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Title: Beauty and personal care patents of GB origin

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The number of BPC patents of GB origin.

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The data identifies all GB applications which currently carry a beauty and personal care classification* at any processing stage. For each of these applications, all of the applicants at the time of filing with the UK office (the lodged date) have been considered and applications having at least one GB applicant have been counted for each of the filing stage, post-search A-publication stage and granted B-publication stage.

Please note that since classification data is not usually available for applications until just before A-publication, and since A-publication does not occur until up to 18 months from the lodged date, the application counts for 2014 and 2015 are incomplete and have been greyed-out accordingly. Variation in the counts supplied herein compared with last year may be accounted for by corrections which may have occurred in relation to classifications; and also by the fact that the latest database query only considers the applicants at the time of filing for each of the three processing stages.

In addition to national applications, we also receive European (EP) patents which designate the UK once they have been granted by the European Patent Office (EPO); and these are treated as granted GB patents from this stage on. Whilst it is not possible to report on the number of EP applications and A-publications that were received by the EPO, we can report on the number of granted EP patents that come into force in the UK; and on the proportion of those that have at least one GB applicant. Thus a second table is included with details of these granted EP patents.

*CPC/IPC/ECLA and IPC8 classifications A61Q and in A61K8/___ have been used to identify beauty and personal care patent applications.