

Switzerland (CH) Coverage

Patent Office Details

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Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention	Granted for a term of 20 years from submission date
Supplementary Protection Certificates	Extension of up to 5 years possible for pharmaceutical patents and pesticides
Industrial Designs and Models	May be registered

Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	24.01.1978
European Patent Convention	07.10.1977
Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Stockholm wording) Budapest Treaty World Intellectual Property Organization International Convention for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants

Filing for Patents

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DWPI Coverage

Kind	DWPI Start Dates	
A	Granted unexamined patent or examined application	1963*
A1	Patent application with search report	15 June 2009
A2	Patent application without search report	15 January 2009
A3	OPI application searched and preliminarily examined (from 1978)	15 January 1993
A5	Granted without examination	30 May 1975
A8	Correction to bibliographic data of A level publication	14 October 2005
A9	Correction to patent specification of A level publication	14 October 2005
B	Examined accepted specification (under 559,000)	31 October 1969*
B1	Assigned patent	31 July 2005
B5	Examined accepted specification (from 559,000)	15 January 1993
B8	Rectified first page of B document	13 April 2007
B9	Rectified B document	15 June 2009
C1	Partial withdrawal of Swiss patent	30 September 2009
C2	Partial annulment of Swiss patent	N/A
C3	Second partial withdrawal of Swiss patent	N/A
C9	Rectified C document	N/A
H1	Partial withdrawal of EP patent granted for Switzerland	N/A
H2	Partial annulment of EP patent granted for Switzerland	N/A
H3	Second partial withdrawal of EP patent granted for Switzerland	N/A
H9	Rectified H document	N/A

*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, A5, A8, A9, B, B1, B5, B8, B9, C, C1, C2, C9, H1, H2, H3, H9

Publication Numbers			
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CH697659	CH697659	CH 697659	CH697659

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Application Numbers*			
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CH1042/2008	CH20081042A	CH 20081042	CH2008-1042

YY or YYYY 2 or 4 digits representing the year of application (YY format prior to 2000)
nnnn 1 to 4 digit serial number
nnnnnnn 7 digit serial number

*Full coverage of application numbers commenced from DWPI update 199216