State of play of the CPC Implementation at CH and delivery of the CPC data

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Classification/Search under the CPC system at National Offices

- What is the classification process at your office under the CPC system?
  - How many technical fields are your office using to classify document(s) under CPC system? All
  - Which documents (e.g. utility model, patent publication, PCT) are your office currently classifying under the CPC system? All CH-patent publ.
  - Which documents (e.g. utility model, patent publication, PCT) will your office be classifying under the CPC system in the future? Idem

- Does your office use the CPC system for searching the document(s)? Yes
  - Are there any concerns? If yes, please describe.

Quality Assurance Process under the CPC system at National Offices

- Does your office have a Quality Assurance process for the classification under the CPC system? If so, please describe.
    → Yes, four eyes principle + validity check

CPC Training

- What type of CPC related training(s) has your office developed (general and/or specific technical field(s))? General
  - Which resource(s) (e.g. CPC bilateral website, Epoxy, USPTO QNs, EPO QNs etc.) does your office use to develop the training material?

- Does your office need additional CPC related training (general and/or specific technical fields) for classifying/searching documents ? Not really
  - Does your office contact USPTO or EPO for additional CPC related training?
    - Frequency

CPC Implementation

- What has been the greatest benefit to your office for implementing the CPC? Additional know-how

- What challenges did your office experience while implementing the CPC? IT-systems, data-exchange

- CPC schemes are updated and published at least four times per year. Are there any issues at your office to update CPC system? In contrast to the IPC, we only get the current data for the CPC. To have the classes with validity-from and validity-to, we have to interpret the data. This makes the handling more complicated than with the IPC.
  - Does your office plan to do reclassification of the back file documents? No commitment
    - If so, what support does your office need from USPTO or EPO?

- CPC schemes are published in English language, does your office translate the CPC into your official national language? No
  - How often does your office update the CPC schemes in your official national language?

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CPC Data Exchange

- How does your office exchange CPC data to and from the USPTO or the EPO?
  - For the front file(s)? Yes
    - Frequency → every two weeks
  - For back file(s)? No
    - Frequency

- What types of issues does your office have while exchanging the CPC data? Please provide explanation. Incorrect reading of XML-files (resolved)