

Czech Republic (CZ) Coverage

Patent Office Details

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On 01.01.1993, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (CSFR) split into two separate nations: The Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention Granted for an unextendable term of 20 years from submission date

Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty 01.01.1993

Signatory of: Paris Convention (Stockholm wording)
 Budapest Treaty
 World Intellectual Property Organization
 International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Filing for Patents

Patents are granted for an invention that is new, involves an inventive step and has industrial application. Industrial production microorganisms, biological processes and products obtained with their help are also patentable.

Applications may be made, in Czech, by the inventor or the inventor's legal successor.

Under the *International Convention* applications claiming priority must be filed within 12 months of the earliest filing date. A certified copy of the basic application on which priority is based must be filed within three months. A Czech translation is filed only upon request.

Patent applications are published between 18 months after the filing or priority date of the application, although upon the request of the applicant, publication may be expedited. This request must be made within 12 months of the priority date.

The Czech Republic has a two-tiered examination system.

1. Preliminary examination - allows the patent office to verify that all formal application requirements are met and that the application does not contain contentious subject matter.
2. Full examination - focusing on the novelty and inventive step of the application. Full examination can be initiated by the applicant, a third party or the patent office. Requests for a full examination must be made within 36 months of the filing date of the application.

Formal opposition procedures were abolished by the New Law. However third parties may file observations concerning the invention's patentability after the application is published.

DWPI Coverage

Coverage commenced with the first applications published for the Czech Republic on 13 January 1993.

Kind		DWPI Start Dates
A3	Unexamined patent application	13 January 1993
B6	Patent specification	13 January 1993

DWPI Data elements online	Notes
✓ Bibliographic data	
✓ English value-add title and abstract	
✓ Manual Codes	Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI) from update 199519 onwards

Numeration

Kind Code – A3

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
<i>Before 2000</i>				
CZ Nnnn-YY	CZYYYYNNNN	CZ YNNNNN	CZYYYYNNNN	CZYYYYNNNN
CZ1356-95	CZ199501356	CZ 9501356	CZ9501356	CZ9501356
<i>2000 onwards</i>				
CZ Nnnn-YYYY	CZYYYYNNNN	CZ YYYYNNNN	CZYYYYNNNN	CZYYYYnnnnnn
CZ131-2008	CZ200800131	CZ 200800131	CZ200800131	CZ2008000131

YY or YYYY 2 or 4 digit year
 Nnnn 1 to 4 digit serial number
 NNNNN 5 digit serial number
 nnnnnn 6 digit serial number

Application Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
<i>Before 2000</i>				
CZ nnnn-YY	YYYYCZNnnnA	CZ YYYYNnnn	YYYYCZ-nnnnnnn	CZYYYY-Nnnn
CZ 1356-95	1995CZ1356A	CZ 19951356	1995CZ-0001356	CZ1995-1356
<i>2000 onwards</i>				
CZ Nnnn-YYYY	YYYYCZNnnnA	CZ YYYYNnnn	YYYYCZ-nnnnnnn	CZYYYY-Nnn
CZ 8129-2008	CZ2008129A	CZ 2008129	2008CZ-0000129	CZ2008-129

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 nnnnnnn 7 digit serial number

Kind Code – B6

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
CZ nnnnnn	CZnnnnnn	CZ nnnnnn	CZnnnnnn	CZnnnnnn
CZ 302948	CZ302948	CZ 302948	CZ302948	CZ302948

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