

**From:** Herwig Pauwels <hpauwels@epo.org>  
**To:** <scit.mail@wipo.int>  
**Date:** Tue, Aug 21, 2001 10:32 AM  
**Subject:** Circular SCIT 2542 on PCT Min. Doc. and List of Periodicals

Madam,  
Sir,

In reply to the circular C. SCIT 2542 I can inform you of the following:

The EPO is in favour of including the RD journal into the PCT Minimum Documentation list as replacement of the IBM TDB.

Concerning the proposal of the Austrian Patent Office to remove the journal Funkschau from the list we checked our statistics on citations and found that it is still sometimes cited and therefore not can be considered to be without any value. However the EPO agrees with the removal of it.

The proposals to change the list brings up the general point of the value of the current List of Periodicals in view of the changes in the world of the publishers and the access to non-patent literature via electronic tools including Internet.

At least a discussion on this item should be started.

Kind regards

Herwig Pauwels

Director Data Management & Classification

**CC:** <mkrier@epo.org>, <ggiroud@inter.nl.net>, <pentz@epo.org>