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Republic of Korea	10-2014-1234567	KR	2014-01-30	Not at this time.
	20-2014-1234567			
Japan	2014-123456	JP	2014-01-30	Not at this time.
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European Patent Office	14123456	EP	2014-01-30	Not at this time.

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Australia	2014123456 PCT/AU2014/000123	AU	2014-01-30	YES
Spain	2014-12345 PCT/ES2014/000123	ES	2014-01-30	YES
International Bureau	PCT/IB2014/000123	IB	2014-01-30	YES
Finland	20140123 PCT/FI2014/000123	FI	2014-01-30	YES
Sweden	14123456 PCT/SE2014/123456	SE	2014-01-30	YES
Denmark	PA 2014 12345 PCT/DK2014/000123	DK	2014-01-30	YES
China	2014-12345678.9 PCT/CN2014/123456	CN	2014-01-30	YES
United Kingdom	1401234.5	GB	2014-01-30	YES