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Re: WIPO Circular C.SCIT 2508 - PCT Minimum Documentation: Updating of the Inventory  
of Patent Documents According to PCT Rule 34.1.

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Dear Mr. Wittig:

Enclosed is updated information regarding US patents, reissued patents and Statutory Invention Registrations considered to be part of PCT Minimum Documentation for years 1920-1996.

The USPTO patent documents are numbered sequentially. Certain numbers, however, are not used due to some applications being withdrawn from issue. Lists of the unused numbers for patents, reissued patents and Statutory Invention Registrations can be found on the internet at the USPTO's website. The url address is: <http://www.uspto.gov/expwd/withdrwn.txt>.

The USPTO will be adding new "Pre-Grant Publication" documents to the Inventory of Patent Documents list in 2001 (see <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/aipa/index.htm>). This will also change the ST.16 kind codes of our current patent documents. I would like to emphasize the importance of keeping this inventory up to date in the age of electronic exchange of patent documents (and particularly PCT minimum documentation).

Sincerely,

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Director  
International Liaison Staff

Enclosure

Updated information on US patents, reissued patents and Statutory Invention Registrations considered to be part of PCT Minimum Documentation from years 1920 to 1999 are as follows:

Ref: PCT Minimum Documentation

<b>Issuing Office</b>	<b>ST.16 Code</b>	<b>Kind of Patent Document</b>	<b>Number Ranges</b>	<b>Publication Year(s)</b>	<b>Number of documents actually published</b>	<b>Type of series</b>
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	A	Patents	1,326,899-6,009,554	1920-1999	4,666,521	a, c
	E	Reissued Patents	RE14,785-RE36,478	1920-1999	21,538	a, c
	H	Statutory Invention Registration	H1 - H1,825	1985-1999	1,811	a, c