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### **US Design Patents**

The EPO has decided to include the US design patents in its bibliographic databases (DOC d.b, INPADOC IFD, PFS and IPG).

Since designs do not use the IPC (international patent classification), the US design classification will be stored in the national classification field tag 071, whereas the IPC tag 070 will be left empty.

Kind of document code is S1

Kind of application code is D

The number range starts with design patent number 436240, publication date 16.1.2001.

The inclusion of the older data is still being negotiated with the USPTO.

We expect the first appearance of US designs in the EPO services beginning of February 2003.

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