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Year 2000 number format changes for AT, AU, DK, SK, JP

Up to 1999 publication numbers that contain a year part, are stored with the two-digit year e.g. WO9912345. From year 2000 onwards we will add the century e.g. WO200012345.

For publication numbers containing the year behind a slash, e.g. AU 12345/99 we will change the numbering format to 200012345 (9 digits) from 2000 onwards.

We expect the first cases to appear from June 2000 onwards (publication of applications 18 months after the priority, respectively 6 months after the national filing).

For avoiding interpretation conflicts we will introduce new kind-of-document codes A4 and A5 for the collections concerned.

Country	until 1999	from 2000	means
AT	A	A5	laid open application
AU	A0	A4	provisional specification
AU	A1	A5	laid open application
DK	A0	A4	new application
DK	A	A5	laid open application
SK	A3	A5	laid open application

For Japanese laid open applications (JP-A2) it was announced that the Emperors year will be replaced by the Gregorian year from 2000 onwards, i.e. instead of jjnnnnnn (e.g. 11123456) we will have ccynnnnnn (10 digits, e.g. 2000123456).

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