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**Information request:**

Request for information about the patents that are expired or became public domain in the areas of technology, biotechnology, industry and goods.

**Information released:**

At present the IPO does not provide lists of expired patents by areas of technology. However, our website includes a list of patents which are no longer in force and this can be filtered using the International Patent Classification (IPC), which is a method of classifying patents according to the different areas of technology which they cover.

This list can be accessed via the following link <https://www.ipo.gov.uk/p-dl-notinforce.htm> and the IPC classification can be accessed via the "sort by" function.