

Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)

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with reinforcement bonded to the static part

CPC scheme

- Published on 1 October 2012, including 59 "CPC Definitions"
- All-in-all around 250 000 subdivisions available in CPC
- From the almost 81M documents in EPO's main documents database (EPODOC)
 - about 38M documents (including all the EP, US and WO publications) are classified in CPC
 - about 16M Japanese documents available at the EPO, about 3.75M of which are classified in CPC (~23 %)

CPC Definitions

- The CPC scheme will be supported by a **set of instructions** on how to search and classify in each specific technical area
- They have been designed along the lines of the IPC Definitions
- Completed CPC Definitions will (progressively) be published (now 88 of 625) and will cover:
 - all subclasses
 - all main groups, and
 - some subgroups

Next steps

- **December 2012:** Espacenet will switch to full CPC mode. Classification search not possible in ECLA anymore
- **End 2012:** CPC services available:
 - CPC-to-ECLA concordance service
 - ECLA-to-CPC concordance service
 - CPC-to-IPC concordance service
 - CPC validity service
- **1 January 2013:** CPC enters into force
- **February 2013:** Full DOCDB-XML delivery, no ECLA data anymore
- **From April 2013:**
 - First CPC revisions
 - Quality Assurance

Next steps

Implementation at the USPTO

USPTO will move to the CPC on 1 January 2013

All new examiners will use the CPC

Other examiners will transition by end 2014

USPTO encouraging an early transition of examiners

Thank you for your attention!

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