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New country: Estonia (EE)

The current Estonian Patent Act came into force on 23 May, 1994. From that date onwards, it has been possible to file applications for Estonian patents.

There are two publication levels:

- 1) published patent application (Kind code A)
- 2) granted patents (Kind code B1)

The numbering system for the application number is the same as used in many countries such as FR, GB, NL etc., i.e. ynnnnn (e.g. 9500123) and from 2000 onwards ccynnnnn (e.g. 200000123)

For patent numbering, the Estonian patent office decided to further continue the number series of the first Estonian republic.

The last granted patent of the first Estonian republic was number 2931, granted on 9 July 1940. Then Estonia became a part of the Soviet Union. When the Soviet Union itself ceased to exist on 25 December 1991, Estonia became an independent republic again.

Therefore the first patent of the second Estonian republic, which was granted on 12 April 1996, carries the number 2932.

We plan to include the Estonian bibliographic data from September 2000 onwards.

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