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## 3.4 Others

### 3.4.1 Differentiation between “New Application” and “Old Application”

JPO started a paperless system in July 1984. JPO also started reception of electronic application while continued reception of previous paper application in patent and utility model in July 1993. From that time, digitizing system of formality examination has been started.

In relation to the system revision above, we call an application whose document is digitized as “New Application.” We also call an application whose document is not digitized and has only the master information as “Old Application.”

Applicant information for New Application is included in applicant information file and applicant information for Old Application is included in ABC file.

New Application and Old Application can be distinguished by application number (i.e. year and number) and categories of four law. Also there can be files that are separated, depending on New Application and Old Application.

The scopes of New Application and Old Application are described in table below. For the files that are stored differently between New Application and Old Application, see “3.2.2 File Specifications.”

## Scopes of New Application and Old Application

Legal Area	Application year	Application Category	Type of Application	Application number
Patent	Before 1989	Domestic Application	Old Application	000001~499999
		PCT		500001~599999
		Patent Term Extension		700001~799999
	1990	Domestic Application	Old Application	000001~399999
			New Application	400001~499999
		PCT	Old Application	500001~599999
		Patent Term Extension		700001~799999
	1991 to 1999	Domestic Application	New Application	000001~499999
		PCT	Old Application	500001~599999
		Patent Term Extension		700001~799999
	After 2000	Domestic Application	New Application	000001~499999
		PCT		500001~599999
		Patent Term Extension	Old Application	700001~799999
Utility Model	Before 1989	Domestic Application	Old Application	000001~499999
		PCT		600001~699999
	1990	Domestic Application	Old Application	000001~399999
			New Application	400001~499999
		PCT	Old Application	600001~699999
	1991 to 1999	Domestic Application	New Application	000001~499999
		PCT	Old Application	600001~699999
	After 2000	Domestic Application	New Application	000001~499999
		PCT		600001~699999
Design	Before 1996	Domestic Application	Old Application <sup>(*1)</sup>	All
	1997		((before operation)	000001~050000
	1998 to 1999		Old Application <sup>(*1)</sup>	050001~999999
	After 2000		(after operation)	All
			New Application	All
TradeMark	Before 1996	Domestic Application	Old Application <sup>(*2)</sup>	All
	1997		(before harmonization)	000001~100000
			Old Application <sup>(*2)</sup>	100001~699999
			(after harmonization)	
			Old Application (update)	700001~750000

			Old Application(defense update)	750001~799999
	1998 to 1999		Old Application(*2) (after harmonization)	000001~
			Old Application (reclassification)	500001~
			Old Application(defence)	700001~
	After 2000		New Application	All

\*1: In "after operation", applicant data in old application is used same as the new application.

\*2: In "after harmonization", applicant data in old application is used same as the new application.