

## Soviet Union (SU) Coverage

### Patent Office Details

State Committee for Inventions and Discoveries – superseded by ROSPATENT (see Russian Federation (RU))

### Kinds of Protection

Inventors Certificate	No fixed duration
Patent	Granted for a term of 15 years from date of filing

### Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	29.03.1978
Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Stockholm wording) Budapest Treaty

### Filing for Patents

The Soviet Union initially declared any useful invention to be public property, but by 1978 a series of legislative acts had been put in place to create a system of patent protection. In fact, two systems existed: the inventor's certificate for internal applicants only; and a 'patent' system open to applicants from outside the Soviet Union.

Inventor's certificates granted all rights relating to the invention to the State; the inventor would be entitled to some remuneration, dependent on the invention's usefulness and application. However, inventors could prevent others from exploiting the invention in question. They could also assign patent rights to others. Unlike patents, there were no fees involved for inventor's certificates and also unlike patents, there was no fixed term governing the invention or rights relating to it.

For areas such as food, disease and pharmaceuticals, an inventor's certificate was the only type of invention recognition possible.

Patents were granted to foreign applicants seeking invention recognition and rights within the Soviet Union. Patents were granted for a term of 15 years from date of initial application filing date. A patent owner could opt to turn the patent into an inventor's certificate as long as the patent was still in force and there were no fee arrears longer than six months and that the patent had not been licensed out or assigned to another individual or entity.

At the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Soviet patents automatically became Russian Federation (RU) patents. Soviet inventor's certificates were also transferred.

## DWPI Coverage

Kind		DWPI Start Dates
A	Examined granted patent	1964*
A1	Inventor's Certificate	15 September 1988
A2	Addition to Inventor's Certificate	19 January 1989
A3	Patent	30 March 1991
A4	Patent of Addition	23 September 1991
B	Reissued patent	5 March 1966*
C	Patents replacing Inventor's Certificate (from 1981 onwards)	30 April 1994

\*Note that pre-1974 DWPI coverage is limited by subject area as follows:

Coverage starts	Subject coverage
1963	Pharmaceuticals
1965	Agrochemicals
1966	Polymers
1970	All chemistry covered
1974	All technologies covered

DWPI Data elements	Notes
✓ Bibliographic data	
✓ English value-add title and abstract	
✓ Manual Codes	Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI)
✓ Chemical Indexing	DCR, Chemical Fragmentation, Polymer and Markush

## Numeration

*All documents – A, A1, A2, A3, A4, B, C*

Publication Numbers			
Original Data	Derwent Patent Search	Dialog	STN
SUnnnnnnn	SUnnnnnnn	SU nnnnnnn	SUnnnnnnn
SU945616	SU945616	SU 945616	SU945616
SU1728424	SU1728424	SU 1728424	SU1728424

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Application Numbers*			
Original Data	Derwent Patent Search	Dialog	STN
SUnnnnnnn	SUnnnnnnnA	SU nnnnnnn	SUYYYY-nnnnnnn
SU4639735	SU4639735A	SU 4639735	SU1989-4639735

YYYY 4 digits representing the year of application

nnnnnnn 7 digit serial number

*\*Full coverage of application numbers commenced from DWPI update 199216*