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DPMA

IP Information Services
of the GPTO and
German Regional Patent Information Centres
Offered to SMEs

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Division of Tasks in the Field of IP in Germany

Providers of Patent Information

- German Patent and Trade Mark Office
- Regional Patent Information Centres
- Private Sector
  - IP Database Vendors
  - Professional searchers and search service providers in the field of IP

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GPTO IP Information Policy

Basic principles

- Inexpensive provision of IP information
  as a public infrastructure
  for the promotion of economic development
- Provision in an up-to-date form
- Co-existence with private information providers

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Execution of all IP Information Duties via Internet Services

- General website http://www.dpma.de
- IP register data bases DPINFO https://dpinfo.dpma.de
  - Patent Register
  - Trade Mark Register
  - Industrial Designs Register
- DEPATISnet http://www.depatisnet.de
- DEPATISnet Premium
  developed for the use in Patent Information Centres

From 2004:
- Official Publication Platform DPMApublikationen
  http://publikationen.dpma.de

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DEPATISnet Premium

- Service developed for regional Patent Information Centres

- Replacement of CD-ROM in the PICs

- Access only for PICs

- Additional functionalities:
    - Save search profiles
    - Navigate to next or previous document on result list
    - Download complete documents
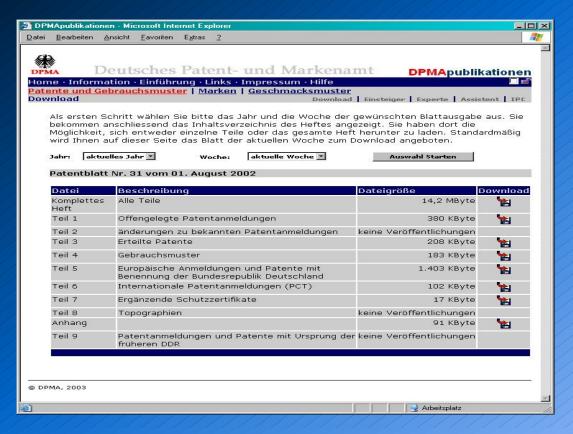   - Save user-specific preferences to be set by default

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Official Publication Platform **(http://publikationen.dpma.de)**
(DPMApublikationen)

· Execution of statutory publication duties via the Internet

· Platform will be launched on 1 January 2004

· Integrated publication of

- Patent Gazette

- Trade Mark Journal

- Industrial Designs Gazette and

- patent documents

on a single platform

· Paper products abandoned

· German and English user interfaces

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Official Publication Platform

Patents, PDF version

Possible selections

- Publication year and week

- Single parts or all parts

- Download and display
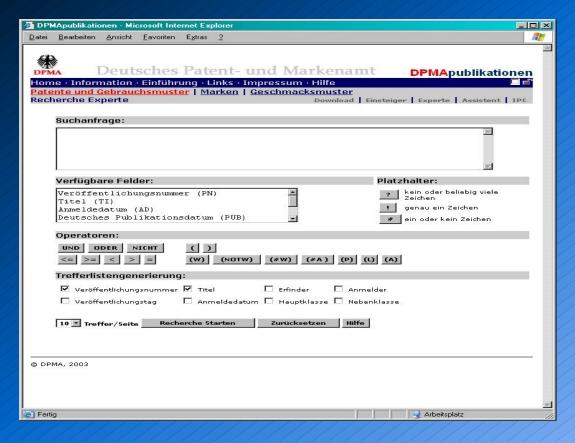
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Official Publication Platform

Searchable Version

- Searchable bibliographic, procedural and legal status data
- Functionalities and „look-and-feel" similar to DEPATISnet
- Beginners, expert and assisted search modes
- Data available
  - from 01/1997 for patents and utility models
  - all valid trade marks and industrial designs
- Display of legal and procedural status data chronologically in tabular form

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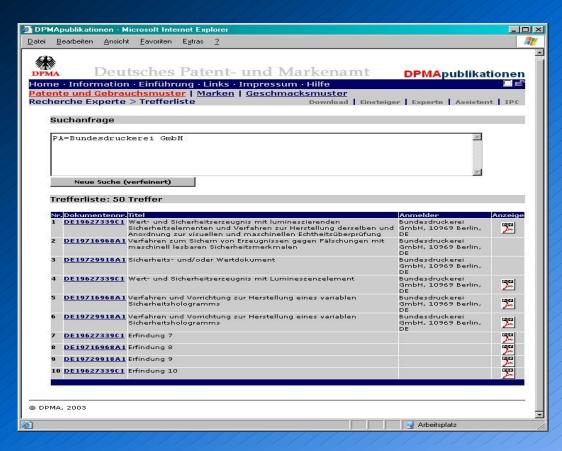## Official Publication Platform

Searchable Version, Expert Mode

Functionalities

·Complex search queries are possible

·Various linkage and truncation possibilities

·Hit list to be configured

·Number of hits per page to be selected

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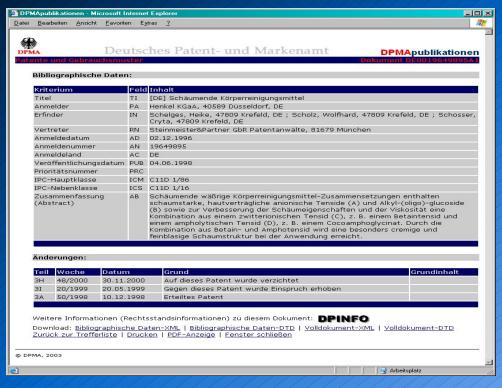## Official Publication Platform

Searchable Version, Hit List

·Tabular Form

·Display of number of hits

·Opening of the bibliographic data display screen

·Opening of the document display screen (patents and utility models)

·Refined search

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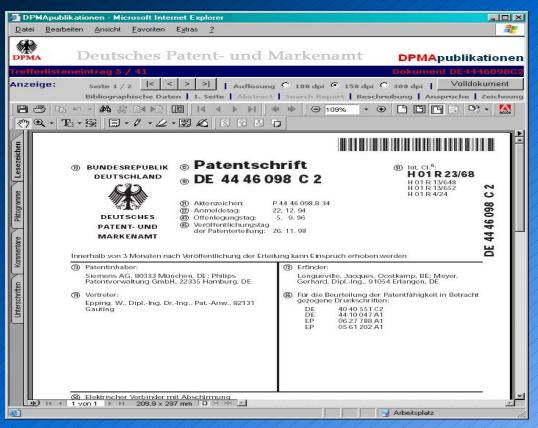## Display of bibliographic data

Functionalities

- Opening of the document display screen (patents and utility models)
- Downloading of bibliographic data (XML)
- Downloading of full texts for patents and utility models (XML, current week)
- Downloading of DTD
- Image display for trade marks and designs
- Printing

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Patents, Document Display

Functionalities

·Selection of resolution

·Direct access to subdocuments

·Browsing page by page

·Complete PDF documents of the current week

·Printing of entire documents of the current week

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Regional Patent Information Centres (PICs)

· Co-operation with the national Patent Office for more than 125 years

· Run by the States ("Laender")

· Big differences with regard to duties and services

· Common website **http://www.patentinformation.de**

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Regional Patent Information Centres (PICs)

- Primary service offer

  - Library services for end-user
  - Information for patent applicants

- Search services for fee since the '80s

- Since then metamorphosis to service centres in the field of IP Information

- Raising-of-awareness activities for IP

- 11 PICs are officially determined to receive patent and utility model applications

- Double nature of PICs today

  - Promotion of industry

  - Supply of commercial services in competition with commercial providers

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Regional Patent Information Centres (PICs)

Future co-operation areas with GPTO

·Raising-of-awareness activities in the field of IP

- ·Intensifying training of PIC staff
- ·Establishing concepts for raising-of-awareness activities
- ·Running activities in co-operation with PICs, etc.

·Regional contact points for e-commerce with GPTO

- ·Electronic filing will be operational soon, other options in a not to distant future
- ·Regional contact points shall increase the acceptance of e-commerce

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Thank you for your attention.

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