



<b>PATENTABILITY SEARCH</b>	
<b>Object</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- checking of the patentability of a process, a product or use of a product, or a process</li><li>- checking of the freedom of exploitation</li><li>- preparation of a file of opposition to the grant of a patent</li><li>- preparation of a defense in the event of attack in counterfeit.</li></ul>
<b>Means</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- patent documentation of the patent offices (in particular EPO, USPTO, JPTO)</li><li>- internal documentation databases</li><li>- internet resources</li><li>- on request, "non-patent" databases specialized in a technical field of the commercial hosts (in particular QUESTEL)</li></ul>
<b>Criteria</b>	The criteria of selection of the relevant documents are those of the European Patent Office.
<b>Order</b>	The object of search is indicated by mail, fax, email, either verbally by telephone or during a meeting. (This type of search must relate to a "reasonably" unitary subject - it is not a library search).
<b>Supplies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- search report</li><li>- search review</li><li>- cited documents</li></ul> <p>The results of the search are provided as paper documents, or possibly transmitted by email, either securely or not, or on a computer information support using doc and/or pdf format.</p>
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