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AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION	OA	A	Patents for Inventions	1979–	
AFRICAN REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION	AP	A	Patents	1985–	
<a href="#">AUSTRALIA</a>	AU	A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A8, A9  B1, B2, B3, B4, B8, B9  C1, C4, C8, C9	Standard and Petty Patent Applications, and Innovation Patents  Granted Patents and Petty Patents, and Certified Innovation Patents  Amended Granted Patents, Petty Patents,	1970– <sup>(1)</sup>	1908–
<a href="#">AUSTRIA</a>	AT	A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A8, A9  B1, B2, B8, B9	Patent Applications  Granted Patents	1982– <sup>(1)</sup>	1990–
<a href="#">CANADA</a>	CA	A, B  C, E  A1	Patents and Reissue Patents  Patents and Reissue Patents  Laid-open Applications	1974–1989 <sup>(1)</sup>  1989– <sup>(1)</sup>  1989– <sup>(1)</sup>	1869–

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<a href="#">EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE</a>	EA	A1, A2, A3, A8, A9  B1, B2, B3, B8, B9	Published Patent Applications  Granted Patents	1996–  1997–	1996–
<a href="#">EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE</a>	EP	A1, A2, A3, A4, A8, A9  B1, B2, B3, B8, B9	Published Patent Applications  Granted Patents	1978–  1980–	1978–
FORMER REICHSPATENTAMT OF GERMANY	DE	C1, C2, C3, C4	Patents	1920–1945	
<a href="#">FRANCE</a>	FR	A  B  B1  B2  M	Applications for all Types of Patents  Patents for Inventions  Patents for Inventions (including additions)  Certificates of Addition to Patents  Special Medicament Patents	1969–  1920–1988  1969–  1920–1985  1961–1967 (filing) 1961–1973 (grant)	1990–

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		M	Certificates of Addition to Special Medicament Patents	1961–1967 (filing) 1961–1973 (grant)	
<a href="#">GERMANY</a>	DE	A1, A8, A9  B1, B2, B3, B4, B9  C2, C3, C5, C9	<i>Offenlegungs- s chriften</i> (OS) (Non-examined Patent Applications) <i>Auslegeschriften</i> (Examined Patent Applications)  Patents and Patents of Addition	1958–  1957–1988  1948–	1978–
<a href="#">GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (FORMER)</a>	DD	A  B  C	Patent Applications  Examined Patent Applications  Granted Patents	1951–1991 <sup>(1)</sup>  1951–1991 <sup>(1)</sup>  1951–1991 <sup>(1)</sup>	1951–1991
GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL	GC	A	Granted Patents	2001–	
<a href="#">INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF WIPO</a>	WO	A1, A2, A3, A4, A8, A9	International Publications under PCT Art. 21(i)	1978–	1978–
<a href="#">JAPAN</a>	JP	C1, C2  B1, B2, B5, B6, B7  A, A5, A6, A7	Tokkyo hatsumeimei meisaisho (Patent Specification)  Tokkyo kôhō (Published Examined Patent Application) Kôkai Tokkyo kôhō (Published Unexamined Patent Application)	1920–1923 1924–1950 1956 <sup>(2)</sup>  1922– <sup>(2)</sup>  1971– <sup>(2)</sup>	1993–

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<a href="#">RUSSIAN FEDERATION</a>	RU	A  C1, C2	Published Patent Applications  Patents for Inventions	1993– <sup>(2)</sup>  1993– <sup>(2)</sup>	1993–
<a href="#">SOVIET UNION (FORMER)</a>	SU	A1, A2, A3, A4	Inventor's Certificates and Patents for Invention	1924–1999 <sup>(2)</sup>	1924–1999
SWITZERLAND (published in French and German only)	CH	A, A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A8, A9 B, B1, B5, B9, E	Patent Applications and Specifications  Granted Patents, including Patents of Addition	1920–  1920–	
<a href="#">UNITED KINGDOM</a>	GB	A  A, A8, A9  B  C	Granted Patents  Published Patent Applications  Granted Patents  Amended or Corrected Granted Patents	1920–2017  1979–  1979–  1979–	1920–
<a href="#">UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</a>	US	A   A1, A2, A9  B1	Granted Patents   Published Patent Applications  Granted Patents (no pre-grant publication)	1920–2000   2001–  2001–	1790– (Patent grant)  2001– (Pre-grant)

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