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Annual Technical Report 2007 on Patent Information Activities submitted by Austria (SCIT /ATR/PI/2007/AT)

Where URLs are requested below, it is preferred that either URLs which are likely to remain stable over time (three years or more) are provided, or home (main) page URLs are provided with a short explanation of how to access the corresponding information.

The term "patent" covers utility models and Supplementary Protection Certificates (SPCs). Offices which issue design patents should report their design patent information activities in their Annual Technical Reports on Industrial Design Information Activities.

I. Evolution of patent activities

Changes experienced in terms of application filings and grants with respect to the previous year

National patent, applications

2.672 in 2007 + 1 % compared to 2006
2.647 in 2006 + 5 % compared to 2005
2.505 in 2005 +- 0 % compared to 2004
2.514 in 2004 + 5,94 % compared to 2003
2.373 in 2003

Granted national patents

1.237 in 2007 - 20% compared to 2006 (see remark below)
1.564 in 2006 + 66 % compared to 2005 (due to the influence of a new patent law which caused the statistic comprising nearly 1 1/2 year of grantings for this time)
0.938 in 2005 - 7 % compared to 2004
0.961 in 2004 - 29,29% compared to 2003
1.359 in 2003

Granted European patents with AT as designated state

33.466 in 2007 - 3% compared to 2006
34.540 in 2006 + 20 % compared to 2005
28.640 in 2005 + 1,5 % compared to 2004
28.223 in 2004 + 5,91% compared to 2003
26.646 in 2003

Utility model, applications

0.871 in 2007 - 14% compared to 2006
1.019 in 2006 + 3 % compared to 2005
0.989 in 2005 - 7,3 % compared to 2004
1.067 in 2004 + 1,62% compared to 2003
1.050 in 2003

Utility model, registrations

726 in 2006 - 7% compared to 2006
787 in 2006 + 1 % compared to 2005
776 in 2005 + 6,2 % compared to 2004
731 in 2004 + 2,81% compared to 2003
711 in 2003

Supplementary protection certificate, application

80 in 2007 + 90% compared to 2006
42 in 2006 +- 0% compared to 2005
43 in 2005 + 34% compared to 2004
32 in 2004 - 3,03% compared to 2003
33 in 2003

Supplementary protection certificate, registration

39 in 2007 - 13% compared to 2006
45 in 2006 + 15% compared to 2005
39 in 2005 + 56% compared to 2004
25 in 2004 - 16,67% compared to 2003
30 in 2003

PCT ISA-Search Reports incl. Examination reports

1.253 in 2007 +11% compared to 2006
1.121 in 2006 +4% compared to 2005
1.075 in 2005

Trends or areas experiencing rapid changes with respect to the previous year

Corresponding to the structure of the Austrian industry the majority of applications were filed in the fields of

25% process engineering and transportation
19% human necessities
17% mechanical engineering
12% fixed construction
11% physics

These leading industrial sectors correspond to the leading sectors of the preceding years, only the sequence within these sectors changes from year to year.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide statistics related to patents

Homepage
<http://www.patentamt.at>

Statistics 2007 for patents, utility models, trade marks and designs

Statistics for 2007 are in the Patent Gazette "Patentblatt" April 2008
Link: <http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Publikationen/PB2008004Ineu.pdf>

or by following this navigation path:
<http://www.patentamt.at>
protection of invention
publications
Austrian Patent Gazette
PBI 4 / 2008 15.4.2008 Patentblatt April 2008 I. Teil

Statistics for 2006:
<http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Publikationen%202006/PB2007004I.pdf>
PBI 4 / 2007 15.4.2007 Patentblatt April 2007 I. Teil

Statistics for 2005:
<http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Publikationen%202006/PB2006004I.pdf>
PBI 4 / 2006 15.4.2006 Patentblatt April 2006 I. Teil

Statistics for 2004:
<http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=18515&filename=PBI2005003I.pdf>
PBI 3 / 2005 15. März 2005 Patentblatt März 2005 I. Teil

II. Matters concerning the generation, reproduction, distribution and use of primary and secondary sources of patent information

Publishing, printing, copying (main types of publications of the Office in the field of patent information, etc.)

The Patent Gazette and Utility Model Gazette are published monthly on the Internet and in paper form. Copying is done by a private company by order of the Austrian Patent Office.

With July 2005 a new patent law has entered into force. Since then, Austrian patent applications are published 18 months after the priority date, like in most other countries. For this, a publication server, based on the publication server of the European Patent Office, has been installed and is accessible under <http://www.patentamt.at/Home/daspatentamt/PubServ/Pubserv.html>.

Since then, unexamined Austrian patent applications are published as A1 (with a search report), A2 (without a search report), A3 (only the search report) 18 months after the priority date. The ST.16 code A4 is used for published unexamined applications which are published together with the granted patent before 18 months.

Online information about Austrian property rights is accessible at terminals in the library and information centre.

Internet-access (number search) to bibliographic data and about amount and time-limit for the next renewal fee is given for free. Priced Internet access for more search criteria and to register information is given to registered users since January 1999.

Main types of announcements of the Office in the field of patent information

Patent Gazette, Utility Model Gazette, Internet, in-house online database.

An Internet Publication server for patent and utility model documents is online since September 2005.

Mass storage media used (paper, microforms, optical storage, etc.)

Austrian patent and utility model specifications are published on CD-ROM (MIMOSA). Since September 2005 also on the Austria's Patent Office web site / Publication server <http://www.patentamt.at/Home/daspatentamt/PubServ/Pubserv.html>.

Paper forms, microfilm, microfiche, CD, DVD are used as mass storage media.

Word processing and office automation

Mostly MS Word is used, except some letters generated on the legacy host-system.

(New) techniques used for the generation of patent information (printing, recording, photocomposing, Optical Character Recognition (OCR), etc.)

Since July 2005, the patent applications are scanned by an in-house scanning team with EPO-Scan and prepared for the publication on the Internet publication server. Patent applications are published in image format.

Preparation of documents of granted patents is outsourced. Documents are OCR-treated and result in full-text files in .doc and .pdf format.

Both kinds of documents are published on the publication server.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide access to online publication of patent documents and gazettes, and to other primary and secondary sources of patent information, including patent publication servers and download of bulk patent data

Homepage
<http://www.patentamt.at>

Publication Server: (documents from September 2005 onwards)
<http://www.patentamt.at/Home/daspatentamt/PubServ/Pubserv.html>

Patent Gazettes
<http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Publikationen%202006/21468.html>

Navigation:
<http://www.patentamt.at>
Protection of invention
Publications

Gazettes 2007
<http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Publikationen%202006/21468.html>

Gazettes 2006
<http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Publikationen%202006/17390.html>

Gazettes 2005
<http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Publikationen%202006/12487.html>

III. Matters concerning abstracting, classifying, reclassifying and indexing of technical information contained in patent documents

Abstracting, reviewing, translating

Patent applicants have to provide an abstract drafted according to national rules similar to WIPO Standard ST.12/A in German language. This abstract is subject to the examination as to formal requirements. The abstracts are only published on the first page of patent documents (Ax, Bx).

Austrian patent documents are reviewed by Derwent Publications Limited and available through the Derwent World Patents Index databases (WPI).

Classification¹, preclassification² (if applicable), and reclassification³ activities; Classification system used, e.g., International Patent Classification (IPC), other classification (please indicate whether or not patent documents are classified by your Office and, if so, which classification is used)

Filed patent and utility model applications and published documents are classified according to the last IPC edition (8th edition). Search reports contain the classification according to IPC and to ECLA. Mentioning of ECLA on Search reports was introduced 2006 with Austrians participation in the UPP project (Utilisation Pilot Project: EPO, UK, DE, DK and AT)

For search purposes the IPC, ECLA and the Japanese classification systems are used. Reclassification of patent documents is not carried out.

Internal training courses on the use of the IPC, ECLA and the Japanese classification systems were held for the technical examiners in 2005.

Since 2006 the Austrian Patent Office uses the IPC advanced level for classification.
Since 2007 the Austrian Patent Office also indicates the ECLA on the Search reports.

IV. Search file establishment and upkeep

File building

The classified search files of the technical examiners cover all documents of the PCT minimum documentation.

Since 2003 the APO uses the full version of EPOQUE via Patnet.

Documentation from other offices maintained and/or considered part of the available search file

The Austrian Patent Office receives patent documents from: Armenia, Australia, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Germany, Finland, France, Georgia, Italy, Japan, Serbia and Montenegro, Canada, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Mexico, New Zealand, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Tajikistan, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Hungary, Uzbekistan, United States of America, United Kingdom, Vietnam and from the international organisations EPO, EAPO and WIPO.

These documents can be searched in the library of the Austrian Patent Office, too.

V. Activities in the field of computerized and other mechanized search systems

In-house systems (online/offline)

The legacy systems are running on a SIEMENS mainframe (SR2000), providing administration of bibliographic data, of patent, trademarks and utility models as well as industrial designs in the whole application process.
Online registry information is provided via internet.

Several Data from the host system are copied to a MS-SQL-database. This database is used for preparing letters in MS-Word, for statistics, preparing the publication documents (first page) ...

External databases

Access to EPOQUE-NET, epoline, QUESTEL, STN, Internet- databases (ELSEVIER, IEEE...)

Internet Access is available to all examiners at their desk top.

Administrative management systems (e.g., register, legal status, statistics and administrative support)

The paperless administration system for search and examination requests, including PCT international applications, was extended to the processing of patent and utility applications and became operational in May 2002. The SQL-based system allows the input of all reports in the area of patents and utility models directly on the terminal with transfer to a host and processing of the fair copy.

Statistical tools are employed to ensure quality and time-limits.

The register still works with the legacy host-system.

Equipment used (hardware, including the types of terminal and network used, and software), carriers used

Hardware: Pentium III 800 MHz for all examiners via Ethernet-Lan, leased lines to Internet and EPO (Vienna, The Hague); Host Siemens BS2000.

Software: Windows Operating System (Win2000, WinXP), MS-Office, B-DOOR/FirstPage+, MS Internet Explorer, STN-Express, Questel Imagination, In house document-management systems for establishing search & examination-reports.

Existing online thesauri; their structure, presentation and usefulness for computerized searches

Examiners can store one or more keywords together with a file and can search for these keywords.

No defined standard for these keywords.

VI. Administration of the industrial property office library, and information products and services available to the public (relating to facilities, e.g., for lodging applications, for assisting clients on searching procedures, for obtaining official publications and registry extracts)

Planning, administration, automation, security, buildings

The library is a public library. 29 million patent documents, more than 99.000 volumes of non-patent-literature and 90.000 privileges (forerunners of patent documents) are the basis of the collection.

The catalogue of the stock of the documentation is online accessible for in-house purposes and for the public.

Collecting, acquisitions, preparation

The Austrian Patent Office receives the patent documentation according to free-of-charge-exchange agreements between offices. Non-patent-literature from other libraries and documentation centres in Europe is ordered by the members of the office and most of them delivered within 24 hours by the staff of the library.

Collection management, preservation

A list of the complete patent documentation and the non-patent literature is published on Intranet.

Interlibrary lending, resource sharing, networks of patent libraries in the country

The library of the Austrian Patent Office is not a lending library. Interlibrary lending is done to a small extent for other patent offices and governmental institutions.

The PATLIB network in Austria consists of 8 patent information centres all over Austria.

Information services available to the public (including computerized services and search files contained in libraries remote from your Office and patent information posted by your Office on the World Wide Web)

The Austrian Patent Office offers free information services concerning legal questions, details of registration procedures, property rights or due fees, which can be submitted verbally (personally or by phone, e-mail to info@patentamt.at).

Legal and technical experts of the Austrian Patent Office can be consulted for legal and technical questions in connection with an intellectual

property right, a pending application or for an intended application. The legal information service is available personally or by telephone or by e-mail to info@patentamt.at free of charge on all working days.

At the information centre in the Austrian Patent Office information is provided by telephone, e-mail or face-to-face about all national intellectual property applications and granted rights, about published European and international patent applications designated for Austria, as well as about registered international trademarks with effect for Austria, and about community trademarks of the European Union and about national and Community designs. This information covers all bibliographic data of the mentioned protection rights. This inquiry can also be made in the library by self-service (with support of the library personnel) on computer workstations.

The register administrators of the Austrian Patent Office provide information concerning the current legal status of all effective patents, utility models, semiconductor rights, supplementary protection certificates, trademarks and designs. The officials in charge can be consulted at their consultation hours about specific applications, e.g. the correct trademark or design classification of a sign or product.

Information services of the Service and Information Center (serv.ip, former TRF)

The Service and Information Center of the Austrian Patent Office (serv.ip) started its activities in the fall of 1994 pursuant to the appropriate regulations of the amendment of the Patent Law of 1992 and the corresponding ordinance of 1994. The central purpose of the founding of this enterprise was to offer customer-oriented service and information products in the area of patents, trademarks and designs in a commercial manner. The following services are offered:

The Express Search

is a search of the state of the art and serves to determine the point of departure for new developments in all technical areas including sequences. The Express Search provides a valuable basis for solving technical problems, profiling evaluating the novelty of inventions, judging the current market situation and estimating future market developments. The Express Search also provides relevant documents for oppositions or nullity proceedings.

In Addition to the Express Search in the Patent filed, serv.ip offers:

- trademark similarity search
- a similarity record including colour images
- trademark monitoring
- information in written form
- uncertified register extracts
- express services concerning national and international trademark similarity searches, register extracts as well as written information
- external on-line information
- translation of the list of goods and services from the German into French or English

Express service:

Register extracts as well as written information are supplied within 24 hours after receipt of order by fax and by email upon request.

External on-line information:

Internet access to the database of the Austrian Patent Office for information concerning patents, utility models, designs and supplementary protection certificates is available. Registry status for industrial design is available online.

The homepage of the Austrian Patent Office contains general information as well as detailed references for applicants concerning forms for application and the current fees for all industrial property rights, namely patent, utility model, trademark, design, supplementary protection certificate as well as semiconductor protection. All bibliographic data, and information about time limit and amount of the next renewal fee, are free of charge. Full access to the database of the Austrian Patent Office, which covers all property rights for Austria according to different search criteria, e.g. owner, inventor, international patent classification, application and register number, is made possible by using a password.

Address of the Austrian Homepage: <http://www.patentamt.at>

Online database access concerning all Austrian patents and utility models in force is given directly at the information centre and via Internet. Information is also provided by telephone, e-mail or as answers to written requests.

From journals containing general information about patents and patent information (WPI, etc.) single articles are treated as a complete monograph and put into the online-catalogue. These articles can be found under the author or/and the catchword.

The Homepage of the Austrian Patent Office is accessible in German and English.

The address is: www.patentamt.at . Under the heading NEWS

new developments in the office, announcements for seminars and training-courses are published.

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide information on business procedures such as: filing, publication, examination and grant procedures related to patents; opposition and appeal procedures related to patents; etc.

Navigation:

Homepage: <http://www.patenamt.at>

Protection of inventions

General information

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Allgemeineinfo/12202_1.html

Forms

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Formulare/12832_1.html

Here you find forms and infosheets concerning AT national patent application, AT national Utility Models applications, entering PCT national

phase.

Our Information sheets and application forms are only available in german.

PATENTS

Information sheet / Patent applications

PA 144 17.10.2006 Infoblatt Patentanmeldung

http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=20970&filename=PA_144_2005.pdf

Addition to the information sheet, together with an example for preparing a patent or Utility Model application:

Erläuterung Erläuterungen zur Abfassung von Patent- bzw. Gebrauchsmusteranmeldungsunterlagen (inkl. Beispiel)

<http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=20975&filename=Erläuterung.pdf>

Explanations for patent applicants

PA 3 h 17.10.2006 Grundsätzliches zur Patentanmeldung / Beilage zum Vorbescheid

http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=20972&filename=PA_3_h_2005.pdf

Patent application form:

PA 1 22.11.2006 Anmeldeformular Patent [Word]

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Formulare/PA_1_2005.doc

PA 1 22.11.2006 Anmeldeformular Patent [PDF]

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Formulare/PA_1_2005.pdf

Application forms for entering PCT national phase in Austria:

PA 1 PCT 25.8.2006 Patentanmeldung (PCT) Einleitung der nationalen Phase (Word)

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Patent/PA_1_PCT_3.doc

PA 1 PCT 25.8.2006 Patentanmeldung (PCT) Einleitung der nationalen Phase (pdf)

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Patent/PA_1_PCT_3_.pdf

PCT fees:

<http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Patent/PCTGebuehren.pdf>

UTILITY MODELS

Information sheet

GM 144 17.10.2006 Infoblatt Gebrauchsmuster

http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=20977&filename=GM_144_2005.pdf

Application form for AT national application

GM 1 18.1.2006 Anmeldeformular Gebrauchsmuster [Word]

http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=21514&filename=GM_1_2005.doc

GM 1 18.1.2006 Anmeldeformular Gebrauchsmuster [PDF]

http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=20819&filename=GM_1_2005.pdf

GM 1 PCT 25.8.2006 Gebrauchsmusteranmeldung (PCT) Einleitung der nationalen Phase

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Gebrauchsmuster/GM_1_PCT_3.doc

GM 1 PCT 25.8.2006 Gebrauchsmusteranmeldung (PCT) Einleitung der nationalen Phase

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/Erfindungsschutz/Gebrauchsmuster/GM_1_PCT_3_.pdf

SPC "Schutzzertifikate"

Application Form

SZ 1 18.1.2006 Anmeldeformular Schutzzertifikat [Word]

http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=21536&filename=sZ_1_2005.doc

SZ 1 18.1.2006 Anmeldeformular Schutzzertifikat [PDF]

http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=21535&filename=sZ_1_2005.pdf

Topographies of semiconductors

Application Form

HT 118.1.2006Anmeldeformular Halbleiter (Topographie) [Word]

http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=21534&filename=HT_1_2005.doc

HT 118.1.2006Anmeldeformular Halbleiter (Topographie) [PDF]

http://www.patentamt.at/dms/dms.php?id=21533&filename=HT_1_2005.pdf

URLs of web pages of the Office's website that provide a description of information products and services offered by the Office (e.g., patent search service(s) and patent databases), as well as information on how to access and utilize them

Navigation:

Homepage <http://www.patentamt.at>
Serv.ip

Services:

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/servip/Unsereleistungen/11784_1.html

Prices:

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/servip/Preise/12830_1.html

Order

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/servip/Bestellung/12829_1.html

Opening hours, contact

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/servip/Oeffnungszeitenkontakt/12562_1.html

Patent Services (Express Search):

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mailto: Gottfried.Stimmeder@patentamt.at

VII. Matters concerning mutual exchange of patent documentation and information

Since 2003 the Austrian Patent Office has stopped the publication of the paper version of the Patent Gazette and the Utility Model Gazette and has changed over to put these publications on Internet. Since that time the paper production was reduced.

Austrian Patent specifications are published on CDs from 1991 onwards.

The whole Austrian patent documentation (A,A1,A2,A3,A4,A8,A9, B,B1,B2,B8, B9, U1,U2,U3,U8,U9) is included in the BNS system of EPO.

The Austrian Publication Server covers Austrian patent documents published by the Austrian Patent Office from 2005/09/25 onwards. Each monthly XML file in the list contains the list of Austrian patent documents published at the corresponding date.

International or regional cooperation in the exchange of machine-readable information, e.g., bibliographic data, abstract and/or full text information

As the Austrian Patent Gazette and the Austrian Utility Model Gazette are published on the Homepage most of the countries stop the exchange of paper copies.

Medium used for exchange of priority documents

Priority documents are exchanged in paper form.

Medium allowed for filing applications

Applications can be filed in paper form or submitted as telefax.

VIII. Other relevant matters concerning education and training in, and promotion of, the use of patent information, including technical assistance to developing countries (please indicate URLs of web pages of the Office's website wherever appropriate)

Training courses for national and foreign participants, use of audiovisual means

Exchange of information with the Patent Office from Vitnam and Kasakhstan during 2007.

Audiovisual means: Power Point Presentations.

Assistance to developing countries (sending consultants and experts, receiving trainees from developing countries, etc.)

Training courses are held for patent experts from developing countries in co-operation with the WIPO since 1977. Patent information and documentation are the main topics. The participants in the WIPO/Austria Training Course 2007 came from Ghana, Iran, Jamaika, Kaskhstan, Kenya, Latvia, Mauritius, Pakistan, republik of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Swasiland, Ukraine, Vietnam. In Parallel to the WIPO training course a training for participants from GCC (Saudi Arabia) was held.

The program of the course provided practical training in the use of the International Patent Classification for file organization and searching as well as in the methodology of retrieving information from patent literature in search files and from online databases for patent examination, state-of-the-art searches and other technological information purposes.

Furthermore the curriculum included a demonstration of the Austrian Patent Office's operation and administration, applications of the Internet as well as CD-ROM technology and utilization.

The training course provided also information about international treaties such as TRIPS, PCT, SPLT and EU-COMPAT as well as basic knowledge about trademarks and design.

The Austrian Patent Office participates in the examination of patent applications, which were submitted by patent offices of developing countries on the basis of an agreement with the WIPO since 1986. 25 applications from Vitnam, 5 from Jordany and 2 from Chile and were transferred for

treatment to the Austrian Patent Office in the context of this International Cooperation for Search and Examination of Inventions (ICSEI) project in the year 2007.

Promotional activities (seminars, exhibitions, visits, advertising, etc.)

Since the 1980's the Austrian Patent Office has been organizing training courses and seminars to an increasing extent both in the office and externally in Austria's provinces in order to facilitate an efficient use of industrial property rights in the practical business and to inform future decision makers about the instruments of intellectual property.

External seminars are frequently organized together with partners, like the Chamber of commerce (WKÖ), Institute for Promotion of Trade and Industry (WIFI), Austria Wirtschaftsservice (aws), Forschungsfoerderungsgesellschaft (FFG), technology transfer centers, universities, other authorities, inventors federation or the bar association. The cooperation with partners frequently improves the contacts with the target groups using the existing communication structure. Seminars take place also in cooperation with other patent offices.

In order to expand these demanded training course activities additionally two seminar series were started in the Austrian Patent Office in 2001, which are organized by the Austrian Patent Office/serv.ip (Service and Information Sector.) As a result of the interest, these seminar series were continued in 2007. One of said seminar series concerns an overview of the industrial property rights. The second seminar series deals with special topics, e.g., software protection, biotechnology, national, community and international trademarks etc., and is arranged under consultation of external experts in the respective area.

A further important information platform, in particular for professionals, who are potential clients of the patent office, but did not yet contact the office due to a lack of basic information, are domestic and international trade fairs.

The Austrian Patent Office was also presented at 34 other events, seminars and trade fairs with over 3000 participants.

IX. Other general information related to the Office that is available on the Internet -- URLs of web pages of the Office's website that:

provide information on legislation related to patents

Austrian Patent Gazette

The Austrian Patent Gazette is published by the Austrian Patent Office on the 15th of each month.

Part 1 (I Teil) is the general part and contains decisions, notices, law, and the organisational changes of the Austrian Patent Office etc.

Part 2 A (II Teil A) contains bibliographic data concerning national Austrian patents and supplementary protection certificates.

Part 2 B (II Teil B) contains bibliographic data concerning European patents with designation Austria.

Please note: PCT Electronic Gazette available under:
<http://www.wipo.int/ipdl/en/>

Austrian Utility model Gazette

The Austrian Utility model Gazette is published by the Austrian Patent Office on the 15th of each month and contains bibliographic data about Austrian utility models.

You can order previous issues at:

Copy Service

1st Floor, Room 142

Tel.: +43 (1) 534 24 738

fax: +43 (1) 534 24-737

e-mail: kopierstelle@patentamt.at

Navigation:

Homepage <http://www.patentamt.at>

The Austrian Patent Office

Laws

http://www.patentamt.at/Home/daspatentamt/gesetzlichegrundlagen/12035_1.html

contain the Annual Report of the Office

For further information about activities of the office, one may also refer to the Annual Report of the Austrian Patent Office, published in German and English on the Homepage of the office

2007: <http://www.patentamt.at/geschaeftsbericht2007/frames.html>

2006: <http://www.patentamt.at/geschaeftsbericht2006/frames.html>

2005: <http://www.patentamt.at/geschaeftsbericht2005> .

contain patent-related news regarding the Office

Since 2007 the Austrian Patent Office offers a Newsletter-Service available under <http://www.patentamt.at/Home/daspatentamt/Newsletter/21583.html>.

X. Other relevant matters

1.	Classification is allotting one or more classification symbols (e.g., IPC symbols) to a patent application, either before or during search and examination, which symbols are then published with the patent application.
2.	Preclassification is allotting an initial broad classification symbol (e.g., IPC class or subclass, or administrative unit) to a patent application, using human or automated means for internal administrative purposes (e.g., routing an application to the appropriate examiner). Usually preclassification is applied by the administration of an office.
3.	Reclassification is the reconsideration and usually the replacement of one or more previously allotted classification symbols to a patent document, following a revision and the entry into force of a new version of the Classification system (e.g., the IPC). The new symbols are available on patent databases.