

EP Appeal data from the European Patent Register added to INPADOCDB and INPAFAMDB

55 legal status codes related to EP Appeals have been added to INPADOCDB and INPAFAMDB, using the same source as the European Patent Register. New appeal data is provided about a week after publication. Backfile data for appeal events is available from 1996 onwards.

The description of each legal event is searchable in field /LSTX. You find the corresponding original event description used in European Patent Register in the table below. The free text of field /LSFT includes the original event code of the underlying data source. 53 of the 55 new legal status codes are categorized as ORE (Opposition, Reexamination, Appeal) in field /LSC2.

Background

Until now, the primary source of EP procedural data for the INPADOC legal status data has been the EP procedural data (EBD) product, which provides the data listed in [Rule 143 EPC](#). Due to the nature of EBD data as the primary source, some pieces of information related to the EP application and granting procedure have not been available via INPADOC. Examples include data on appeals and third party observations.

In order to meet the growing need for EP procedural data in the INPADOC database, the EPO has started to integrate further EP procedural data in addition to EBD data. For this purpose, the EPO accesses a source of EP procedural data that is also used by European Patent Register and for the European Patent Register data backfile.

To keep the data consistent with the European Patent Register, some INPADOC event codes have the same event description. This applies to similar procedural steps that occur at different stages of the application and grant procedure and in the post-grant phase. For example, there are three event codes with the legal status code description "Date of receipt of recorded statement of grounds of appeal" (EPAPBQ, EPAPBR, EPAPBS), which belong to events related to the recording of the grounds of appeal in appeals following examination, opposition or limitation. The EPO is working on extending the INPADOC event description to include additional information on the stage at which the event occurred.

The EPO is planning to add additional data, not related to appeals, from the European Patent Register later this year.

Example

PI	EP 3235715	A1	20171025
PI	EP 3235715	A4	20180328
AI	EP 2015-870105	A	20151218

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AN 91870389 INPADOCDB [Full-text](#)

20200311 EPAPBK APPEAL REFERENCE RECORDED
ORIGINAL CODE: EPIDOSNREFNE
ORE Opposition, Reexamination, Appeal
.....20200813

20200311 EPAPBN DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL RECORDED
ORIGINAL CODE: EPIDOSNNOA2E
ORE Opposition, Reexamination, Appeal
.....20200813

20200803 EPAPBR DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF APPEAL RECORDED
ORIGINAL CODE: EPIDOSNNOA3E
ORE Opposition, Reexamination, Appeal
.....20200813

List of legal status codes related to EP Appeals with text in /LSTX, original text in the European Patent Register and the INPADODB/INPAFAMDB legal status category

Code in /LSC	Text in /LSTX	Original description in European Patent Register	Category in /LSC2
EPAPAA	APPEAL REFERENCE RECORDED	APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPAB	APPEAL DOSSIER MODIFIED	CHANGE - APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAC	APPEAL DOSSIER MODIFIED	CHANGE - APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAD	APPEAL REFERENCE RECORDED	CHANGE - APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPAE	APPEAL REFERENCE MODIFIED	CHANGE - APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPAF	APPEAL REFERENCE MODIFIED	CHANGE - APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPAG	APPEAL REFERENCE MODIFIED	CHANGE - APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPAH	APPEAL REFERENCE MODIFIED	CHANGE - APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPAI	DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL MODIFIED	CHANGE: DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAJ	DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL MODIFIED	CHANGE: DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAK	DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF AN APPEAL MODIFIED	CHANGE: DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF AN APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAM	INFORMATION ON CLOSURE OF APPEAL PROCEDURE MODIFIED	CHANGE: DECISION (+DATE) IN APPEAL PROCEDURE	ORE
EPAPAN	INFORMATION ON CLOSURE OF APPEAL PROCEDURE MODIFIED	CHANGE: DECISION (+DATE) IN APPEAL PROCEDURE	ORE
EPAPAO	INFORMATION ON INTERLOCUTORY REVISION MODIFIED	CHANGE: INTERLOCUTORY REVISION OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAP	INFORMATION ON INTERLOCUTORY REVISION MODIFIED	CHANGE: INTERLOCUTORY REVISION OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAQ	INFORMATION ON INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATION IN APPEAL MODIFIED	CHANGE: INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL + TIME LIMIT	ORE
EPAPAR	INFORMATION ON INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATION IN APPEAL MODIFIED	CHANGE: INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL + TIME LIMIT	ORE
EPAPAS	INFORMATION ON RECEIPT OF OBSERVATION IN APPEAL MODIFIED	CHANGE: RECEIPT OF OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAT	INFORMATION ON RECEIPT OF OBSERVATION IN APPEAL MODIFIED	CHANGE: RECEIPT OF OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAU	COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF APPEAL SENT	COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAV	APPEAL REFERENCE DELETED	DELETION: APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPAW	APPEAL REFERENCE DELETED	DELETION: APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPAX	DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL DELETED	DELETION: DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAY	DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL DELETED	DELETION: DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPAZ	DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF APPEAL DELETED	DELETION: DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF AN APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBA	DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF APPEAL DELETED	DELETION: DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF AN APPEAL	ORE

EPAPBB	INFORMATION ON CLOSURE OF APPEAL PROCEDURE DELETED	DELETION: DECISION (+DATE) IN APPEAL PROCEDURE	ORE
EPAPBC	INFORMATION ON CLOSURE OF APPEAL PROCEDURE DELETED	DELETION: DECISION (+DATE) IN APPEAL PROCEDURE	ORE
EPAPBD	INFORMATION ON INTERLOCUTORY REVISION DELETED	DELETION: INTERLOCUTORY REVISION OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBE	INFORMATION ON INTERLOCUTORY REVISION DELETED	DELETION: INTERLOCUTORY REVISION OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBF	INFORMATION ON INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATION IN APPEAL DELETED	DELETION: INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL + TIME LIMIT	ORE
EPAPBG	INFORMATION ON INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATION IN APPEAL DELETED	DELETION: INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL + TIME LIMIT	ORE
EPAPBH	INFORMATION ON RECEIPT OF OBSERVATION IN APPEAL DELETED	DELETION: RECEIPT OF OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBI	INFORMATION ON RECEIPT OF OBSERVATION IN APPEAL DELETED	DELETION: RECEIPT OF OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBJ	INTERLOCUTORY REVISION OF APPEAL RECORDED	INTERLOCUTORY REVISION OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBK	APPEAL REFERENCE RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPBL	APPEAL REFERENCE RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPBM	APPEAL REFERENCE RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: APPEAL NUMBER	ORE
EPAPBN	DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBO	DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBP	DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBQ	DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF APPEAL RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF AN APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBR	DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF APPEAL RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBS	DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF APPEAL RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: DATE OF RECEIPT OF STATEMENT OF GROUNDS OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBT	APPEAL PROCEDURE CLOSED	NEW ENTRY: DECISION (+DATE) IN APPEAL PROCEDURE	
EPAPBU	APPEAL PROCEDURE CLOSED	NEW ENTRY: DECISION (+DATE) IN APPEAL PROCEDURE	
EPAPBV	INTERLOCUTORY REVISION OF APPEAL RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: INTERLOCUTORY REVISION OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBW	INTERLOCUTORY REVISION OF APPEAL RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: INTERLOCUTORY REVISION OF APPEAL	ORE
EPAPBX	INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATIONS IN APPEAL SENT	NEW ENTRY: INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL + TIME LIMIT	ORE
EPAPBY	INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATIONS IN APPEAL SENT	NEW ENTRY: INVITATION TO FILE OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL + TIME LIMIT	ORE
EPAPBZ	RECEIPT OF OBSERVATIONS IN APPEAL RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: RECEIPT OF OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL	ORE

EPAPCA	RECEIPT OF OBSERVATIONS IN APPEAL RECORDED	NEW ENTRY: RECEIPT OF OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL	ORE
EPAPCB	COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF APPEAL SENT	OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL	ORE
EPAPCC	COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOARD OF APPEAL SENT	OBSERVATIONS IN AN APPEAL	ORE