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Hong Kong Patents Ordinance of 27 June 1997

From 30 April 1999 onwards the HK Government Gazette has started to list a new type of publications, namely the “ Request to record designated patent application published under section 20 of the patents ordinance”.

It was decided to introduce a new document code for this type of documents, namely

A3 Publication of a request to record a designated application

Number formats are the same as for the Standard (A1) and Short term (A2) patents.

The explanation given for the notification of this procedural step is as follows according to the publication of patent attorneys “WENPING” :

For a standard patent a patent application has to be filed with one of the following patent offices, called designated patent offices:

- a) the Chinese Patent Office
- b) the UK Patent Office
- c) the EPO, with designation of the UK

After the patent application has been published in one of the designated patent offices, the applicant has to file a request to record the designated patent application with the HK Patents Registry. This request has to be published - hence the new kind code A3.

This is a prerequisite for a later request for the grant in HK, which has to be filed within 6 months after the grant of the designated patent application.

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