

ROADMAP FOR PATENT CREATION

TERMINOLOGIES AND CODES USED IN A PATENT DOCUMENT

Lecture 12

A very warm welcome in the second module of the week 3 of the Course, roadmap for patent creation, titled “ Terminologies and codes used in a patent document”

In the earlier module we have seen the parts of patent document. Are you able to complete the assignment given in that module The assignment related to find out who is inventor who is assignee? Now in this module we will get a brief idea about the codes used in the patent document By knowing these codes, we can make out certain things Here we go these are a few examples of country codes

- SO
- EP: Europe
- CN: China
- US: United States
- DE: Germany
- CH: Switzerland
- JP: Japan
- KR: Korea
- WO: PCT international application published by WIPO

These are two letters which represent a country So only by seeing these two words, we can get idea about the patent office where this patent is filed Kindly check this list Now the next what you are seeing is the Document code Document code is a simple code that indicates what kind of document you are looking for You can say that it is a status code you can judge in which stage of prosecution the patent is Generally “A” is for application, B is for granted patent However these codes may differ from country to country so let us look into a few examples

So for example CN is for Chinese patent system C means patent is granted hence CN C states that this Chinese patent is granted

- EP B1 refer to granted patents in the European patent system So as discussed in the Chinese patent system
- CN A is an unexamined application open to public inspection
- CN B is an examined application open to public inspection
- CN C is a granted patent

These codes are applied accordingly to a widely accepted WIPO standards We will take another example - PCT system So what is the code system followed in PCT

- WO A1 this is Publication of the international application with international search report
- WO A2 this is Publication of the international application without international search report
- WO A3 this is Subsequent publication of the international search report
- WO B1: this is Publication of amended claims
- WO A8 this is Modified first page
- WO A9 this is Complete corrected document

Check these details about WIPO code system Here is another example European patent office

EPA1: this is Publication of application with search report

EPA2: this is Publication of application without search report

EPA 3: this is Publication of search report

EPA8: this is Corrected title page of an EP-A document

EP B2: Patent after modification

EP B8: Corrected front pages of an EP-B document

You can go through this list in more details ... this is about European system of kind codes Kindly also check the USPTO kind code system Upto kind code system continued Check this summary of USPTO kind codes + 4clicks + These all slides to give you idea about the kind codes used by a few major patent offices Now we will see the details of "INID codes" that is "internationally agreed numbers for the identification of bibliographic data" In the earlier module we have checked various information on the first page of the patent document now we will the coding related it

Now check the numbers 54 57, 51 72, 71 Okay So after knowing this code system we will do one more small exercise Please take again that same patent document which you have used to understand the parts of the patent document You have taken it?Now find out if any of the codes mentioned here in this module are shown in this document Like US or IN Or A or B or C Or 54 or 71 You will find that you will take any patent document you will see this standard coding system followed in each patent document Okay here we come to the end of this module See you in the next session on How to read a patent? next three sessions are fully dedicated to this

Thank you