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AP	ARIPO	1	03-07-1985	3 825	9 435	1 356				1985-onwards						
AT	AUSTRIA	293490	11-10-1971	73 825	268 093	6 469	1		1999-2012	1985-onwards						
AU	AUSTRALIA	411295	18-03-1971	547 491	1 406 188	148 529	9			1987-onwards						
BE	BELGIUM	1000039	15-12-1987	28 205	112 027	12 121	347	1993	1999-2013	1988-onwards						Y
BG	BULGARIA	64330	29-10-2004	1 614	4 453	3				2004-2011						
CH	SWITZERLAND	370301	30-06-1963	9 722	45 104	2 329	2	1994	1999-onwards	1963-onwards						Y
CN	CHINA	1033684	01-01-1997	14 727 758	89 874 169	9 705 368	2 730	2010		1997-onwards						Y
CY	CYPRUS	2418	12-11-2004	20	89	3		2008		2004-onwards						Y
CZ	CZECH	20024224	14-05-2003	13 687	55 348	5 747	14			2006-onwards						
DE	GERMANY	738624	18-09-1943	2 297 158	9 015 964	870 555	19 510		2008-onwards	1943-onwards						
DK	DENMARK	72916	13-08-1951	7 219	31 272	554	1	1999	2001-2008	1956-onwards						Y
EA	EURASIAN	1	31-03-1997	33 628	138 219	27 385	15			1998-onwards						
EE	ESTONIA	200900093	15-08-2011	348	1 755	226	4	2019		2019-onwards						Y
EP	EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE	1	20-12-1978	3 902 023	16 061 682	5 186 648	275 745	1993	1978-onwards	1978-onwards	1994-onwards	1980-onwards	2005-onwards	1982-onwards		Y
ES	SPAIN	2026828	01-06-1993	64 048	266 499	37 376	3	2017		1993-onwards						Y
FI	FINLAND	82743	31-12-1990	1 369	5 606	476	1			1990-onwards						
FR	FRANCE	2000037	29-08-1969	776 630	3 017 513	378 679	2 935	1993	1996-2011	1969-onwards						Y
GB	GREAT BRITAIN	2000001	04-01-1979	736 318	2 998 688	161 982	882			1979-onwards						
GR	GREECE	88100007	16-12-1988	7 705	31 111	5 818	54	1993	1998-2004	1988-onwards						Y
HR	CROATIA	P920017	30-04-1994	1 209	4 873	441				1994-onwards						
HU	HUNGRY	231714	28-11-2025	169	332	146		2025		2025-onwards						Y
IE	IRELAND	20200258	21-11-2019	339	1 270	68	1	2019		2019-onwards						Y
IL	ISRAEL	253614	31-01-2018	27 494	76 870	22 268	4	2021		2018-onwards						Y
IT	ITALY	FG20080007	01-10-2008	106 999	463 201	59 063	1 685	2008		2008-onwards						Y
JP	JAPAN	S4031998	09-11-1965	7 154 060	30 813 083	1 036 345	353	2017		1965-onwards		1983-onwards	1990-1999	1990-2002	1994-onwards	Y
KR	KOREA	920014674	25-08-1992	2 377 882	8 835 105	425 294	4 791	2018	2010-onwards	2006-onwards		2006-onwards				Y
LT	LITHUANIA	3001	25-08-1994	3 608	9 843	3 283	50		1994-onwards	2016-onwards						
LU	LUXEMBOURG	90189	16-12-1998	4 045	18 041	5 327	68	1998	1999-2009	1998-onwards						Y
LV	LATVIA	15213	20-04-2017	110	380	90		2017		2017-onwards						Y
MA	MOROCCO	40801	30-09-2024	1 282	4 169		1	2024		2024-onwards						Y
MD	MOLDOVA	1	31-05-1994	5 935	24 053	8 172				1998-onwards						
MY	MALAYSIA	115077	31-03-2003	763	2 739	11				2003-2009						
NL	NETHERLANDS	58971	15-02-1947	51 453	226 962	31 676	929	1993	1998-2011	1965-onwards						Y
NO	NORWAY	20082484	16-02-2000	20 379	67 777	4 599	30	2017		2004-onwards						Y
PH	PHILIPPINES	12013500913	14-01-2019	264	855	165		2019		2019-onwards						Y
PL	POLAND	421772	02-01-2019	17 353	57 655	7 390	36	2019		2019-onwards						Y
PT	PORTUGAL	105194	08-11-2012	1 866	5 284	695		2012		2012-onwards						Y
RS	SERBIA	20241072	30-04-2026	7	33	5				2026-onwards						
RU	RUSSIA	2251268	20-12-2012	237 109	1 107 727	85 536	167			2012-onwards						
SE	SWEDEN	541057	26-03-2019	11 591	66 455	3 489	2	2019		2019-onwards						Y
SG	SINGAPORE	49613	20-03-2001	11 702	41 304	788				2001-onwards						
TR	TÜRKIYE	22296	08-01-1987	3 450	13 473	2 686		1997	1998-2007	1987-onwards						Y
TW	CHINESE TAIPEI	I379048	11-12-2012	458 104	1 716 616	36 291	171					2013-onwards				
US	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	2415068	04-02-1947	16 616 848	322 995 342	61 757 605	55 895	2019	2001-onwards	1947-onwards	2014-onwards					Y
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