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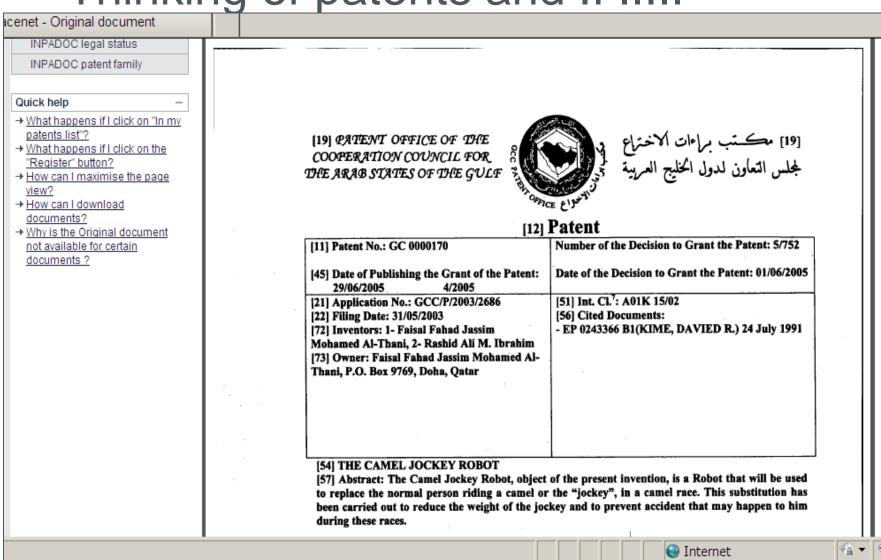


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[19] PATENT OFFICE OF THE COOPERATION COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF



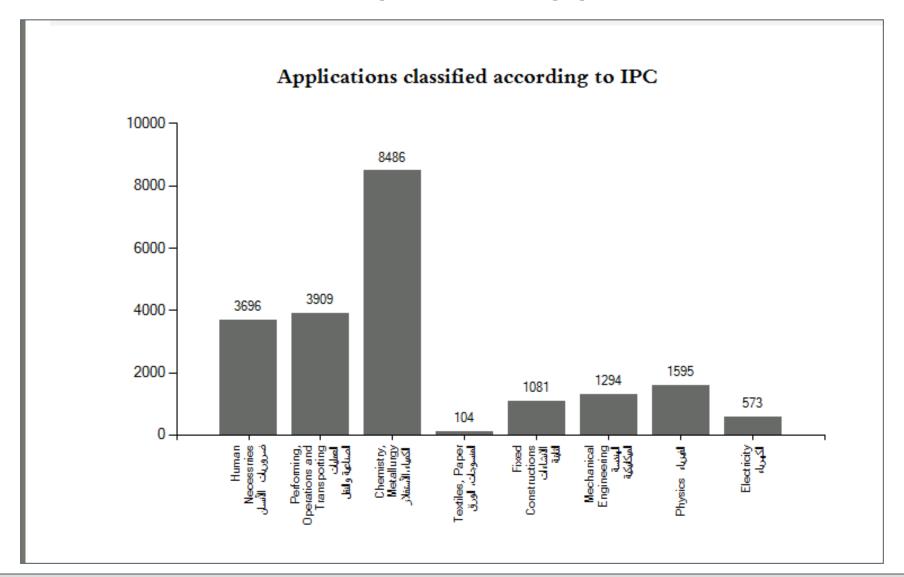
[19] مكــتب برإءات الاختراع لمجلس التعاون لدول اكخليج العربية

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[21] Application No.: GCC/P/2003/2686 [22] Filing Date: 31/05/2003 [72] Inventors: 1- Faisal Fahad Jassim Mohamed Al-Thani, 2- Rashid Ali M. Ibrahim [73] Owner: Faisal Fahad Jassim Mohamed Al-Thani, P.O. Box 9769, Doha, Qatar	[51] Int. Cl. ⁷ : A01K 1: [56] Cited Documents - EP 0243366 B1(KIM	
[54] THE CAMEL JOCKEY ROBOT [57] Abstract: The Camel Jockey Robot, object to replace the normal person riding a camel or been carried out to reduce the weight of the joc during these races.	the "jockey", in a can	

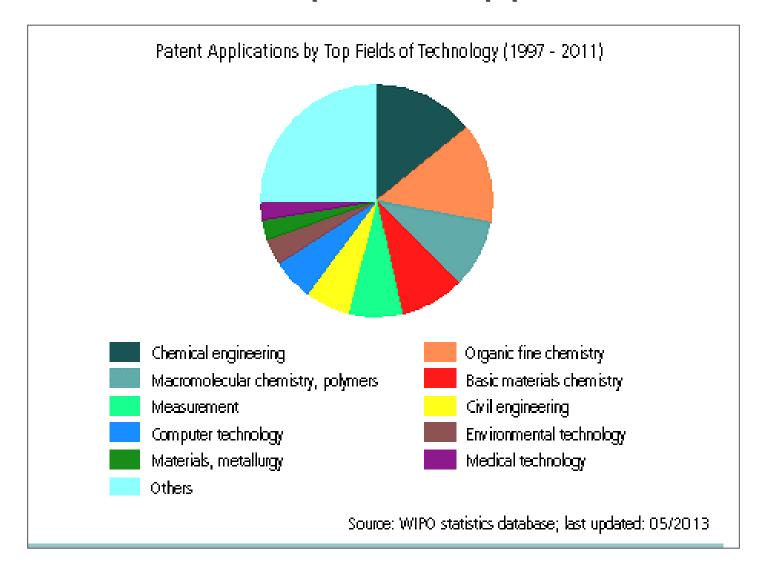


Golf countries - patent applications





Saudi Arabia - patent applications





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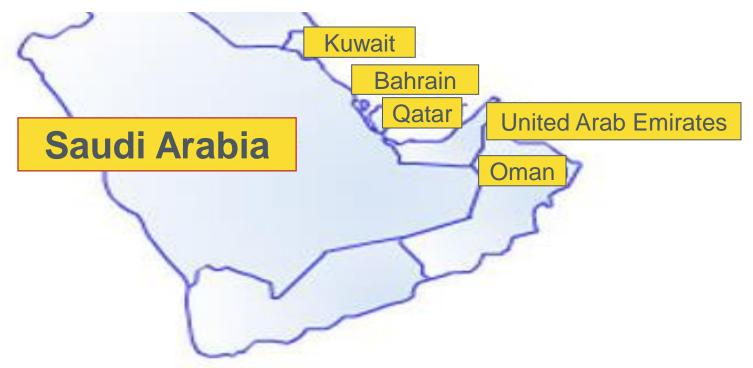
Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states

مجلس التعاون لدول الخليج العربي



more information: www.gcc-sg.org/eng/index.html







GCC - objectives

- similar regulations (finance, trade, customs, legislation, administration, tourism)
- fostering scientific and technical progress
- establish scientific research centres
- set up joint ventures
- unified military presence
- encouraging cooperation of the private sector



GCC - potential for expansion

- Yemen
 - possibly joining 2015
- Jordan
 - ➤ May 2011 membership request was accepted
- Morocco
 - ➤ May 2011 invited to join the union
 - > However, no fixed time table for both countries



GCC - filing possibilities I

	National Filing	GCC	PCT	cautionary notices
Bahrain (BA)	?	✓	✓	?
Kuwait (KW)	?	✓	×	?
Oman (OM)	√	√	✓	√
Saudi Arabia (SA)	✓	✓	✓	✓
United Arab Emirates (AE)	√	✓	✓	?
Qatar (QA)	×	✓	✓	✓



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PROCESS AND REACTOR FOR CARRYING OUT AN EXOTHERMIC REACTION

The present invention relates to a process for carrying out an exothermic reaction in the presence of a solid catalyst in a three-phase slurry reactor comprising a slurry zone and a freeboard zone, in which slurry zone the catalyst is kept in suspension in a slurry liquid, and in which freeboard zone a liquid reflux is maintained to remove catalyst from the freeboard zone and, preferably, recycling the catalyst to the slurry zone. According to a further aspect, the present invention relates to a three-phase slurry reactor adapted to the process, in particular a three-phase slurry reactor wherein the freeboard zone contains means to trap catalyst particles such as an assembly of corrugated plates.

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The Peninsula Newspaper Issue No. 5400 July 19,2012.

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GCC - filing possibilities II

PCT filing possibility

Country	Instrument	in force
Bahrain	Accession: December 18, 2006	March 18, 2007
Oman	Accession: July 26, 2001	October 26, 2001
Qatar	Accession: May 3, 2011	August 3, 2011
United Arab Emirates	Accession: December 10, 1998	March 10, 1999
Saudi Arabia	Accession: May 03, 2013	August 03, 2013



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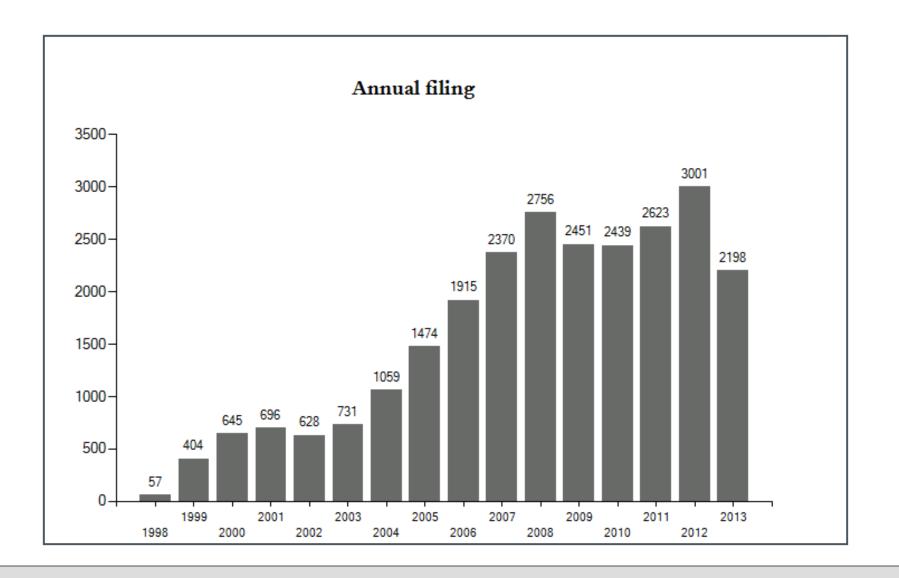
GCC Patent Office

- approved 1992
- established 1998, amendments of 1999, in force since 16 August 2000 (in line with TRIPS agreement)
- so far, only patents
- PCT not yet possible
- since August 2000 GCC
 patents can be obtained
 in parallel to national patents

Statistics					
Number of filed applications 25467					
Number of granted patents	2604				
Non-valid applications	7142				
Valid patents	927				
This year filed applications	2198				
This year granted patents	248				
Applications in process	14794				



GCC - applications





Some facts about patents - GCC I

- absolute novelty requirement
- filing in English and Arabic
- online filing is obligatory since the beginning of 2013
- accelerated examination is not possible
- chemical and pharmaceutical products and methods for their manufacture may be patented
- computer programs not patentable, but computerrelated inventions may be patentable
- inventions contrary to Sharia law are not patentable; patents granted for such inventions will be invalidated



Some facts about patents - GCC II

- patent term of 20 years
- no SPCs/patent term extensions possible
- no divisionals possible
- withdrawal to prevent publication possible
- annual fee payment from the 2nd year after filing
- 3 months grace period for payment, no restoration possible
- use requirement: within 3 years from grant



Some facts about patents - GCC III

- third party observations are not possible
- Pre-grant opposition:
 - by any interested party
 - within 90 days from the publication of the decision to grant
 - total or partial revocation possible
 - request to Committee of Grievances (6 lawyers, 6 technical experts)
- invalidation: not possible
- second instance:
 - competent court in Saudi Arabia



United Arab Emirates

a federation of absolute hereditary monarchies:

Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Fujairah, Sharjah, Dubai, Ras al-Khaimah and Umm al-Qaiwain population of 4.96 million





Some facts about patents - United Arab Emirates I

- national filing possible, patents of addition, PCT, GCC
- 1974 WIPO
- 1996 TRIPS, Paris Convention
- 1999 PCT
- Patens and Designs Law of 1992 (regulating also utility models)
- patent term of 20 years from filing date, no SPC
- annual renewal fees due on the anniversary of the filing date
- absolute novelty required, no grace period



Some facts about patents - United Arab Emirates II

- filing in English and Arabic necessary
- provisional applications possible (claims, abstract and most characteristic drawings or formula)
- examination carried out by the Austrian Patent Office
- divisional applications possible
- no third party observations
- opposition within 60 days from publication by any interested party
- invalidation by any interested party
- withdrawal to prevent publication not possible
- no online filing possible
- working of patents required



Kingdom of Bahrain

constitutional monarchy population of 1.23 million

UN, WTO







Some facts about patents - Bahrain

- national filing possible, PCT (2007), GCC
- 1997 Paris Convention, 2005 Patent Law Treaty
- Patent and Utility Models Law No. 1 of 2004, amended 2006
- patent term of 20 years from filing date, no SPC
- absolute novelty required,
- filing in English and Arabic necessary (Arabic translation filed within three months from filing date)
- annual fee payment only after grant
- accepted applications (formal examination) are published in the Official Gazette
- appeal and opposition system in place
- use requirement (within four years from filing)
- no online filing possible



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- not yet started patent office has not yet started search or examination filing in English translati s from filing date)
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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Unitary Islamic absolute monarchy population: 16 million citizens; 9 million registered foreign expatriates

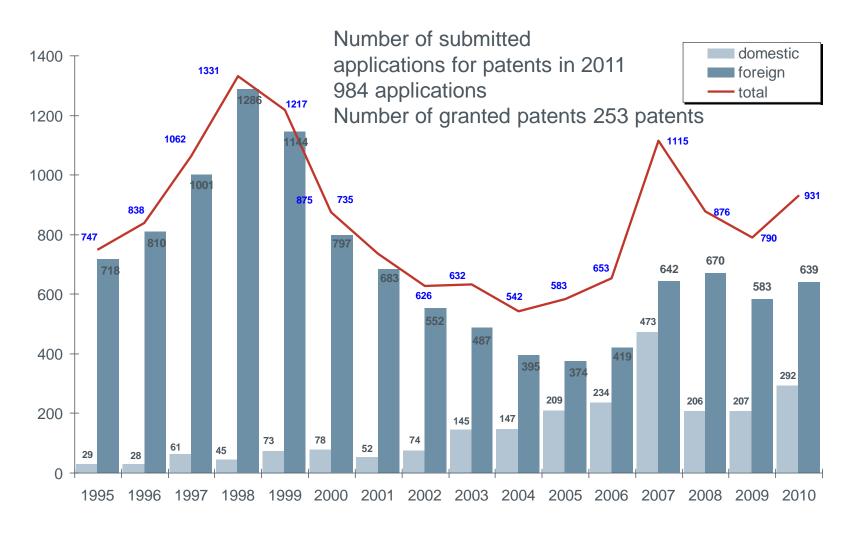
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Patent applications in Saudi Arabia (domestic vs foreign)



(source: WIPO website; KACST)



Types of industrial property - Saudi Arabia

- patents of invention (20 yrs from filing date), designs (10 yrs), plant varieties (20 yrs), layout designs of integrated circuits (10 yrs), trade marks (10 yrs)
- no utility models
- substantive examination for patents

King Abdul Aziz City for Science and Technology (KACST):

- independent scientific organisation administratively reporting to the Prime Minister
- functions: science and technology policy making, funding of research and services such as the patent office
- currently over 2500 employees
- website: www.kacst.edu.sa



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- invalidation:
 - by third party
 - at any time after grant (grounds: lack of novelty)
 - filed before separate governmental body ("Appeals Committee")



ARABPAT

and Egypt





ARAB-Pat

- MoU signed on 04 October 2012
- WIPO, EPO, AGADIR countries (Morocco, Tunesia Jordan, Egypt
- dissemination and exchange of high quality data
- bibliographic data, image data, legal status data, and machine readable data



Egypt - special features

- National filing possible, PCT
- 1951 Paris Convention, 2003 PCT
- Patent Law of 2002
- patent term of 20 years from filing date (annuities from the second year)
- absolute novelty
- application form in Arabic, abstract in EN and Arabic, claims and description in EN or Arabic (translation six months after filing date)
- pre-grant opposition (within 60 days of publication of acceptance)
- use requirement (within 4 years after filing)



Patent information from Arabic Countries





Patent information from Arabic countries - Special features

- Islamic calender uses Hijri years
- started with the emigration of prophet Muhammad to Medina (16 July 622 AD)
- 2012 corresponds roughly to Hijri year 1433
- official calendar: www.ummulqura.org.sa
- date converter: www.al-islam.com



Patent information from Arabic countries - Special features

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Searching patent information on the GCC PO website



GCC Number formats

GCC/P/yyyy/nnnnn (deposit number (application number))

GCC (خ ت خ) - for the patent authority

P (-)- for the type of right

four digits for the Western year (y)

up to five digits for the serial number (n)

example: GCC/P/2008/11818

Western year: 2008; serial number 11818

GCnnnnnnn ("grant number" = examined publication)

GC - for the patent authority seven digits for the serial number (n)

example: GC/0000001 serial number **0000001**



"grant" date

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شهادة منح براءة اختراع

إن مكتب براءات الاختراع لمجلس التعاون لدول الخليج العربية

استنادا إلى أحكام نظام براءات الاختراع لدول مجلس التعاون

لدول الخليج العربية المصادر في ديسمبر ١٩٩٢م وتعديلاته

ولاتحته التنفيذية يقرر منح :-

السيد / محمد رضوان رأفت قاسم الأتاسسي .

براءة اختراع

رقم: GC 0000001 وتاريخ: GC 0000001

عن الاختراع المسمى : قاطع الفيضان (عداد الوقف المبكر

لتسرب المياه والسوائل .

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US 5441078 A (GALLAGHER) 15 August 1995.

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[22] تاريخ تقديم الطلب : 1998/10/13م

[72] المحترع: محمد رضوان رأفت قاسم الأتاسي

[73] مالك البراءة : محمد رضوان رأفت قاسم الأناسي، الرياض، المملكة العربية السعودية.

[54] قاطع الفيضان (عداد الوقف المبكر لتسرب المياه والسوائل)

[57] الملخص: عداد تابت أو قابل للعبط تعبط فيه أقصى حد لكبية السأل المسهوح باستخدامه بشكل مستمر في المرة الواحدة فإذا تجاوزت الكبية المندقفة في إحدى المرات الحد المسهوح به يتوقف التدفق آلياً بإخلاق صمام بجاور. يتألف العداد من عداد مباه ذو مؤشرين، الأول تابت يسجل الكبية المستهلكة لكل استخدام وبعود إلى الصفر فور توقف التدفق. والمؤشر التاني في الجهة المقابلة يتحرك على مفصل
يصبط فيه الحد الأقصى من السائل المسهوح بجروره في المرة الواحدة. يشكل ذيل المؤشر التاني رافحة فنع حمود صمام بجاور من الحركة لبقى
الصمام مفتوحاً. خلال الاستخدام العادي يتوقف التدفق فيعود مؤشر الكبية المستهلكة إلى الصفر، أما إذا كان هناك تسرب أو ترك النيا
مستمراً فإن الكبية المفقة ستتجاوز الكبية المسموح بها حتى يصل المؤشر الثاني ويدفعه حول محوره فيراقي ذيل المؤشر الثاني من
مكانه ويجرر عمود الصمام ليقفله. يمكن إعادة الوضع إلى طبيعته بصفط الصمام باليد ليقى مفتوحاً للاستهلاك ضمن الحد المسموح به حتى إذا
تكررت عملية النجاوز للاستهلاك أو المدر أو استمرار النسرب يتوقف الندفق آلياً من جديد.

عدد عناصو الحماية: 6، عدد الأشكال: 13

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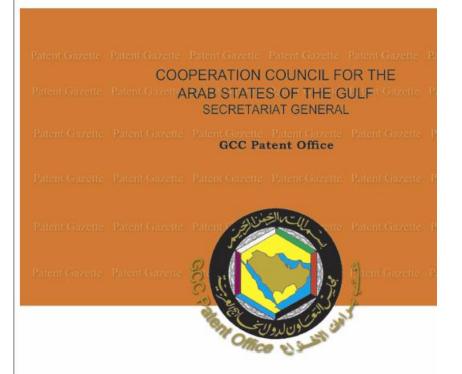
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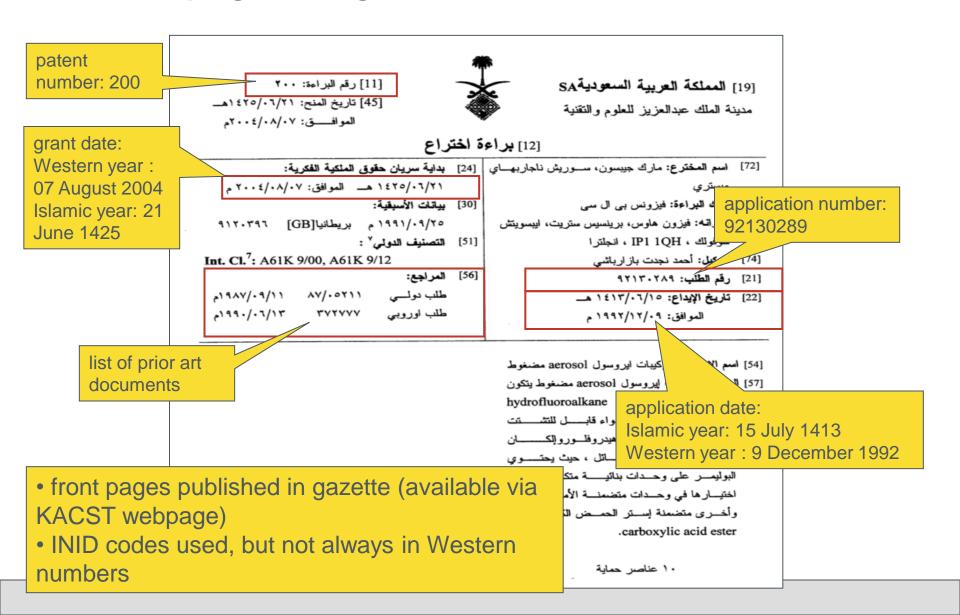
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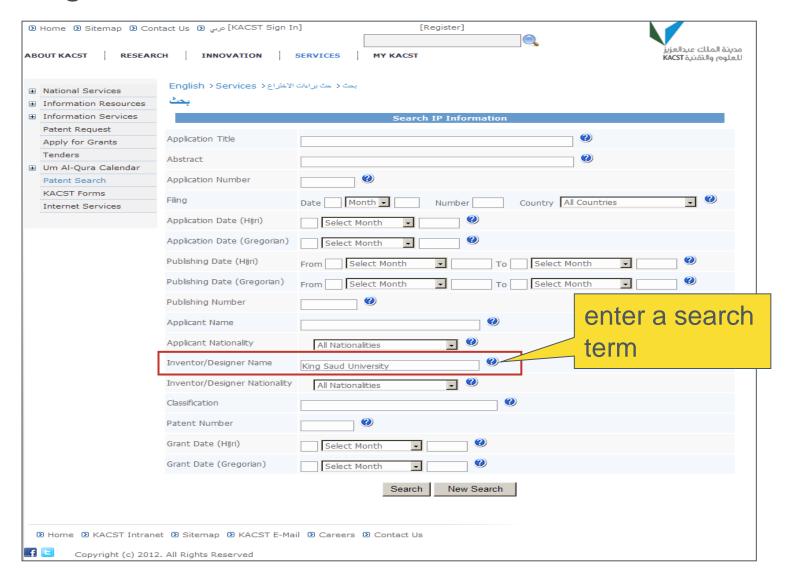
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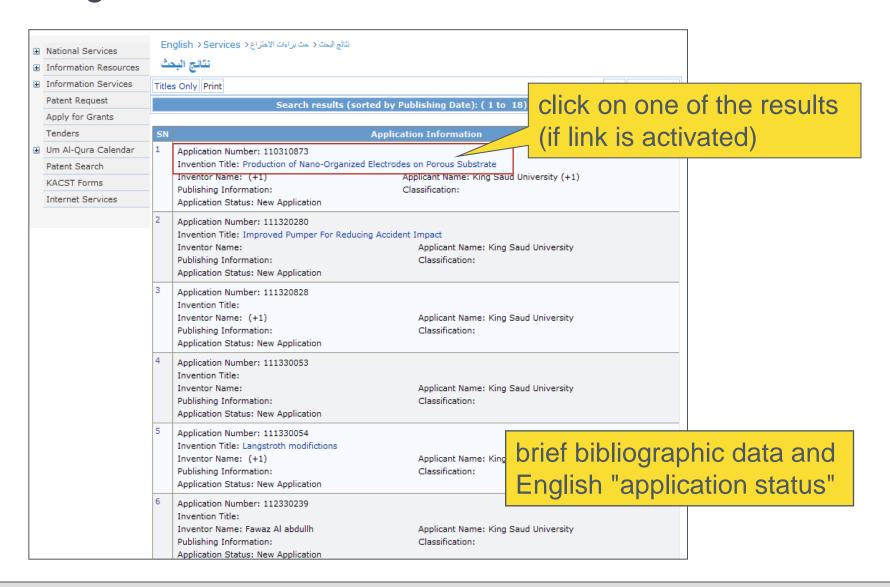
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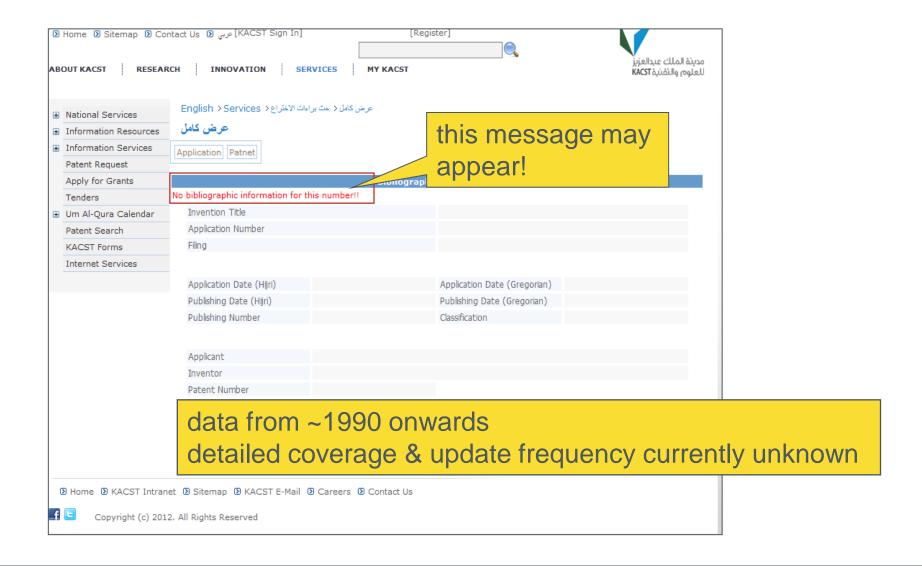




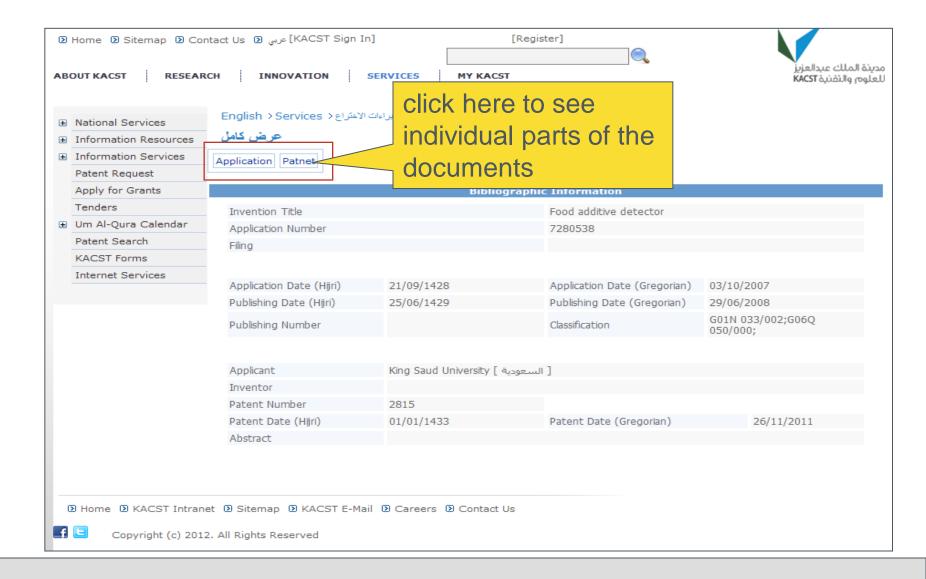




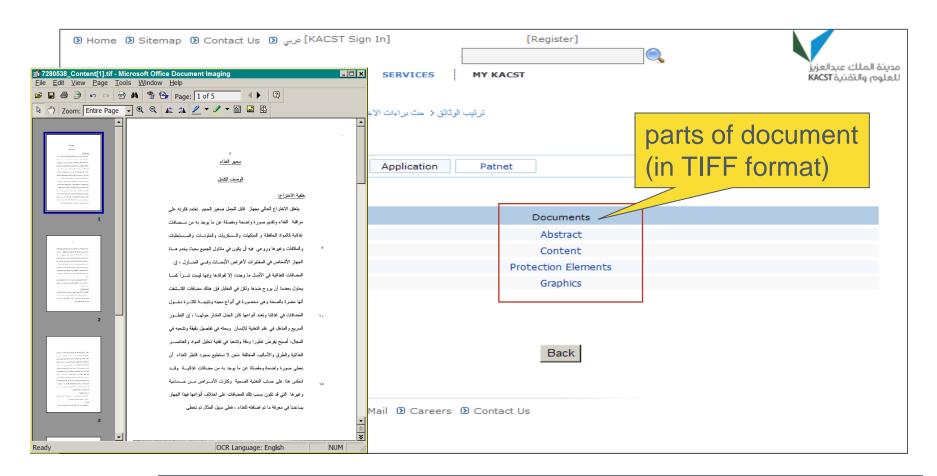








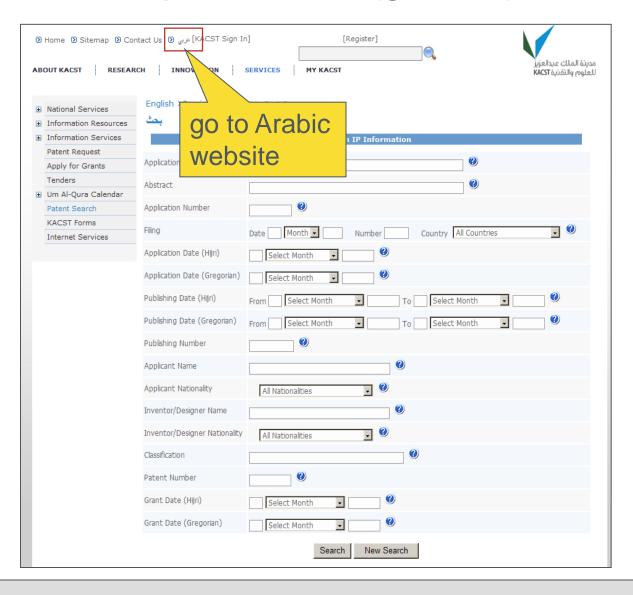




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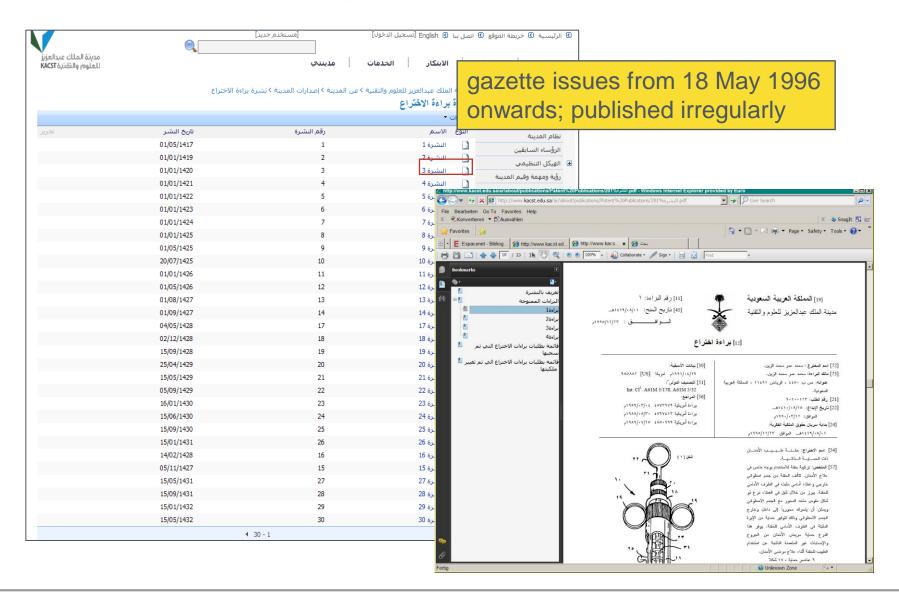


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