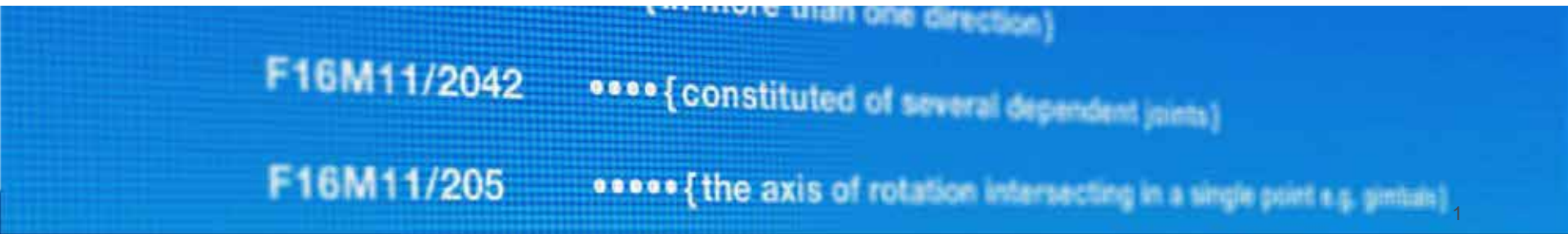


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# CPC Front File Data

# How to send CPC data to the EPO?

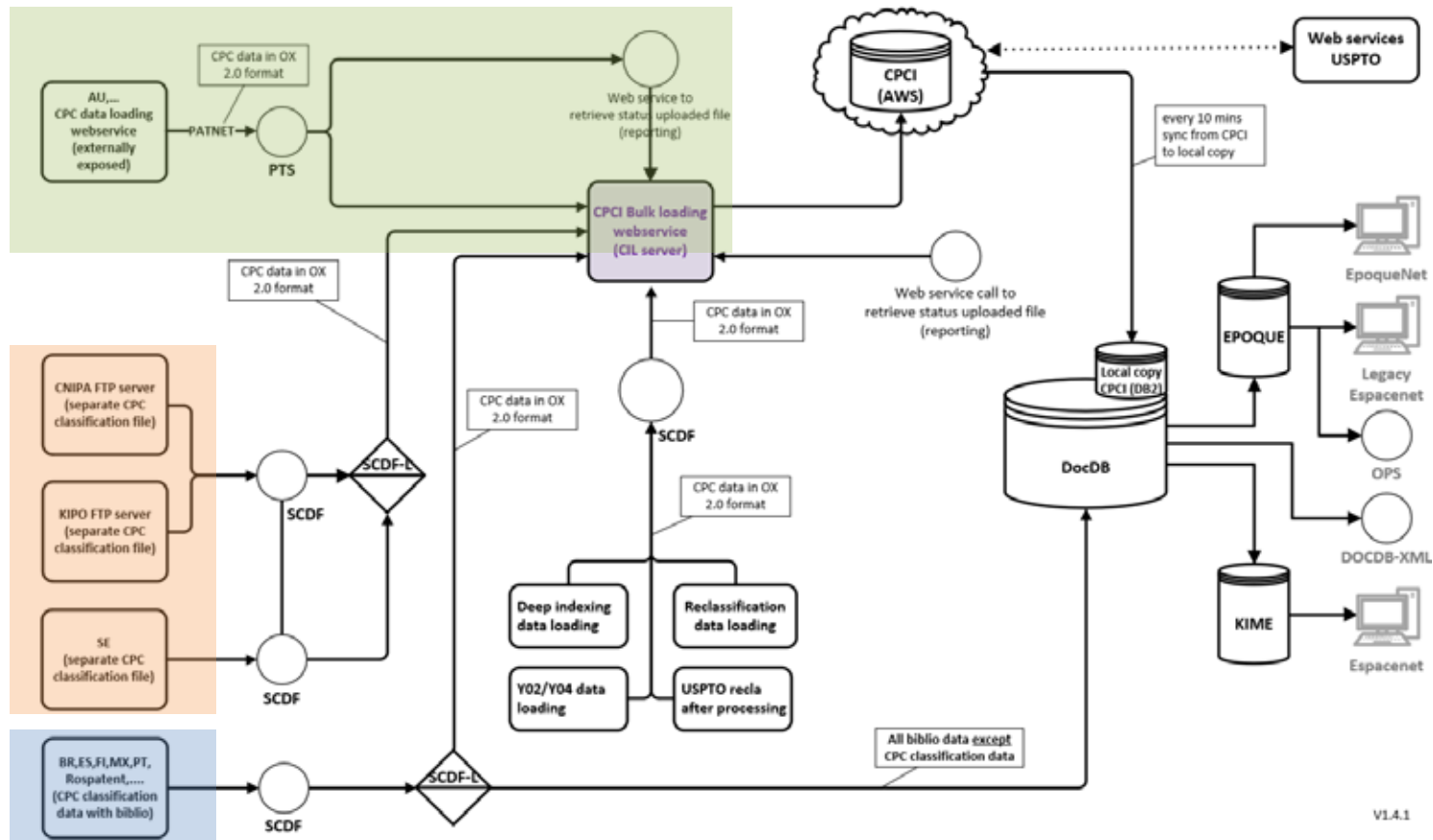
- § CPC classification data from National Offices is submitted according to **ST.36 format** while considering the **ST.8-based CPC allocation standard**
- § CPC symbols are subject to some **validation** before loading into DocDB
- § Options for data submission by a National Office:
  1. Included in the **bibliographic data stream** (with IPC)
  2. **Separate file** for CPC classification data and limited bibliographic data
  3. **Web services** with feedback retrieval on batch status (accept/reject)

# CPC Standard

The current bibliographic data format is based on ST.36/CPC allocation standard (complementary with ST.8) and DocDB XML format.

Position(s)	Content	Values
1	Section	A,,,,, H,Y
2,3	Class	01,,,,,99
4	Subclass	A,,,,,Z
5 to 8	Main Group (right aligned)	1,,,,,9999, blank
9	Separating character	/ ("Slash")
10 to 15	Subgroup (left aligned)	00,,,,,999999, blank
16 to 19	For future use	4 blanks
20 to 27	Version indicator	YYYYMMDD date format
28	Classification level	blank
29	First or later position of symbol	F,L
30	Classification value (invention or additional)	I,A
31 to 38	Action date	YYYYMMDD date format
39	Original or reclassified data	B,R
40	Source of classification data	H,C,G
41-42	Generating office	AA,,,,,ZZ (ST.3)
43-50	For future use	8 blanks

# PROCESSES FOR CPC CLASSIFICATION DATA LOADING



V1.4.1

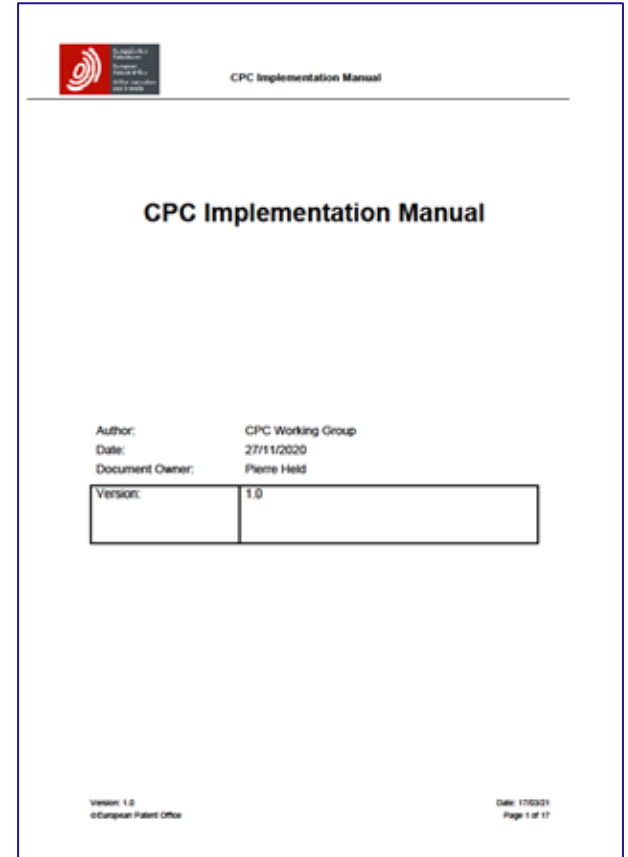
# CPC Reclassification

# How to send reclassified data to the EPO?

- Submission through **classification data loading web service** indicating Add or Delete in the input
- Submission as a **separate file in XML format**, with full classification picture for the reclassified publication (unload/reload)
- As **separate files with information on Add and/or Delete** (patent number and symbol(s))
- More information in the CPC Implementation Manual

# More information?

Please check the  
**CPC Implementation Manual!**





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F16M11/2028	.....{around a horizontal axis} (—)
F16M11/2035	.....{for rolling, i.e. for creating a landscape-portal rotation}
F16M11/2042	.....{constituted of several dependent joints}
F16M11/205	.....{the axis of rotation intersecting in a single point e.g. umbels}

# Thank you for your attention!

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