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Bibliographic data for Taiwan (TW)

In 2000 an agreement was made with Taiwan, concerning the supply of bibliographic and legal status data to the EPO.

We have been receiving patent and utility model bibliographic data from 1.1.2000 onwards and we plan to issue them for the first time at the end of January 2001. The patent documents contain an English abstract.

Legal status data is not yet available, but will be included as soon as we receive it.

The document kinds are:

Bgranted Patent

Y.....granted utility model

Publication numbers for B and Y documents are 6 digit numbers with the same number range, e.g. TW 378152B, TW 378487Y.

Application numbers contain The Taiwanese year, which is calculated ccy minus 1911; e.g. year 1993 is coded as Taiwanese year 82.

Examples:

TW 1993 ----82105854 A for patent applications, where the 1 in the third position indicates the application kind A

TW 1997 ---- 86221805 U for utility model applications, where the 2 in the third position indicates the application kind U.

The duration of a patent is 20 years from the filing date and that of a utility model is 12 years from the filing date; subject of course to the payment of the annual fees.

Prior to January 23, 1994 the duration of a patent of invention was 15 years from the date of publication of the patent application for opposition purposes, and 10 years for utility models if they had been published before the said date.

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