

Derwent Innovation | Legal Status Monitoring

Stay up to date on critical patents

With relevant, timely, and user-friendly legal status monitoring

Optimized, upgraded, and actionable insight into patent legal status

Patent legal status data are indispensable to your business strategy, whether your focus is on portfolio monitoring, risk management, competitive intelligence, or validity tracking. These records play an essential role in helping to answer questions with significant implications – such as whether a technology is

protected and where, or if it will soon enter the public domain. But legal status information in raw form is notoriously complex, numerous, and perpetually evolving. Only when combined with the right tools can you leverage it to cut through the noise and deliver reliable, actionable big-picture insight.

To help you unlock the full value of patent legal status monitoring, Derwent Innovation features a set of optimized and upgraded tools, designed to fit your needs.

Get clarity with a single daily digest email for all watched events

Eliminate inbox clutter and easily identify critical changes at a glance with a digest notification delivered daily. Forget tens or hundreds of emails – this single comprehensive yet user-friendly overview groups records into tables, so you can see all of your Patent, Literature, and Native Japanese (NJP) watches separately, along with organized details of those changes from the past day. Even large portfolios are manageable to monitor.

Act on updates in real-time with the Activity Feed

Need to keep an eye on updates as they happen? In addition to the weekly digest email, the Activity Feed, found in the Saved Work area of Derwent Innovation, displays a constant stream of changes as they occur, so you can take immediate action if necessary.

Watch only events that matter most

Cut down on irrelevant notifications and save your time and attention for only interesting and important changes with seven dedicated Legal Status groups that you can pick and choose:

- Change of classification
- Corrections
- Extensions/adjustments
- Lapse/expiry
- New owner
- Opposition/examination
- Withdrawal
- Other (all remaining events)

Never miss a patent grant

Get notified when a monitored patent application is granted with this new watch option. The system watches for the grant publication directly downstream from the selected application, so you can take the necessary actions to avoid conflict or capitalize on opportunities.

Easily identify monitored records to help make sure your patents of interest are covered

Check whether a patent is being monitored by looking for an “eye” icon on the results set and record view. This watch status is also exportable as an Excel field. Additional information about whether you own the watch or are a designated recipient of a colleague’s watch is also made available.

Coming soon – Additional features and enhancements

We’re working on future developments with advanced users, such as IP coordinators, attorneys, and system administrators, in mind. These enhancements, previewed below, further reduce noise and enable easy creation of large volumes of watches, simplifying the management of the entire process.

- Create multiple different watches on the same record
- Search and filter My Watched records
- Administrative enhancements
 - Create custom groups by Legal Status or patent authority
 - Get notifications of important changes, such as new Legal Status codes from INPADOC
 - Customize email notifications with local language comments
 - Edit and export watches from across your organization
 - Reassign ownership of watches within your organization
- Pro-entitlement developments
 - Watch for changes across the entire INPADOC family at a single click
 - Restrict to interesting authority/country groupings
 - Use the custom legal code groups
 - Select watch notification frequency (daily, weekly, monthly)
 - Opt out of notifications completely if you are setting up watches for colleagues
 - Add additional comments to watch records

Sample use cases

Defending your portfolio through opposition

Are there competitor patent applications potentially in conflict with your portfolio that you need to oppose if approved? Derwent Innovation's Legal Status Monitoring tools will help you stay on top of key grants by:

- monitoring patent applications and matching them to patent grants
- providing real-time legal status updates in the Activity Feed, enabling you to act quickly

Assessing freedom-to-operate

Need to identify patents that are in force in important jurisdictions which may stop you from doing business, either today or in future? Derwent Innovation's Legal Status Monitoring tools can help you:

- monitor patents and families in specific jurisdictions of interest, looking specifically at "alive" and "dead" events.

- get notified quickly about changes to patents, so you can spot those which release you to operate or become new blockers.
- easily manage and track downstream actions.

Gathering actionable competitive intelligence

Are there particular competitor patents that affect a product you have in development, or affect a new strategic direction? Leverage Derwent Innovation's Legal Status Monitoring tools to:

- watch records for different events: a lapse might give you more freedom to develop in that area, and a grant may suggest a competitor's position strengthening, while expansion of jurisdiction coverage can indicate a shift in strategy.
- receive periodic alerts indicating the change and the activity to which it relates.
- add your own comments and actions based on the notification and share this with colleagues.

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