

CPC Implementation Status at the Industrial Property Organization of Greece (OBI)

Back File

- ❑ On 1st January 2006 OBI started classifying all national patent applications in the ECLA system.
- ❑ In 2013 we migrated to the CPC classification system.
 - All ECLA codes since 2006 were replaced in our databases by the corresponding CPC codes via the ECLA-CPC Concordance Table.
- ❑ On January 2014 the CPC data for the entire back-file 2006-2013 were delivered to the EPO.
- ❑ Since February 2014 front-file CPC data regularly delivered to the EPO.

Current Status

- All national application for Patents, Patents of Addition and Utility Models are classified in CPC.
- CPC classification is used in all technical fields.
- CPC is the main tool for searching patent documents
- CPC symbols are allocated by the examiner on completion of the Search Report
- Front-file data regularly delivered to the EPO on a monthly basis, in XML, St.36 format through FTP site.
- On January 2014 we also started delivering on a monthly basis front-file data with CPC allocations for Utility Models.

Current Status

- Twice a year new versions of CPC are downloaded from the official CPC site and uploaded to our systems.
- Non valid CPC symbols are reclassified intellectually by the examiners.
- The examiners receive field specific training by attending European Patent Academy seminars as well as online training.
- No Quality Assurance process.

Thank you !