

## PC Master Trademarks



## Country and Rules Update

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All due dates and actions in PC Master will be calculated based upon country rules. Therefore please install the quarterly update of the country rules.

#### Contents:

- New codes
- Description of the changes in the national patent laws
- Definition of reports to find cases affected
- Description of the Auto Update



*The code table has to be updated manually. Otherwise the description of the new codes will not be available during data entry later.*

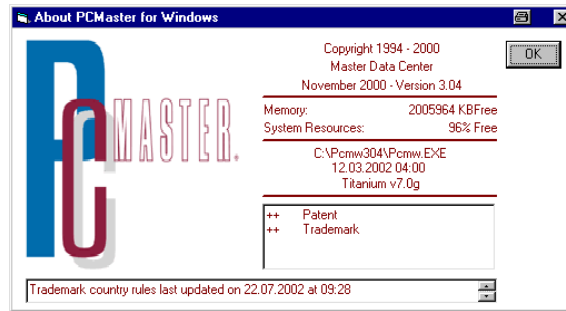


*The Auto Update has to be run after installation of the rules to ensure proper application of the new laws.*

Please note that the IP Rules below have been adopted and applied exclusively for PCMaster clients.

#### Check

Please check afterwards, if the new rules are available in the database. Open the Help of PC Master, and click on About PC Master for Windows. The last line shows, if the rules were updated successfully. The following information appears:



## Code File Changes

New Case Type code T - Merged Trademark

New Action code RVT – Morocco Application

## Description of the country changes

*Please note that the IP Rules below have been adopted and applied exclusively for Thomson PCMaster™. For questions or support regarding the IP Rules listed below, please contact us at [ipms.rules@thomson.com](mailto:ipms.rules@thomson.com)*

### ARMENIA

Late renewals can be filed until six months from the expiration date.

### AZERBAIJAN

Late renewals can be filed until six months from the expiration date.

### BELARUS

Late renewals can be filed until six months from the expiration date.

### CAPE VERDE

Trademarks are now valid for a term of ten years under the new law effective August 21, 2007. The publication for opposition period runs for two months, with the possibility of a one-month extension.

### HONG KONG

Divisional trademark applications can now be filed with the renewal period being the same as for regular trademarks in Hong Kong. Divisional trademarks are designated by Case Type 'V'.



A new Case Type designator 'T' is being added with this rules update. Case Type 'T' designates the merger of multi-class registrations into one single registration and renewal period. The related ID tab can be used to designate the other registrations involved in the merger.

#### **KOSOVO**

The due date for re-registration of Serbian trademarks in Kosovo has been updated to reflect September 1, 2008. The deadline may be extended; however, no official notification of extension has been issued. Therefore, IP Rules will calculate the earlier date.

#### **MADAGASCAR**

Madagascar is the 75th member state to join the Madrid Protocol and can be designated in an International Madrid Protocol registration as of April 28, 2008. Madrid Protocol filings are designated by Filing Type 'P'.

#### **MARSHALL ISLANDS**

IP Rules have been added for trademark protection in the Marshall Islands. United States registrations are automatically extended to the Marshall Islands. The renewal date for the corresponding United States trademark should be manually entered in the 'Based on Mark Renewal Date' field to complete the rules validation process.

#### **MICRONESIA**

Cautionary notice publication is valid in Micronesia. The recommended republication period is every three years. If your agent has advised a different republication period, you may manually enter the 'OVR' (Override) action code to update and maintain the due date for this action.

#### **MOROCCO**

The Tangiers Trademark Registry has closed. All trademark renewals for the former Tangiers are now being processed in Morocco. A reminder date to apply for protection in Morocco is being added to all registered trademarks in Tangiers. The action code 'RVT' is being added.

#### **NAURU**

Cautionary notice publication is valid in Nauru. The recommended republication period is every three years. If your agent has advised a different republication period, you may manually enter the 'OVR' (Override) action code to update and maintain the due date for this action.

#### **PALAU**

Cautionary notice publication is valid in Palau. The recommended republication period is every three years. If your agent has advised a different republication period, you may manually enter the 'OVR' (Override) action code to update and maintain the due date for this action.



## REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

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## TAIWAN

The six-month late-renewal period is valid for all trademarks currently in force in Taiwan.

## TADJIKISTAN

Late renewals can be filed until six months from the expiration date.

## TANGIERS

The Tangiers Trademark Registry has closed. All trademark renewals for the former Tangiers are now being processed in Morocco. A reminder date to apply for protection in Morocco is being added to all registered trademarks in Tangiers. The action code 'RVT' is being added.

## TURKISH CYPRUS

The official name for the former Turkish Cyprus is 'Northern Republic of Turkish Cyprus.' The country name can be manually updated in the country file and will be refreshed for all applicable records upon logging back into the database.

## TURKMENISTAN

Late renewals can be filed until six months from the expiration date.

## UNITED STATES – CALIFORNIA

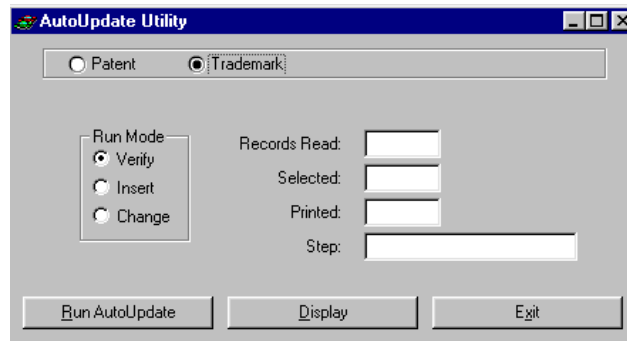
Trademarks are valid for a term of five years as of January 1, 2008.

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## Auto-Update

The new rules will only calculate your dues and actions after running of the Auto Update.

- User of the PC Master version 3.x should open the Auto Update in the menu UTILITIES and choose the option CHANGE. The option VERIFY can be used to test the new rules without changes in your cases.



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