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Public User Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. Meeting notices and minutes are available by linking to **Products and Services** from the USPTO home page at www.uspto.gov. Send topic suggestions for future newsletters to psf@uspto.gov.

Search Facilities

- Operations
- News
- Personnel

Public Search Facility Construction

The Public Search Facility space reconfiguration is nearing completion. Additional construction for the Global Intellectual Property Academy will continue behind the temporary walls. Thank you for your interest, concerns, and comments during the project. Items of special interest:

- Online Desk B became the primary Help Desk on the second floor when Desk A was closed,
- House phones, pay phones, and photocopiers on the second floor were relocated to a bay next to the Express Print Window,
- Bound patent volumes from 1997-2004 were transferred to the Federal Records Center,
- Bound patent volumes for 2005 and 2006 and the Notices of Suit collection were moved to the west side of the PSF overlooking the atrium,
- Trademark Official Gazettes and Trademark Registration Bound Volumes were relocated adjacent to the Patent Official Gazettes,
- Surplus shelving from the Patent and Trademark Bound volumes was donated to the Katrina Hurricane Relief effort for schools,
- The lighting over the workstations in the center of the room on the first floor are adjustable to control glare,
- The PTI workstation has been relocated to a cubicle next to the first floor reference desk,
- BETA workstations have been temporarily moved to cubicles near the first floor reference desk, and
- Card catalogs were relocated to the first floor.

Staff changes

Diane Jackson and Derrick Cobbs accepted new positions in STIC and TAC respectively. We congratulate them on their promotions and wish them the best in their new positions.

Search Collections

- Digital
- Print
- Microfilm

Trademark Pending Applications Microfilm

The final collection of the Trademark Pending Applications microfilm will be available in the Public Search Facility in December 2006. All microfilm collections are located near the reader/printers on the first floor.

Search Interfaces
➤ Structure
➤ Capabilities
➤ Modules

New Series Code for Trademark Applications

The newest series code for Trademark applications that are filed electronically (TEAS) is 77. The first TEAS application given the 77 series code was filed on September 14, 2006. Series 77 was selected when the 78 series was exhausted as the 79 series is used for filings under the Madrid Protocol.

The first electronically filed application using the "78" series code was filed on March 20, 2000 for serial number 78/000001 for the mark "Bare Luxury". Trademark applications have series codes dating back to 1881 starting with series code "70" for applications filed from 1881-1905.

Search Topics
➤ Hints
➤ Results
➤ Reminders

Avoiding Truncation Problems

There is a 10,000 term truncation limit in the database that supports EAST and WEST. This search limitation will return a truncation overflow warning message after the 10,000th term is reached. For example, in a search using the unlimited truncation symbol \$, a search for cat\$ will abort the search at the 10,000th term "catalygt."

The use of unlimited truncation on more than one term in the same search statement may reach the truncation limit before searching the second term. In that case, use a limited truncation where a number value is placed after the dollar sign to limit the number of characters searched following the stem.

The question mark "?" symbol used to indicate a single character, e.g., "adapt?r" will result in "adapter", "adaptar", or "adaptor." Searching for "block?" would retrieve "blocks," but will not retrieve the single term "block." If the dollar sign "\$" is used, the search statement "block\$" would return the search result "block," "blocks," "blocking," etc. The use of \$ is recommended if the search goal is not single character replacement.

Classification Information available via EAST or WEST:

Classification Reports (information relating to class changes) are available on either EAST or WEST. All listings are updated periodically.

- ❖ Classification Orders Index - changes to classes beginning with reclassification order 501 (Feb 4, 1976).
- ❖ Reclassification Alert - recent class changes and include actions taken and order numbers.
- ❖ Classification Orders - beginning with order number 1704 in September, 1998. These are the complete reclassification orders and include Manual of Classification changes pages, definitions, subclass dispersal, etc.
- ❖ Class Origin Dates - when classes were established, beginning in 1899. The oldest existing classes (created in 1899) are 7 - Compound Tools; 106 - Composition, Coating or Plastic; and 142 - Wood turning.

To access this information in EAST, select Help on the toolbar-> BRS Searchable Indexes. In the next window, select Links from the toolbar -> Classifications Home Page. Go to Section D-Classification Reports.

In WEST, from the menu, select Help-> West References-> Classification-> Manual of Classification -> Classification Home Page-> D. Classification Reports.

Earlier reclassification changes are located in multiple volumes in the bookcase area on the first floor of the Public Search Facility (PSF).

Reminder of the Rules of the Public Search Facility

The staff would appreciate your help keeping this facility clean. Please take all personal belongings with you as you leave. Place trash, newspapers, and other unwanted materials in the trash receptacles provided.
