCT and EP
tag 082	Designated country in a PCT application for the designation of a regional patent, i.e. EP, AP, OA, EA
tag 110	Inventor Name (not standardized)
tag 120	Applicant Name (not standardized)
tag 136	Abstracts

In week 2005/44 a new problem turned up for which we still looking for the reason. For new records (status N) there were no data elements present except the application data, and if applicable the abstract. For replacement records (status R) besides the application data the so called bypass data were issued, but like in the new records no classification, no priority and no title.

This second error applies to countries KR through ZA while countries AP through JP seem to have only the bypass data problem.

We are doing our best to repair these two bugs within the target date given above.

