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“Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC)” Special Notice:

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RE: CPC impacts to the USPTO Red Book, Yellow Book 2, Multi-Page TIFF images and Patent Official Gazettes:

1. Beginning **Tuesday, April 7, 2015**, the U.S. Patent Classification (USPC) will not be printed at (52) U.S. Cl. on Utility patents in the Patent Grant Single-Page TIFF Images (a.k.a., Grant Yellow Book 2), **grant_yb2_20150407.tar** and the Patent Grant Multi-Page TIFF Images (a.k.a., USAPat), **USP2015w14.zip**. Utility patents in the Grant Yellow Book 2 and USAPat will include CPCs at (52) U.S. Cl.

NOTE 1: USPC will continue to be printed at (52) U.S. Cl. on Design and Plant patents in the Grant Yellow Book 2 and USAPat.

NOTE 2: USPC will continue to be printed at (58) Field of Classification Search and at (56) References Cited on Utility, Design and Plant patents in the Grant Yellow Book 2 and USAPat.

2. The U.S. Patent Classification (USPC) <classification-national> may continue to appear for an indefinite transitional period in Utility patents in the Grant Red Book (to include the Full Text with Embedded TIFF Images (**lyyyymmdd.tar**); Full Text (no images) (**ipgyymmdd.zip**); and Bibliographic (i.e., front page) (**ipgbyyyymmdd_wknn.zip**) files. Utility patents in the Grant Red Book files will include CPCs in <classifications-cpc>.

NOTE 3: USPC will continue to appear in the <classification-national> in Design and Plant patents in the Grant Red Book files.

NOTE 4: USPC will continue to appear in the <us-field-of-classification-search> and <us-references-cited> in Utility, Design, and Plant patents in the Grant Red Book files.

3. Beginning **Monday, April 6, 2015**, the U.S. Patent Classification (USPC) will not be printed at (52) U.S. Cl. on Utility reexamination certificates in the Patent Grant Single-Page TIFF Images (a.k.a., Grant Yellow Book 2), **grant_yb2_20150406_cert.tar** and the Patent Grant Multi-Page TIFF Images (a.k.a., USAPat), **USP2015w14.zip**. Utility reexamination certificates in the Grant Yellow Book 2 and USAPat will include CPCs at (52) U.S. Cl.

NOTE 5: USPC will continue to be printed at (52) U.S. Cl. on Design and Plant reexamination certificates in the Grant Yellow Book 2 and USAPat.

NOTE 6: USPC will continue to be printed at (58) Field of Classification Search on Utility, Design, and Plant reexamination certificates in the Grant Yellow Book 2 and USAPat.

NOTE 7: Reexamination certificates are not present in Grant Red Book files.

4. Beginning **Thursday, April 9, 2015**, the U.S. Patent Classification (USPC) will not be printed at (52) U.S. Cl. on Utility patent application publications (to include republications and corrected publications) in the Patent Application Publication Single-Page TIFF Images (a.k.a., Application Yellow Book 2), [app_yb2_20150409.tar](#) and the Patent Application Publication Multi-Page TIFF Images (a.k.a., USAApp), [USA2015w15.zip](#). Utility patent application publications in the Application Yellow Book 2 and USAApp will include CPCs at (52) U.S. Cl.

NOTE 8: USPC will continue to be printed at (52) U.S. Cl. on Plant patent application publications in the Application Yellow Book 2 and USAApp.

5. The U.S. Patent Classification (USPC) <classification-national> may continue to appear for an indefinite transitional period in Utility patent application publications (to include republications and corrected publications) in the Application Red Book (to include the Full Text with Embedded TIFF Images ([lyyyymmdd.tar](#)); Full Text (no images) ([ipayymmdd.zip](#)); and Bibliographic (i.e., front page) ([ipabyyyyymmdd_wknn.zip](#)) files. Utility patent application publications in the Application Red Book files will include CPCs in <classifications-cpc>.

NOTE 9: USPC will continue to appear in the <classification-national> in Plant patent application publications in the Application Red Book files.

6. Beginning **Tuesday, June 2, 2015**, the weekly Patent Official Gazette (a.k.a., Patents eOG) will be organized in accordance with CPC for Utility documents and in accordance with USPC for Design and Plant documents.

Reference examples:

[CPC Grant examples](#) Utility patent front pages that have been modified to show what (52) U.S. Cl. will look like with CPC only.

[CPC PGPub examples](#) Utility patent application publication front pages that have been modified to show what (52) U.S. Cl. will look like with CPC only.

[CPC eOG](#) Mockups of various Patent Official Gazette screens (from the USPTO website) to illustrate the June 2, 2015 changes.