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Authority File - Origins

(lead by EPO): Common Documentation Foundation Project

The authority file should contain...

“a list of all patent documents issued by a patent office...”

and should further...

“...allow another IP5 Office to assess the completeness of the available patent documentation...”

→ Higher documentation Quality

Benefits of today's publication of Authority files

- First time that IP5 offices are able to implement systematic quality control of their IP5 document collections and fill in any gaps.
- Publication Allows 3rd parties and other offices to confirm the completeness of their collections
- Publication and openness to scrutiny confirms IP5 commitment to high quality documentation
- WIPO has expressed the potential benefits of the integration of the authority files into PCT minimum documentation

Future Steps

IP5 Offices will now start using the authority files to confirm the completeness and correctness of their collections.

Authority files to become regularly updated IP5 office products with biannual release cycle.

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An Authority File provides a list of all patent document publication numbers issued by a patent office or a regional organisation.

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The primary purpose is to allow other patent offices and other users to assess the completeness of the available patent documentation.

In order to allow consistency checks the list provides all publication numbers for patent documents of which the numbers were published at least once. Therefore this also includes numbers for which no published document is available (e.g. late withdrawn documents or destroyed documents) or for which the publication concerned only the publication of bibliographic data.

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