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Application type Utility	Earliest publication # -	Intl. registration # (Hague) -
Examiner -	Earliest publication date -	Intl. registration publication date -
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Entity status Regular Undiscounted Edit		
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