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The INPADOC databases are highly valuable sources of worldwide patent information covering first level patent data for all areas of technology. While both files contain the same data, the file-specific designs provide an optimized environment for any kind of search. The patent family database INPAFAMDB is ideal for prior art searching while the application-based INPADOCDB is the preferred database for searching and monitoring patent family and legal status information.

## Content and coverage

The INPADOC databases on STN are created from the world's largest collection of bibliographic and legal status data of the European Patent Office (EPO). They provide access to up-to-date patent information as well as very old patent literature. The files are updated weekly and now contain:

- About 76 million patent publications from more than 90 patent authorities
- Substantial backfile data for major patent authorities
- Accurate patent family information via FIZ Karlsruhe's quality control
- Legal status data from 59 patent authorities and cited references for 26 patent offices
- Extensive coverage of applicant titles and abstracts, mainly in English
- Comprehensive coverage of major patent classifications, including the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC), the International Patent Classification, and Japanese and US Patent Classifications

## Your benefits

The INPADOC databases offer precise retrieval and monitoring capabilities in combination with flexible display options. A thorough quality control is in place which checks every database update for bibliographic errors. Patent family related data are corrected in a fast and ongoing process.

- Efficient analysis of patent families supported by flexible patent family displays and various bibliographic details
- Focused and customizable alerts with weekly and monthly monitoring options (SDIs)
- Simplified legal status searching with reliable legal status categories
- More comprehensive inventor and assignee searching with search options including standardizations and reassignments
- Synergies with CAPlus<sup>SM</sup> and DWPI in a multifile prior art search with INPAFAMDB
- Thesaurus supported patent classification searching
- Great variety of patent analysis options