

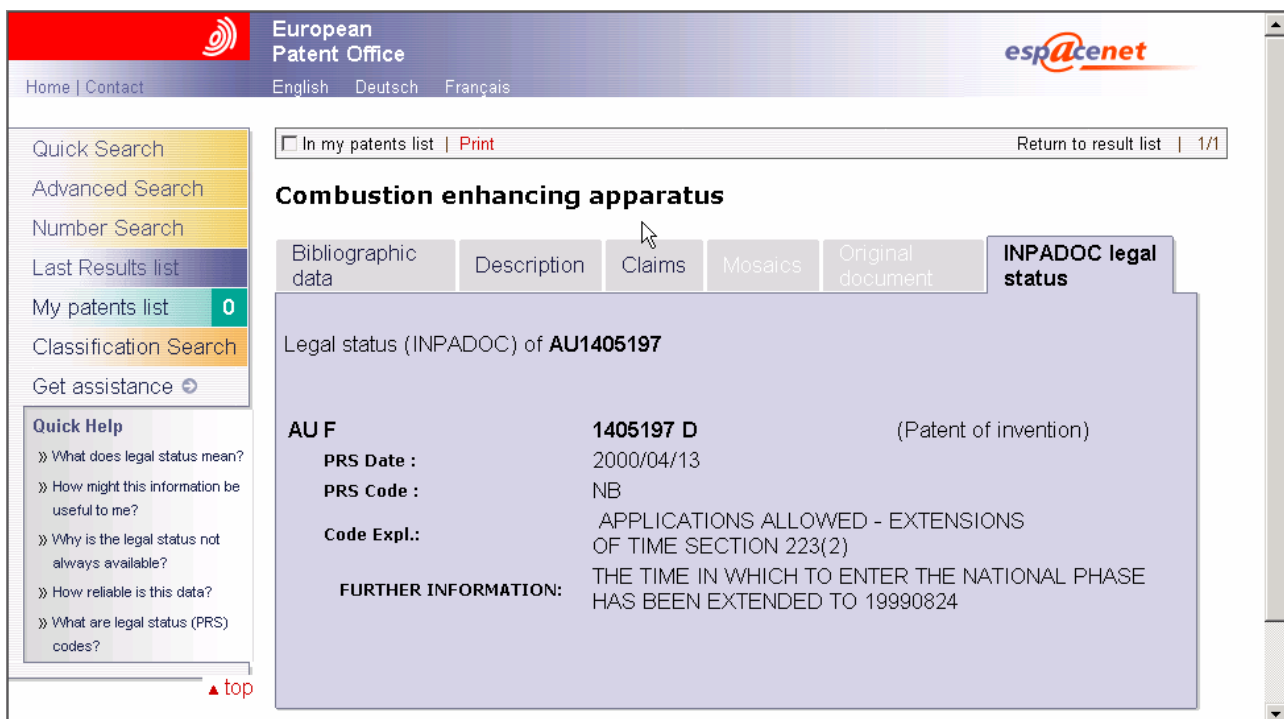
Brief and important information for our users

Newsflash 2006/06

14-02-2006 Resumption of Australian legal status data in INPADOC

This is to announce the resumption of legal status data from Australia. Beginning with week 06/2006, PRS data including backlog data from 16. March 2000 will be captured from the Australian Official Gazette.

See example from esp@cenet:



The screenshot shows the European Patent Office (EPO) website interface. The top navigation bar includes the EPO logo, the text "European Patent Office", and the "esp@cenet" logo. Below the navigation bar, there are links for "Home | Contact" and language options "English | Deutsch | Français".

The main content area displays the search results for "Combustion enhancing apparatus". The search results are organized into tabs: "Bibliographic data", "Description", "Claims", "Mosaics", "Original document", and "INPADOC legal status". The "INPADOC legal status" tab is selected, showing the legal status of patent AU1405197.

The legal status information is as follows:

Field	Value
AU F	1405197 D (Patent of invention)
PRS Date :	2000/04/13
PRS Code :	NB
Code Expl.:	APPLICATIONS ALLOWED - EXTENSIONS OF TIME SECTION 223(2)
FURTHER INFORMATION:	THE TIME IN WHICH TO ENTER THE NATIONAL PHASE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO 19990824

On the left side of the page, there is a "Quick Search" menu with options: "Quick Search", "Advanced Search", "Number Search", "Last Results list", "My patents list" (with a count of 0), "Classification Search", and "Get assistance". Below this menu is a "Quick Help" section with several questions and answers related to legal status.

AU data with new formats

Patent information for AU patents with the new number format YYYYdnnnnn where (d= 1 for innovation patents, d = 2-7 for standard patents, d= 8 for petty patents and d= 9 for provisional applications) is published in the "Supplement to the Australian Official Journal). The program to capture the legal status data from the Supplement to the Australian Official Journal will be implemented and the data loaded into the PRS database during the course of this year.

The first publication of the above mentioned journal was the 28.11.2002

Forecast for loading AU data (old format)

Data published on 11.11.2004 for patent application numbers with the older format can also be retrieved in the electronic readable form from The Australian Official Journals. The EPO will implement an input program for data capture from November 2004 onwards from these gazettes as well (probably also sometime in 2006) to collect this data for the PRS database.

However, documents unavailable in electronic form will have to be uploaded manually. These are all data until 4.11.2004 from the Official Gazette. Therefore it will take some time to fill the existing gap between the last input of manual data and the first input of electronic data.