

## PATENT DATA SEARCHING

Information search services (outside of the granting rights procedure)

### PURPOSE

Why searching patent data and how to make use of the results?

- For the first assessment of novelty for invention
- For assessing possible substantial characteristics of an invention making it sufficiently distinctive from other products
- As a basis for compiling a well-founded patent application (documents cited in a description defining state-of-the-art)
- For avoiding possible litigations concerning infringement of rights of third parties, in case the production or sale of a new product is planned in a particular country
- To find out the main competitors (if any) developing an identical or similar product
- To explore the results so far achieved by competitors (for your decision making on suspension or acceleration of your business project)
- To explore in which countries there are no patent rights of third parties (no risk of infringement of rights)
- To define the main technical field relevant for the particular invention
- To collect evidence for filing an opposition or a request for revocation of other's patent
- As a source of inspiration for creating or improving you own invention

### TYPES OF SEARCHING AND RELATED COSTS

1. Searching for patent documents based on the bibliographic data (number of document, priority date and/or filing date and/or title/name of patent applicant/owner or inventor, including an information on the legal status from the SIPO register and a printout of bibliographic data for up to 20 patent documents - per one request.....300,00 HRK
- 1.1 Searching for patent documents at regular intervals per same query (monitoring):
  - 1.1.1 every four months.....700,00 HRK
  - 1.1.2 quarterly.....900,00 HRK
  - 1.1.3 half-year.....500,00 HRK
2. Searching for patent documents in the specific technical field based on a description of the invention and/or other relevant data (i.e. key words and/or classification symbol(s), including a printout of bibliographic data for up to 20 patent documents - per one request.....600,00 HRK
- 2.1 Searching for patent documents at regular intervals per same query (monitoring):
  - 2.1.1 every four months.....1.500,00 HRK
  - 2.1.2 quarterly.....1.800,00 HRK
  - 2.1.3 half-year.....900,00 HRK
3. Searching for patent documents for assessing novelty for invention based on a description of the subject of invention and/or other relevant data (i.e. key words and/or classification symbol(s))..... to be charged on the actual costs basis
4. Searching for patent documents for assessing freedom to operate based on a description of the subject of invention and/or other relevant data (i.e. key words and/or classification symbol(s))..... to be charged on the actual costs basis
5. Searching for patent documents for assessing infringement based on a description of the subject of invention and/or other relevant data (i.e. key words and/or classification symbol(s))..... to be charged on the actual costs basis

6. Searching for patent documents based on a specifically defined request..... to be charged on the actual costs basis
7. A printout of bibliographic data for additional patent documents over 20 included in searching, per page..... 5,00 HRK
8. A copy of patent documents/publications of the Office collection, per page..... 5,00 HRK
9. Storage of documents retrieved by searching on CD-ROM and delivery, upon the client's request .....100,00 HRK

(The above costs are VAT-free)

The costs indicated under point 1. will be increased by 50 % if urgent searching within three working days is requested. The costs indicated under point 2. will be increased by 50 % if urgent searching within five working days is requested. Costs are charged at the time of request. In the case of additional costs you will be informed.

### **INFORMATION SERVICE CHARACTERISTICS**

Our specialists carry out database searching of patent applications/patents in Croatia and database searching of patent applications/patents worldwide, available in the Office database and in accessible international commercial and non-commercial databases. A particular searching is conducted upon a written request, which may be subsequently clarified over the phone, and contains written data on the client as well as one or more search criteria derived from a description of the invention and figures (if any), or defined by key words, international patent classification or bibliographic data. The searching costs per request include a printout of bibliographic data of 20 patent documents. For a printout of bibliographic data over this number, supplementary costs shall be payable as mentioned above.

When search is completed, a Search report is delivered to the client, said report containing:

- The input data for patent database searching contained in the request, and additional criteria specified by consulting the applicant
- A list of relevant documents shown by categories and relevance (with registration number of documents, title of the invention and the applicant's/inventor's name, and other data depending on the type of service provided).
- Search criteria including the searched documents of patent databases and key words, synonyms and classification symbols used for searching.

### **SEARCH REPORT DELIVERY**

Search results are normally delivered within 30 working days; however this term may be extended in case of a larger number of requests filed by customers. Upon the customer's request an urgent searching of patent documents may be conducted in short-term, and a report is ready for delivery within three or five working days (depending on the type of search ), subject to the payment of increased costs as indicated above. The search report is delivered by mail or may be taken at the Office reception. Inland rates for regular mail deliveries are included in the searching costs; however air mail deliveries abroad and special postal services are payable according to the actual costs.

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