

Patent Cooperation Treaty (WO) Coverage

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DWPI Coverage

Coverage commenced with the first application published on 19 October 1978. Before update 199220 only the kind letter was included

Kind	DWPI Start Dates	
A	OPI application	19 October 1978
A1	OPI application with search report	Used from update 199220
A2	OPI application without search report	Used from update 199220
A3	OPI application search report for A2	14 June 1990
A4	Amendment to claims and/or statement of OPI application	5 February 2009
A8	Amendment to front page data of OPI application	4 October 2007
A9	Republished specification of OPI application	4 October 2007
B1	Second publication of claims of OPI application	4 October 2007

DWPI Data elements online	Notes
✓ Bibliographic data	
✓ English value-add title and abstract	
✓ Original title and abstract	May be in English, French and/or German
✓ Claims	
✓ Manual Codes	Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI)
✓ Chemical Indexing	DCR, Chemical Fragmentation, Polymer and Markush

Numeration

All documents – A, A1, A2, A3, A4, A8, A9, B1

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
<i>Published 1978 to 1999</i>				
WOYY/NNNNN	WOYYYYnnnnnn	WO YNNNNN	WOYNNNNN	WOYNNNNN
WO94/30035	WO1994030035	WO 9430035	WO9430035	WO9430035
<i>Published 2000 to June 2002</i>				
WOYY/NNNNN	WOYYYYnnnnnn	WO YYYYnnnnnn	WOYYYYnnnnnn	WOYYYYnnnnnn
WO02/51200	WO2002051200	WO 2002051200	WO2002051200	WO2002051200
<i>Published July 2002 to 2003</i>				
WOYY/nnnnnn	WOYYYYnnnnnn	WO YYYYnnnnnn	WOYYYYnnnnnn	WOYYYYnnnnnn
WO02/073270	WO2002073270	WO 2002073270	WO2002073270	WO2002073270
<i>Published 2004 onwards (the first 2004 publications have a publication date of 31 December 2003)</i>				
WOYYYY/nnnnnn	WOYYYYnnnnnn	WO YYYYnnnnnn	WOYYYYnnnnnn	WOYYYYnnnnnn
WO2011/160115	WO2011160115	WO 2011160115	WO2011160115	WO2011160115

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nnnnnn 6-digit serial number starting at 000001 on January 1st each year

Application Numbers*				
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<i>Published 1978 to 2003</i>				
PCT/XXYY/NNNNN	WOYYYYXXNnnA	WO YYYYNnn	YYYYWO-XXNNNNN	YYYYWO-XXNnn
PCT/FI94/00231	WO1994FI231A	WO 1994FI231	1994WO-FI00231	1994WO-FI231
<i>Published 2004 onwards (the first 2004 publications have a publication date of 31 December 2003)</i>				
PCT/XXYYYY/nnnnnn	WOYYYYXXNnnA	WO YYYYNnn	YYYYWO-XXNNNNN	YYYYWO-XXNnn
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*Full coverage of application numbers commenced from DWPI update 199216

PCT Contracting States as of September 2011

A

Albania	AL	4 October 1995
Algeria ²	DZ	8 March 2000
Angola	AO	27 December 2007
Antigua and Barbuda	AG	17 March 2000
Armenia ²	AM	25 December 1991
Australia	AU	31 March 1980
Austria	AT	23 April 1979
Azerbaijan	AZ	25 December 1995

B

Bahrain ²	BH	18 March 2007
Barbados	BB	12 March 1985
Belarus ²	BY	25 December 1991
Belgium	BE	14 December 1981
Belize	BZ	17 June 2000
Benin	BJ	26 February 1987
Bosnia and Herzegovina	BA	7 September 1996
Botswana	BW	30 October 2003
Brazil	BR	9 April 1978
Bulgaria	BG	21 May 1984
Burkina Faso	BF	21 March 1989

C

Cameroon	CM	24 January 1978
Canada	CA	2 January 1990
Central African Republic	CF	24 January 1978
Chad	TD	24 January 1978
Chile ²	CL	2 June 2009
China ^{3,4}	CN	1 January 1994
Colombia	CO	28 February 2001
Comoros	KM	3 April 2005
Congo	CG	24 January 1978
Costa Rica	CR	3 August 1999
Côte d'Ivoire	CI	30 April 1991
Croatia	HR	1 July 1998
Cuba ²	CU	16 July 1996
Cyprus	CY	1 April 1998
Czech Republic	CZ	1 January 1993

D

DPR of Korea	KP	8 July 1980
Denmark	DK	1 December 1978
Dominica	DM	7 August 1999
Dominican Republic	DO	28 May 2007

E

Ecuador	EC	7 May 2001
Egypt	EG	6 September 2003
El Salvador	SV	17 August 2006
Equatorial Guinea	GQ	17 July 2001
Estonia	EE	24 August 1994

F

Finland ⁵	FI	1 October 1980
France ^{2,6}	FR	25 February 1978

G

Gabon	GA	24 January 1978
Gambia	GM	9 December 1997
Georgia ²	GE	25 December 1991
Germany	DE	24 January 1978
Ghana	GH	26 February 1997
Greece	GR	9 October 1990
Grenada	GD	22 September 1998
Guatemala	GT	14 October 2006
Guinea	GN	27 May 1991
Guinea-Bissau	GW	12 December 1997

H

Honduras	HN	20 June 2006
Hungary ²	HU	27 June 1980

I

Iceland	IS	23 March 1995
India ²	IN	7 December 1998
Indonesia ²	ID	5 September 1997
Ireland	IE	1 August 1992
Israel	IL	1 June 1996
Italy	IT	28 March 1985

J

Japan	JP	1 October 1978
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K

Kazakhstan ²	KZ	25 December 1991
Kenya	KE	8 June 1994
Kyrgyzstan ²	KG	25 December 1991

L

Lao People's DR	LA	14 June 2006
Latvia	LV	7 September 1993
Lesotho	LS	21 October 1995
Liberia	LR	27 August 1994
Libya	LY	15 September 2005
Liechtenstein	LI	19 March 1980
Lithuania	LT	5 July 1994
Luxembourg	LU	30 April 1978

M

Madagascar	MG	24 January 1978
Malawi	MW	24 January 1978
Malaysia ²	MY	16 August 2006
Mali	ML	19 October 1984
Malta ²	MT	1 March 2007
Mauritania	MR	13 April 1983
Mexico	MX	1 January 1995
Monaco	MC	22 June 1979
Mongolia	MN	27 May 1991
Montenegro	ME	3 June 2006
Morocco	MA	8 October 1999
Mozambique ²	MZ	18 May 2000

N

Namibia	NA	1 January 2004
Netherlands ⁷	NL	10 July 1979
New Zealand	NZ	1 December 1992
Nicaragua	NI	6 March 2003
Niger	NE	21 March 1993
Nigeria	NG	8 May 2005
Norway ⁵	NO	1 January 1980

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Oman ²	OM	26 October 2001
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Papua New Guinea	PG	14 June 2003
Peru	PE	6 June 2009
Philippines	PH	17 August 2001
Poland ⁵	PL	25 December 1990
Portugal	PT	24 November 1992

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Qatar ²	QA	3 August 2011
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Republic of Korea	KR	10 August 1984
Republic of Moldova ²	MD	25 December 1991
Romania ²	RO	23 July 1979
Russian Federation ²	RU	29 March 19788
Rwanda	RW	31 August 2011

S

Saint Kitts and Nevis	KN	27 October 2005
Saint Lucia ²	LC	30 August 1996
Saint Vincent & Grenadines ²	VC	6 August 2002
San Marino	SM	14 December 2004
Sao Tome and Principe	ST	3 July 2008
Senegal	SN	24 January 1978
Serbia ⁹	RS	1 February 1997
Seychelles	SC	7 November 2002
Sierra Leone	SL	17 June 1997
Singapore	SG	23 February 1995
Slovakia	SK	1 January 1993
Slovenia	SI	1 March 1994
South Africa ²	ZA	16 March 1999
Spain	ES	16 November 1989
Sri Lanka	LK	26 February 1982
Sudan	SD	16 April 1984
Swaziland	SZ	20 September 1994
Sweden ⁵	SE	17 May 1978
Switzerland	CH	24 January 1978
Syrian Arab Republic	SY	26 June 2003

T

Tajikistan ²	TJ	25 December 1991
Thailand ²	TH	24 December 2009
FYR Macedonia	MK	10 August 1995
Togo	TG	24 January 1978
Trinidad and Tobago	TT	10 March 1994
Tunisia ²	TN	10 December 2001
Turkey	TR	1 January 1996
Turkmenistan ²	TM	25 December 1991

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Uganda	UG	9 February 1995
Ukraine ²	UA	25 December 1991
United Arab Emirates	AE	10 March 1999
United Kingdom ¹⁰	GB	24 January 1978
United Republic of Tanzania	TZ	14 September 1999
United States of America ^{11,12}	US	24 January 1978
Uzbekistan ²	UZ	25 December 1991

V

Vietnam VN 10 March 1993

Z

Zambia ZM 15 November 2001
Zimbabwe ZW 11 June 1997

Notes

- 1 All PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II of the PCT relating to the international preliminary examination.
- 2 With the declaration provided for in PCT Article 64(5).
- 3 Applies also to Hong Kong, China with effect from 1 July 1997.
- 4 Not applicable to Macau, China.
- 5 With the declaration provided for in PCT Article 64(2)(a)(ii).
- 6 Including all Overseas Departments and Territories.
- 7 Ratification for the Kingdom in Europe, the Netherlands Antilles and ArubaThe Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist on10 October 2010. As from that date, the PCT continues to apply to Curaçao and Sint Maarten. The PCT also continues to apply to the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba which, with effect from 10 October 2010, have become part of the territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Europe.
- 8 Date of ratification of the Soviet Union, continued by the Russian Federation as from 25 December 1991.
- 9 Serbia is the continuing State from Serbia and Montenegro as from 3 June 2006.
- 10 The United Kingdom extended the application of the PCT to the Isle of Man with effect from 29 October 1983.
- 11 With the declarations provided for in PCT Articles 64(3)(a) and 64(4)(a).
- 12 Extends to all areas for which the United States of America has international responsibility.