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Australia:

Changes to the numbering system of Australian patents

As announced in our IPG newsletter 2001/05 the Australian Patent Office has adapted the new "Innovation Patent" system in 2001.

In order to avoid conflicts with the old kind-of-document codes used so far, we will convert the kind codes according the following rules:

Kind Code	INPADOC Kind Code	meaning
A1	AA	OPI Document
A2	AB	Amended OPI Document
A4	AD	Granted /OPI Innovation Patent
A5	AE	Amended Granted /OPI Innovation Patent
A8	AH	Corrected document (bibliographic data A1 - A5)
A9	AI	Corrected document (complete reprint A1 - A5)
B1	BA	Accepted standard - OPI at acceptance
B2	BB	Accepted Standard - previously OPI
B3	BC	Granted Petty - irrespective of whether previously OPI or not
B4	BD	Certified Innovation Patent
B8	BH	Corrected document (bibliographic data) B1 - B4
B9	BI	Republished corrected version of any one B1 - B4

C1	CA	Amended after acceptance/grant or further amended after acceptance/grant of a standard/petty patent
C4	CD	Amended after certification/further amended after certification Innovation Patent
C8	CH	Corrected document (bibliographic data C1 - C4)
C9	CI	Corrected document (complete reprint C1 - C4)

In addition we will introduce two new kind codes for the old patent system, namely

A3-----petty patent application

C -----amended patent

The inclusion of the new data will take place in approximately two weeks.

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