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INFORMATION FACILITIES OF THE GERMAN PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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DIVISION OF TASKS IN THE FIELD OF DISSEMINATION OF INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY INFORMATION

The Federal Administration and the States of the Federal Republic of Germany:

- Tasks of the GPTO on a legal basis;
- Patent Information Centres maintained by the States;
- Measures to enhance the awareness of the public with respect of industrial property protection and information.

GPTO and EPO:

- The GPTO has to disseminate EPO information within Germany.

GPTO and the private information providers:

Principles of the information policy of the GPTO:

- Inexpensive provision of information as a public infrastructure for trade and industry;
- Provision in an up-to-date form;
- Co-existence and division of labour between the office and the private information industry.

Publication of Patent Documents

- Published patent applications (A1)
- Patent specifications (C)
- Translations of the claims of European patent applications (T1)
- Translations of international patent applications (T1)
- Translations of European Patent Specifications (T2)
- Utility model documents (U1)

Publication of Gazettes

- Bibliography of applications and registered or granted rights according to the provisions by the respective IP laws
- Alterations of the legal and procedural status of pending rights
 - Patentblatt (Patent and Utility Model Gazette)
 - Markenblatt (Trade Mark Gazette)
 - Geschmacksmusterblatt (Industrial Designs Gazette)

Electronic Registers (within the information system DPINFO)

- Information about current legal and procedural status of pending rights
- Bibliographic data
- Abstracts (only in the Patent Register)
 - Patentrolle (Patent and Utility Model Register)
 - Markenregister (Trade Mark Register)
 - Musterregister (Industrial Designs Register)

State-of-the-art searches

- Outside of a patent application (according to section 29 of the patent law)



The Patent Information Policy
of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office
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Current Status and Developments

Patent Information Policy of the GPTO



History:

- Paper and microforms played an important role in the field of patent information until the mid 90s
- Electronic products considered to be value-added
- budgetary rules lead to market prices for electronic products and raw data
- Worldwide change of views as of the mid 90s

Patent Information Policy of the GPTO



Goal of all the GPTO's information activities:

- **Promotion of Innovation,**
Promotion of economic development

Patent Information Policy of the GPTO



Basic Principles

- **Inexpensive provision of information as a public infrastructure for trade and industry**
- **Supply in an up-to-date form**
- **Co-existence and division of work between the office and the private information industry**

Patent Information Policy of the GPTO



Development steps

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| 10/1998 | DEPAnet within Esp@cenet® |
| 01/2000 | Liberalisation of the CD-ROM downloading rules |
| 01/2001 | DPINFO register data bases free of charge
(on the Internet) |
| 04/2001 | Launch of the free Internet service DEPATISnet®
(as of 24 April 2001) |
| 01/2004 | All GPTO's publication duties to be fulfilled by
Internet services under the DEPATISnet® platform |

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