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PatOrg IP Annuity Payment Services

PatOrg provides several interfaces to communicate with IP Annuity Payment Services (IPAPS). IPAPS promise to let you save costs for IPR renewals and reduce the risk of missing an annuity payment.

To communicate reliably and efficiently most IPAPS provide software interfaces. PatOrg supports completely the interfaces of PAVIS, IPAN, CPA, Dennemeyer and EPAS. The scope of functions depends on the respective IPAPS interface.

PatOrg IP Management currently offers the following functions to communicate with IPAPS:

1. Export of case data
[PAVIS, Dennemeyer, EPAS, IPAN, CPA]

Export of case data stored in PatOrg and subsequent transfer to IPAPS in order to instruct IP annuity payments. The set of cases to be transferred can be easily limited based on user-defined criteria. This function includes:

- Initial transfer of case data to IPAPS for registration
- Notification about relevant case data modifications for annuity payment
- Instruction and redemption of standing order payments
- Generation of data transfer reports for verification

Cyclically - for example once a month - PatOrg is instructed to create an export file with the relevant data and send it by e-mail to the fee payer. As proof, a log is automatically created and stored in the document management.

2. Import of renewal dates
[PAVIS, Dennemeyer, EPAS, IPAN, CPA]

Import of renewal date records for pending IPR renewals including fees. Alternatively, to calculate due dates with PatOrg, they can be imported from an IPAPS. Due dates generated by IPAPS are converted to PatOrg due date records and thus suitable for any further processing. PatOrg also facilitates to compare imported due dates with due dates calculated by PatOrg for verification purposes.

3. Import of due dates as portfolio data
[Dennemeyer]

Import of appointments including fee information on protection rights extensions several years in advance. The interface corresponds to an enhancement to the import of maturities and allows the import of appointments with prices anticipatory for several years into the future. This will give industry customers improved budgeting for annual and renewal fees.

4. Comparison of Dennemeyer tax data with PatOrg tax data
[Dennemeyer]

Import of Dennemeyer tax arrears for comparison purposes. The due dates of Dennemeyer's dues for the renewal of property rights which are due soon will be available after import into PatOrg. The appointments calculated using PatOrg's own tax rules can be compared with the imported Dennemeyer taxi delays, which further increases the security of the calculated appointments.

5. Import of IPAPS´ price list
[PAVIS, Dennemeyer, CPA]

Import of IPAPS' price lists (if provided/agreed: individual customer price lists). This function is particularly interesting for law firms calculating due dates with PatOrg. It allows for informing clients about renewal costs by automatically generated reminder letters/emails with minimal effort. Imported IPAPS fees are then accounted as third-party costs in quotes and invoices. Thus, in this regard functions 2 (Import of renewal dates) and 5 (Import of IPAPS´ price list) can be considered as alternatives that serve different kinds of renewal management. Apart from that, price lists can be used for cost forecasting.

6. Export of payment orders
[PAVIS, Dennemeyer, IPAN, CPA]

Export of (decided) payment orders for specific due dates and transfer to the IPAPS. If function 1 is only used to register cases at the IPAPS and to commission monitoring due dates, but not for instructing immediate payments (per standing order), for each due date payment must be explicitly instructed by means of this function. Therefore, in PatOrg then each due date record has to be set accordingly either to "pay" or "not pay" in advance. Based on that information, users can compile at any time the data to export and transfer it to the IPAPS.

7. Import of costs
[PAVIS, Dennemeyer, EPAS, IPAN, CPA]

Import of IPAPS' invoices. Based on cost data provided by the IPAPS, PatOrg facilitates to create cost records for the respective cases. In this respect each payed due date for an IPR results in one PatOrg cost record.

8. Order tracking and import of payment receipts
[PAVIS]

Online order tracking and download of payment receipts. Direct access from cases in PatOrg to the portal of the IPAPS to review pending and completed payment orders. Deposit and payment receipts can be automatically downloaded, stored in PatOrg's document management system and forwarded to clients or the accounting manager.

Hint

IPAPS interfaces are all designed to communicate data in the form of XML files by email. To support this mode as best as possible PatOrg's interface functions semi-automatically create, import and process emails transferring data as attachments on users request. All emails are moreover stored in PatOrg's document management system. All functions can be separately activated, used and flexibly configured. For each IPR PatOrg IP Management let you manage renewals specifically either per direct payment, foreign representative, the one or the other IPAPS. Thus PatOrg IP Management offers great flexibility and freedom in this regard.

Thus, PatOrg IP Management does not bound organizations to only one IPAPS. Even changing the IPAPS is easy done. Brügmann Software is independent from any IPAPS and thus does neither promote or privilege any IPAPS interface.

Each interface function has to be licensed separately. Some IPAPS bear or compensate license and maintenance costs for the interface functions. On this matter please ask you IPAPS company.