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ARIPO	Granted Patents	1985 - date	APnnnnB	AP356
Australia	Patent Applications	1995 - date	AUyyyynnnnn	AU199662135
	Granted Patents	1996 - date	AUnnnnn	AU728936
Austria	Granted Patents	1969 - date	ATnnnnnnB	AT405902B
	Utility Models	1994 - date	ATnnnnU	AT3296U
Belgium	Patent Applications	1926 - date	BEnnnnnn	BE627411
	Granted Patents	1926 - date	BEnnnnnn	BE1012521
Brazil*	Patent Applications	1992 - 1996	BRyyxxxxx	BR9204320
Bulgaria*	Granted Patents	1991 - date	BGnnnnn	BG61192
Canada	Patent Applications and Granted Patents	1970 - date	CAnnnnnnn	CA1194994
China	Applications	1985 - date	CNnnnnnnnA	CN1130774A
	Examined Applications (used until 1993)		CNnnnnnnnB	CN1145230B
	Granted Patents		CNnnnnnnnC	CN1110032C
	Patent Translations		CNnnnnnnnT	CN1146305T
	Utility Model Applications (used until 2003)		CNnnnnnnnU	CN2468100U
	Granted Utility Models		CNnnnnnnnY	CN2399461Y
Czech Republic	Patent Specifications	1993 - date	CZnnnnnnB	CZ279947B
Denmark	Examined Patent	1968 - date	DKnnnnnn	DK173123

	Applications			
	Granted Patents	1968 – date	DKnnnnnnB	DK157556B
Estonia	Patent Applications	1995 - date	EEnnnnnnnnn	EE9700335
European Patent Organisation	Patent Applications	1978 - date	EPxxxxxxx	EP0902909
	Search reports published after the Patent Application	1978 (all)	EPxxxxxxxA3	EP0012125A3
	Granted Patents	1980 – date	EPxxxxxxxB1	EP0785685B1
	Granted Patents Modified in Opposition	1980 (all)	EPxxxxxxxB2	EP0563663B2
	File Wrappers		PWEPxxxxxxx	PWEP8985285
	File Inspections	1998 - date	FWEPxxxxxxx	FWEP5898722
Finland	Examined Patent Applications and Granted Patents	1968 – date	FIInnnnnnB (or C)	FI82368B (or C)
France	Patent Applications	1920 – date	FRnnnnnnn	FR2780587
	Certificates of Addition	1920 – date	FRnnnnnnE	FR45022E
	Special Patents for Pharmaceuticals	1960 – 1973	FRnnnnnM	FR8404M
	Granted Patents	2000 – date	FRnnnnnnnnB1	FR2824352B1
German Democratic Republic	Patent Applications and Granted Patents	1952 – date	DDnnnnnnn	DD301798
Germany	Patent Applications (plus patents if 1 st publication)	1877 - date	DEnnnnnnnn	DE1534850
	Patent Applications		DEnnnnnnnnA1	DE3842442A1
	Patent Spec. 1 st Pub.		DEyyyynnnnC1	DE19962453C1
	Patent Spec. 2 nd Pub.		DEnnnnnnnnC2	DE3943817C2
	Patent Spec. 3 rd Pub.		DEnnnnnnnnC3	DE3842442C3
	Utility Models	1955 - date	DEnnnnnnnnU	DE29517919U
Great Britain	Patent Applications	1920 – date	GBnnnnnnn	GB2351640
	Granted Patents	June 2002 – date	GBnnnnnnnnB	GB2367928B
Greece	Patent Applications	1977 – 1985	GRnnnnnnn	GR82067
		1985 - date	GRyyynnnnnn	GR90100211
Hungary*	Patent Applications	2000	HUnnnnnnn	HU218883
Ireland	Patent Applications	1973 - date	IEnnnnnnn	IE912056
Italy	Granted Patents	1985 - date	ITnnnnnnn	IT1176395
Japan	Patent Applications	1974 - date	JPpyxxxxxx	JP10088782 (=JP 10/88782)
	Patent Applications	2000 - date	JPpyyyxxxxxx	JP2001000555 (=JP 2001/555)
	English Abstracts	Before the 10 th Imperial Year (01-09)	JPpyxxxxxx	JP08237103
	Japanese	Before the 10 th	JPpyxxxxxx	JP8237103

	Documents (on espacenet)	Imperial Year (01-09)		
	English Abstract	After the 10 th Imperial Year (10-15)		JP001000088782
	Japanese Documents on espacenet	After the 10 th Imperial Year (10-15)		JP10088782
	English Abstracts	2000 - date		JP2001000555AA
	Utility Models	1993 - date	JPnnnnnnnnU	JP200000047U
	English Machine Translations of Japanese Documents	1993 - date		MTJP2004012345 MTJP3504610B/ MTJP3504610B2 MTJP110000U/ MTJP110000U2
Latvia*	Patent Applications	1994 - date	LVnnnnnn	LV11991
Luxembourg	Patent Applications	1945 - date	LUnnnnnn	LU39344
Mexico*	Granted Patents	1993 - date	MXnnnnnnn	MX163400
Monaco	Granted Patents	1957 - date	MCnnnn	MC2484
The Netherlands	Patent Applications	1964 - date	NLyxxxxx	NL8902961
	Granted Patents	1914 - date	NLnnnnnnnC	NL1008830C
OAPI	Patent Applications	1966 - date	OAnnnnnn	OA11496
PCT	Patent Applications	1978 - date	WOxxxxxxx	WO9902450
	Search Reports		WOyyxxxxxA3	WO012859A3
	File Wrappers		PWWOyyxxxxx	PWWO0012859
	File Inspections	1998 - date	FWWOyyxxxxx	FWWO0298722
Poland	Granted Patents	1991 - date	PLnnnnnn	PL178575
Portugal	Patent Applications	1980 - date	PTnnnnnn	PT102282
Russia	Patent Applications	1993 - date	RUnnnnnnn	RU2003264
Romania	Granted Patents	1990 - date	ROnnnnnn	RO109848
Soviet Union*	Author Certificates and Patents	1968 - date	SUnnnnnnn	SU1831540
Spain		1968 - date	ESnnnnnnn	ES2122934
Sweden	Patent Applications	1996 - date	SEyyxxxxx	SE9804397
	Examined Patent Applications and Granted Patents	1968 - date	SEnnnnnn	SE514206
Switzerland	Examined Patent Applications	1964 - 1977	CHnnnnnyy	CH1691872
	Granted Patents	1888 - date	CHnnnnnn	CH689242
Turkey	Patents	1997 - date	TRyynnnnn	TR9700488
	WO Translations	1997 - date	TRyynnnnnT	TR9700503T
	Utility Models	1997 - date	TRyynnnnnU	TR9700492U
USA	Patent Applications and Re-examined Patents	2001 (all)	USAyyyynnnnnnn	USA20010000189
	Granted Patents	1920 - date	USnnnnnnn	US5237501
	Design Patents		USDnnnnnnn	USD339456

	Plant Patents		USPPnnnnnnnn	USPP8901
	Reissued Patents		USREnnnnnnnn	USRE35312
	Defensive Publications		USTnnnnnnnn	UST109201
	Statutory Invention Registration		USHnnnnnnnn	USH1523
WIPO	Patent Applications	1978 – date	WOyyxxxxx	WO9902450
	Re-examined Patents	1978 - date	WOyyxxxxx	WO0034567

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