

Access Code on the AIA/14

Q1. What is an Access Code?

A1. Data that used together with the application number and filing date to uniquely identify a patent application that is registered into the WIPO DAS (World Intellectual Property Organization Digital Access Service).

Q2. When is an Access Code required?

A2. When the following conditions are met:

- (1) The nonprovisional application is filed on or after March 16, 2013;
- (2) The foreign priority application is filed in a foreign intellectual property office that is a participating WIPO DAS depositing office on the date the nonprovisional is filed; and
- (3) Steps have been taken by the applicant to make the priority application available to the Office via the WIPO DAS and the applicant wishes the Office to attempt retrieval of the priority application.

Q3. Which offices participate in the WIPO DAS?

A3. The Office is required to furnish to the WIPO DAS an Access Code in order to obtain a foreign application filed in the following foreign intellectual property offices:

Australian Patent Office (IPAU)

AU yyyynnnnn

(e.g., AU 2009112345)

State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO)

CN yyyy-nnnnnnn.n

(e.g., CN 2011-20167071.2)

Danish Patent and Trademark Office

DK PA yyyy nnnnn

(e.g., DK PA 2010 01002)

PCT filed with RO/DK: PCT/DKyyyy/nnnnn

(e.g., PCT/DK2011/000100)

Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (SPTO)

ES yyyy-nnnnn

(e.g., ES 2009-12345)

National Board of Patents and Registration (NBPR) of Finland

FI yyyynnnn

(e.g., FI 20110123)

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(e.g., PCT/FI2011/000123)

United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (UKIPO)

GB yynnnnn.n

(e.g., GB 0912345.6)

International Bureau (IB)

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(e.g., PCT/IB2010/000123)

Swedish Patent and Registration Office

SE yynnnnn

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