

Gulf Cooperation Council (GC) Coverage

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DWPI Coverage

Coverage commenced with the first patent published on 29 June 2004

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DWPI Start Dates

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DWPI Data elements online

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| ✓ English value-add title and abstract | |
| ✓ Manual Codes | Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI) |
| ✓ Chemical Indexing | DCR, Chemical Fragmentation, Polymer and Markush |

Numeration

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