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Legal status

Update

We have noticed that the European Patent Office is increasingly providing different legal status information for individual legal status codes, which are only specified in more detail in the commentary texts.

In order to be able to record and evaluate this information precisely, we have analyzed these codes and integrated additional legal status codes into our system. This extension enables a more precise evaluation of the different legal status information.

Example

Code: EP - STAA

Text: INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF AN EP PATENT APPLICATION OR GRANTED EP PATENT

However, the actual information is contained in the respective comment field of the individual applications. For example, the code "EP - STAA" may be the following:

1. ...*a rejection (die code):*

EP - STAA - STATUS: THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN

EP - STAA - STATUS: THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN REFUSED

2. ...*an intention to grant the patent:*

EP - STAA - STATUS: GRANT OF PATENT IS INTENDED

3. ...*an objection information:*

EP - STAA - STATUS: OPPOSITION REJECTED

There are around *30 different variants* for the code "EP - STAA".

In order to be able to monitor these specifically and, for example, set up appropriate filters, we have assigned each case its own legal status code. In addition to the original code EP - STAA, there are now additional codes such as: STAAB, STAAE, STAAF etc.

- ➔ We have identified similar patterns in other codes and adjust them accordingly. This allows us to determine the actual legal status of a patent even more precisely.