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Delays of patent data from Japan and other major countries

Due to system changes in the course of year 2000 adaptations, we still face serious delays for many countries, among them so important ones as Japan, Korea, Canada and Denmark.

For Japan, where the most recent data are of 22.12.1999, we will overcome the delay situation within the next two weeks. The programmes for treating the new formats are ready by now.

For the other countries we are faced with data flow problems which are beyond the influence of the EPO.

Korea has a significant backlog, and we received data of May 1999 only recently.

Canada is still redesigning the patent information systems. No data were available since 24. April 1999.

For Denmark the situation is the most critical one, and we all, including the Danes are suffering from it. There is still no target date to be seen.

However, we are looking for alternative solutions, in particular for those countries where sources beyond the standard data exchange agreements are available. For example for Russia, we intend to resume the data production within the next couples of weeks.

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