



## Features

Legal StatusTracker is an alerting service that monitors changes to legal status of patent applications, granted patents and patent families.

The automated service tracks changes published weekly from top patent offices around the world, including INPADOC, USPTO, JPO, CNIPA, INPI, DPMA and OEPM.

Keep a broad overview of changes matching legal status groups and countries or go into detail using country specific legal status codes.

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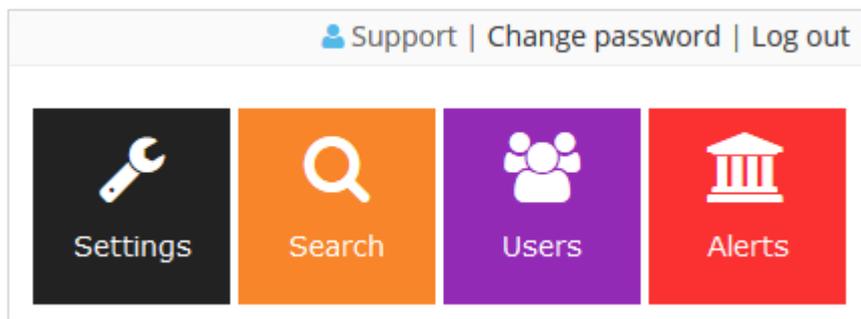
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## Source

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## Main Options

On the top right-hand side of the page there are four different options that would allow you to access *Settings*, *Search*, *Users* and *Alerts*.



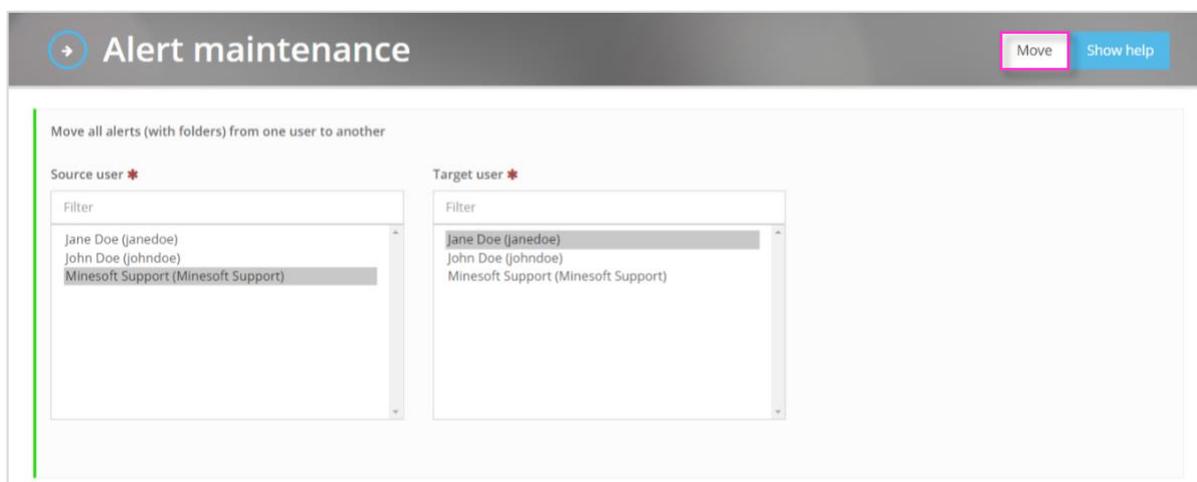
## Settings

Click on *Settings* to access the administrative options to setup alerts and emails. The settings menu is displayed, and you will be able to move alerts, re-route email notifications, set pull-down descriptions, create and manage predefined alert rules and view the current health status of the database.



## Move alerts

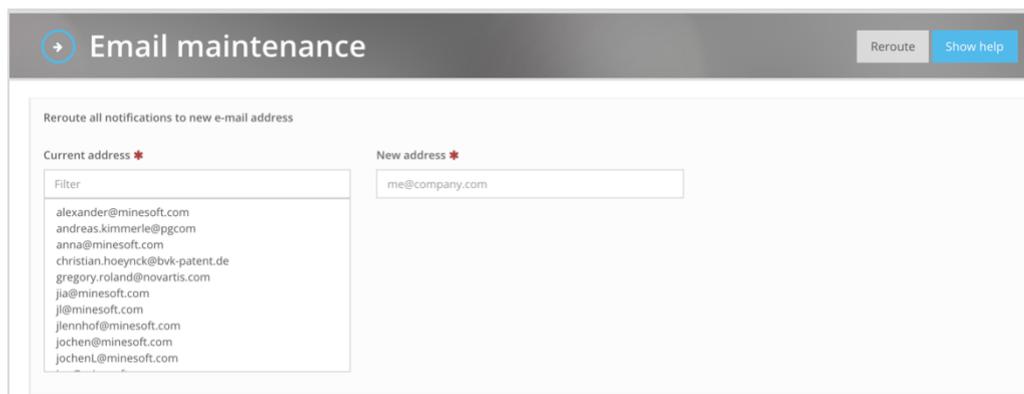
To transfer all alerts and associated folders from one user to a different user in the account, you need to select one user from the “Source user” list and the target user on the respective list and click on “Move” button.



The screenshot shows the "Alert maintenance" interface. At the top, there is a header with a back arrow, the title "Alert maintenance", and two buttons: "Move" and "Show help". Below the header, the main content area is titled "Move all alerts (with folders) from one user to another". It features two side-by-side selection lists. The left list is labeled "Source user" and the right list is labeled "Target user". Both lists have a "Filter" input field at the top. The "Source user" list contains three entries: "Jane Doe (janedoe)", "John Doe (johndoe)", and "Minesoft Support (Minesoft Support)". The "Target user" list contains the same three entries. The "Minesoft Support (Minesoft Support)" entry in both lists is highlighted.

## Email Maintenance

Use this tool if alert notifications need to be rerouted to a new email address. Any alerts associated with the current address will automatically be rerouted to the new email address once you have pressed the “Reroute” button.



The screenshot shows the "Email maintenance" interface. At the top, there is a header with a back arrow, the title "Email maintenance", and two buttons: "Reroute" and "Show help". Below the header, the main content area is titled "Reroute all notifications to new e-mail address". It features two input fields. The left field is labeled "Current address" and has a "Filter" input field above it. The "Current address" field contains a list of email addresses: "alexander@minesoft.com", "andreas.kimmerle@pgcom", "anna@minesoft.com", "christian.hoeynck@bvk-patent.de", "gregory.roland@novartis.com", "jia@minesoft.com", "jl@minesoft.com", "jlennhof@minesoft.com", "jochen@minesoft.com", and "jochenL@minesoft.com". The right field is labeled "New address" and contains the text "me@company.com".

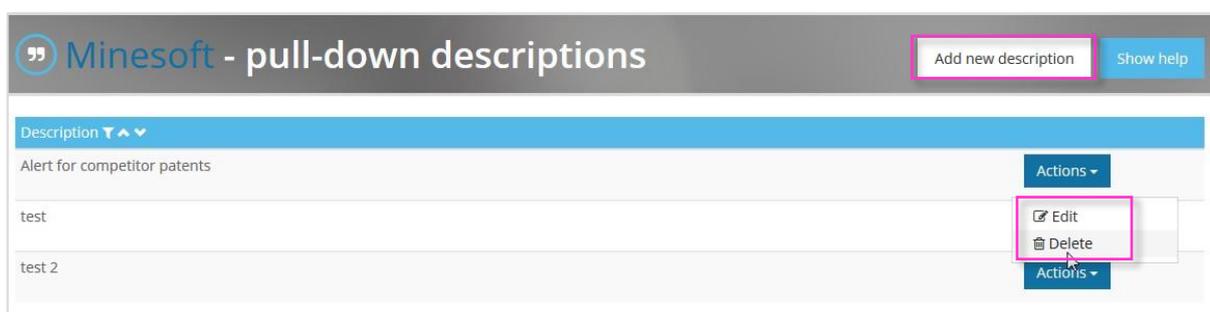
## Pull-down Descriptions

This allows you to control the descriptions users give the alerts they create. When creating an alert, users will be able to select from a pull-down menu the predefined alert description.

If you do not create any alert descriptions, users will be able to enter their own free text description for the alerts created in the database.

Click on “Add new description” to add an alert description.

You can edit or delete an alert description by selecting the “Actions” option next to the description.



## Alert Rules

Administrators can predefine alert rules that users can select when creating alerts instead of setting their own alerts rules. These rules help users to specifically monitor a country/countries legal event codes or legal status groups.

The legal status groups are created by Minesoft and allow users to search simultaneously for similar legal events from different patent authorities.



There are 2 ways to create an alert rule:

## 1. PRS Code Rule

Alert emails will be sent out if any monitored applications receive the PRS code(s) selected.

Adding an alert rule:

- Add an alert rule name
- Select a country from the list
- Select the PRS codes to predefine your alert criteria
- Save rule

The screenshot shows the 'Support - Add alert rule' interface. The form is divided into several sections:

- Rule name:** A text input field containing 'Expire patents'.
- Select country:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'WO - WIPO'.
- Select visible:** A section with a search box containing 'wp' and two checkboxes:
  - WPC - WITHDRAWAL OF PRIORITY CLAIMS AFTER...
  - WWP - WIPO INFORMATION: PUBLISHED IN NATL...

At the top right, there are two buttons: 'Save rule' (highlighted with a pink box) and 'Show help'. At the top left, there is a 'Support' logo and the title 'Support - Add alert rule'. The interface also includes control buttons like 'Select all', 'Clear selection', and 'Delete selected'.

**Please Note: if no rule criteria are selected, all events and countries will be monitored.**

## 2. Country & Legal Status Group Rule

Alert emails will be sent out if any changes are registered in the selected countries for the monitored applications and/or if any applications receive actions in the selected legal status groups.

Create predefined alert criteria rules based on countries and/or legal status groups.

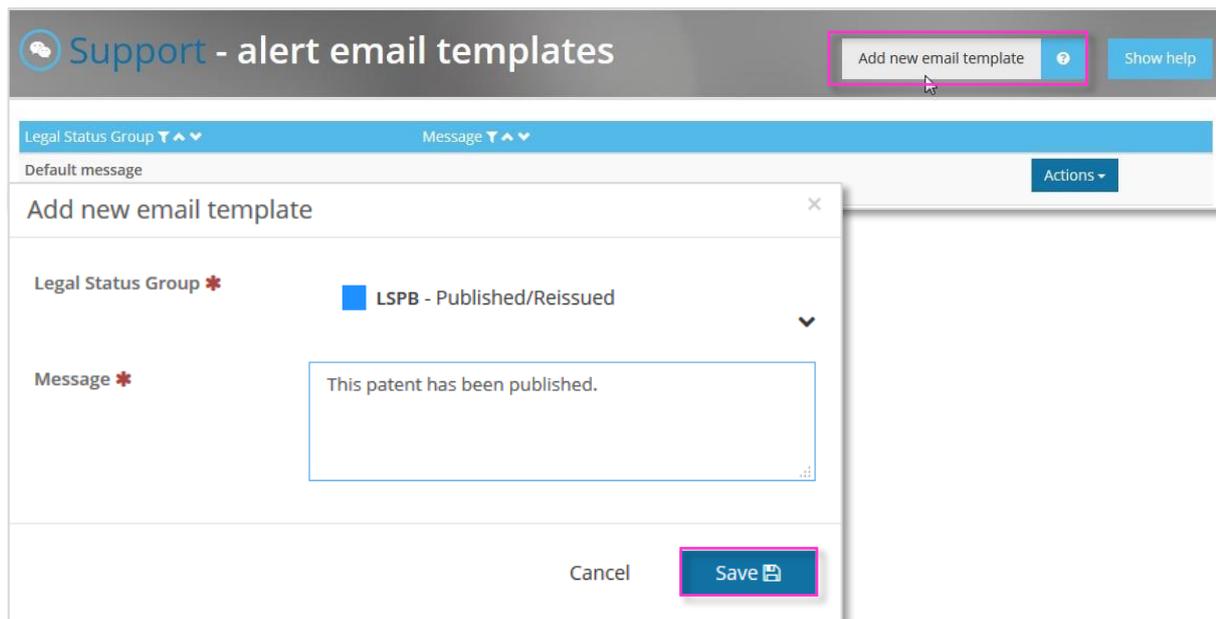
The screenshot shows the 'Support - Add alert rule' interface. At the top, there is a header with the title 'Support - Add alert rule' and two buttons: 'Save rule' and 'Show help'. Below the header, there is a 'Rule name' field containing the text 'EP and DE live patents'. The main area is divided into two columns, each with a 'Select all' and 'Clear selection' option. The left column lists countries, with 'EP - European Patent Office' and 'DE - Germany' checked. The right column lists legal status groups, with 'LSGT - Granted / Extensions (SPC, CPC, PTE...', 'LSPB - Published/Reissued', 'LSRX - Reexamination', and 'LSFE - Renewal Fees' checked.

**Please Note: if no country is selected, all countries will be monitored. If no legal status group is selected, all legal status groups will be monitored.**

## Alert Email Template

Users can create an email message template associated with a legal status group. The message will be automatically displayed in an email alert if the results contain any changes covered by the specified legal Status group.

To create a new email template, you need to select “Add new email template” from the bar menu, then select the legal status group from the scroll down menu, in the message box write the description you want to designate to the event and click on “Save”.

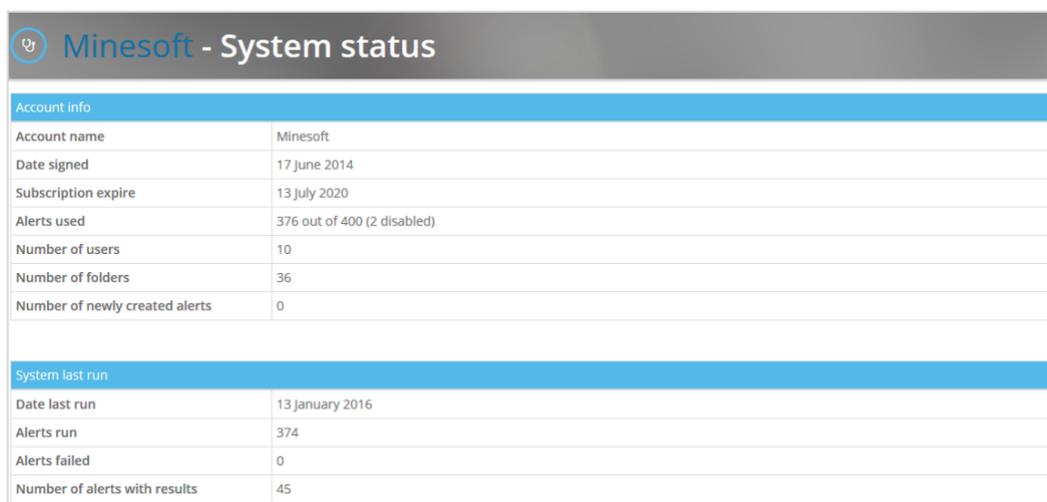


The screenshot displays the 'Support - alert email templates' interface. At the top, there is a header bar with the title 'Support - alert email templates' and two buttons: 'Add new email template' (highlighted with a pink box) and 'Show help'. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with 'Legal Status Group' and 'Message' dropdown menus. A 'Default message' section is visible, and an 'Actions' button is on the right. The main content area shows a dialog box titled 'Add new email template' with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside the dialog, there are two fields: 'Legal Status Group' with a red asterisk and a dropdown menu showing 'LSPB - Published/Reissued', and 'Message' with a red asterisk and a text input box containing 'This patent has been published.'. At the bottom of the dialog, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons, with the 'Save' button highlighted by a pink box.

**Please Note: This message will apply to all users across the company account.**

## System Status

This option allows you to review the current status of the system and account. Information such as the name of the account, date the subscription start and expired, how many alerts you have and used, number of users, folders and newly created alerts. Furthermore, there are details on when the alerts were last run and the number of alerts with results.



Account info	
Account name	Minesoft
Date signed	17 June 2014
Subscription expire	13 July 2020
Alerts used	376 out of 400 (2 disabled)
Number of users	10
Number of folders	36
Number of newly created alerts	0

System last run	
Date last run	13 January 2016
Alerts run	374
Alerts failed	0
Number of alerts with results	45

## Search

Use the search form to retrieve any alerts under the account, created by you or any other user.

Search for alerts by alert name, description, email address, users, recipient email, alert description, legal status event or case reference number. In addition, you can limit the search by legal status event date.

The publication number search will not only retrieve alerts matching the exact publication number entered, but any alerts with related publications from the same patent family.

Alert name

Publication number

Owner

Publication  Patent Family

Alert description

Recipient email

Legal Status Event  Select all  Clear all

- LSAL - Appeal
- LSDW - Deemed Withdrawn / Deemed...
- LSES - Examined / Search Report ...
- LSGT - Granted / Extensions (SPC...

Case reference

Limit by legal status event date

## Users

Access to *Users* is only available for administrators and this option can be found in the main menu. Managers can add or delete users, change passwords and/or email addresses, view the alerts of each user and access their account directly.

Minesoft (Support) - users

Name	User name	Email	Comments	Status	
Jane Doe	janedoe	<a href="mailto:jane@example.com">jane@example.com</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Active	
John Doe	johndoe	<a href="mailto:john@example.com">john@example.com</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Active	

- View alerts
- Reports
- Change password
- Delete
- Login as this user

## Add New User

Click on the “Add new user” and complete the form with the name, username, email address, password and comments if needed. Then select “Save user”.

## Alerts

### Creating a Folder

Before creating an alert, users have the choice of create a new folder where they can save all the alerts related to a specific subject/project, otherwise they will be saved in the default folder.

To create a new folder, select “Create Folder”, add a name and comments (optional). By default, all emails based on alerts created in that folder will be aggregated into one email. If you would like separate emails for each alert in a folder, uncheck the “Aggregate email” checkbox. Then click on “Save”.

Create new folder ×  
 Name \*   
 Comments   
 Aggregate e-mail   
Cancel

The new folder will be displayed under the Folders list, where you can delete or edit a folder name, if necessary.

Select user  
  
 Folders list ▼  
   AI Inventors  
   Default folder

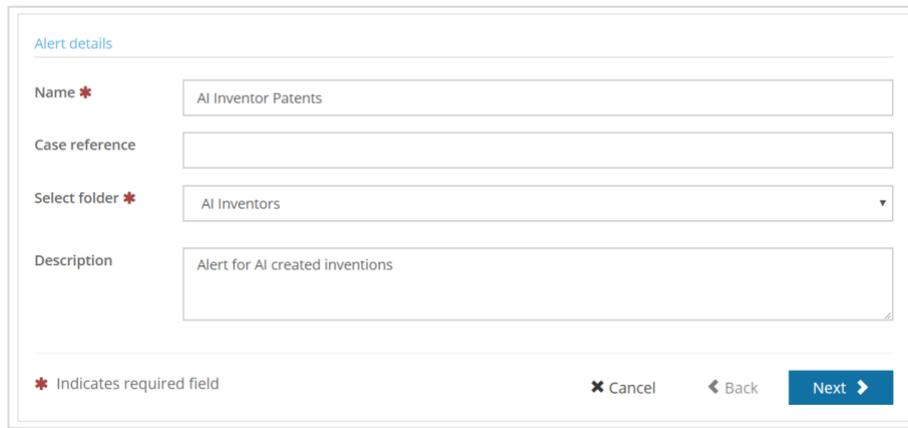
It is recommended that the number of alerts per folder would not exceed 150.

#### Create an Alert

To create an alert, click on “Create alert” and follow 5 stages: Alert details, Notification settings, Publication(s), Rules and Summary.

## Alert details

Add an alert name and select a folder to save the alert. The case reference and description are optional if you want to include any further relevant information.

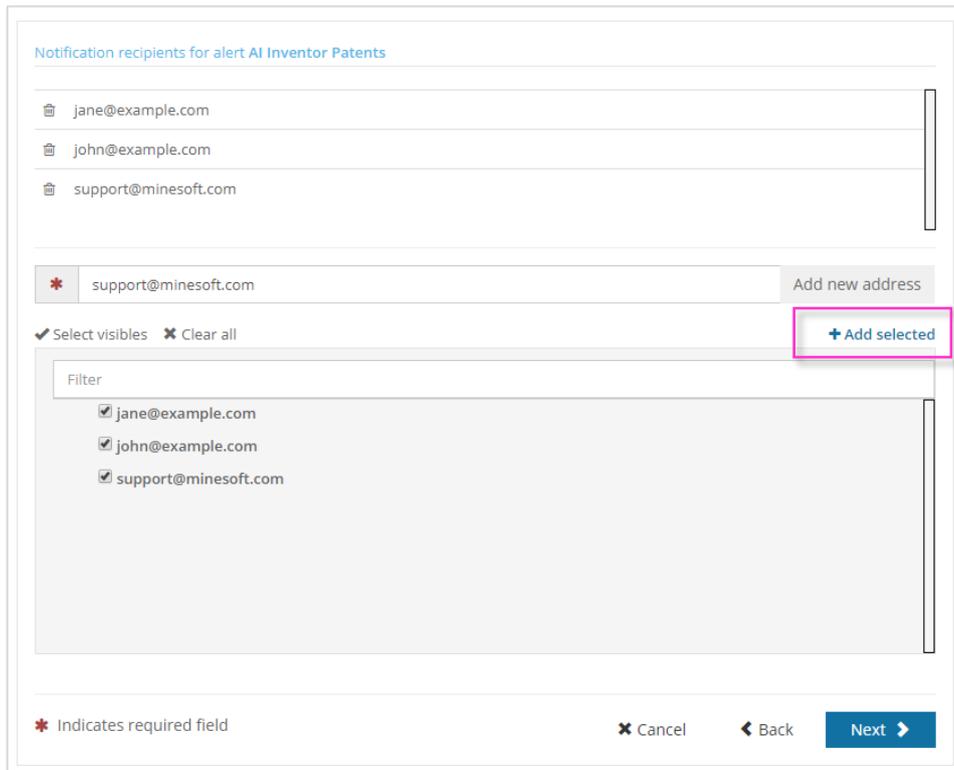


The 'Alert details' form contains the following fields and controls:

- Name \***: Text input field containing 'AI Inventor Patents'.
- Case reference**: Empty text input field.
- Select folder \***: Dropdown menu showing 'AI Inventors'.
- Description**: Text area containing 'Alert for AI created inventions'.
- Legend**: '\* Indicates required field'.
- Navigation**: 'Cancel', 'Back', and 'Next >' buttons.

## Notification settings

This is where you can setup who you want to receive the alert results. Select the users you wish to send the alert to and click "Add selected" to add to recipient email list. Multiple recipients can be added.



The 'Notification recipients for alert AI Inventor Patents' form includes:

- Recipient List**: A list of email addresses: jane@example.com, john@example.com, and support@minesoft.com.
- Add new address**: Input field containing support@minesoft.com with a red asterisk indicating it is required.
- Selection Controls**: 'Select visibles' (checked) and 'Clear all' buttons.
- + Add selected**: A button highlighted with a pink box, used to add the selected recipients to the list.
- Filter**: A section with a search box and a list of checked recipients: jane@example.com, john@example.com, and support@minesoft.com.
- Legend**: '\* Indicates required field'.
- Navigation**: 'Cancel', 'Back', and 'Next >' buttons.

## Publication(s)

Select “Single” to create an alert using a single publication number.

Enter the publication number in the box and press “Verify” to verify the number is correct.

If it is not a valid number, the input box turns red.

If the number is verified successfully, the entry box turns green and you can view the publication details by clicking on the “View” icon on the right.

Patent family/families to monitor for alert **POULTRY MEAT AND POULTRY EGGS FATTY ACIDS**

Single  Multiple (Click to see PN formats)

Please enter any publication of the patent family of interest to specify the patent family

\* JP2015070849 A2 ✓ View

Note: If searching for a Chinese publication you must include a kind code after the number ie. CN1235680A

\* Indicates required field      ✕ Cancel      ⬅ Back      Next ➡

Alternatively, select “Multiple” to create an alert using multiple publications numbers.

The alert criteria will be applied for all the publication numbers entered.

Enter or paste a list of publication numbers into the input box (one number per line). Click “Verify and add” to verify the numbers and populate the box above, where you can view publication details for each patent, and delete any if required.

If a number or numbers from your list is not successfully verified, it remains in the input box.

***Please Note: duplicate numbers (based on patent families) are removed automatically.***

Patent family/families to monitor for alert **Plant Breeding**

Single  Multiple (Click to see PN formats)

		US2015267215 AA
		WO16001121 A1
		WO13090628 A1

Type in publication numbers of the patent family of interest to specify the patent family \*

Deduplicate families

Note: If searching for a Chinese publication you must include a kind code after the number ie. CN1235680A

\* Indicates required field

## Rules

There are 3 different ways to create criteria rules for the alert:

*Copy from predefined rule* – Use a predefined rule from a list of rules that a company administrator has already created.

Click 'Select' on one of the predefined alert criteria rules listed.

*Create from country & legal status groups* – Create a simple rule based on country and legal status group selections.

Select a country or countries, or select all countries, from the list. Select a legal status group or groups from the right-hand list.

You can combine countries and legal status groups.

If you select a country and a group, both must be present together to trigger an alert result.

If you select countries but no legal status groups, all legal status events for those selected countries will be monitored.

If you select legal status groups but no countries, those legal status events will be monitored for all countries.

Rules for alert Plant Breeding

Selected rules Predefined Rules **Create Country & Legal Status Rule** Create PRS Code Rule

✓ Select all ✕ Clear all

- AP - Africa Regional IP Organisation
- AR - Argentina
- AU - Australia
- AT - Austria
- BY - Belarus
- BE - Belgium
- BR - Brazil

✓ Select all ✕ Clear all

- LSAL - Appeal
- LSDW - Deemed Withdrawn / Deemed...
- LSES - Examined / Search Report ...
- LSGT - Granted / Extensions (SPC...
- LSLE - Lapsed / Expired / Ceased...
- LSNP - National Phase Entry
- LSOP - Opposition / Request for ...

Save

\* Indicates required field

✕ Cancel ◀ Back Next ▶

country from the dropdown list to display the corresponding list of PRS codes in the left-hand column.

Multiple countries and PRS codes can be selected and added to the list. Click on “Add selected” to populate the right hand column.

Rules for alert Plant Breeding

Selected rules | Predefined Rules | Create Country & Legal Status Rule | **Create PRS Code Rule**

EP - European Patent Office

Select visibles  
  Clear all  
 [+ Add selected](#)

Filter

- 110E - REQUEST FOR CONVERSION IN...
- 111L - LICENCES
- 111R - OTHER RIGHTS "IN REM"
- 111Z - REGISTERING OF LICENCES O...
- 16A - NEW DOCUMENTS DISCOVERED ...
- 17A - APPLICATION MAINTAINED
- 18D - DEEMED TO BE WITHDRAWN
- 18R - REFUSED

Select all  
  Clear all  
 [- Remove selected](#)

- EP - 17P (REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION F...)
- EP - 17Q (FIRST EXAMINATION REPORT)
- EP - 26 (OPPOSITION FILED)
- EP - 26D (OPPOSITION DEEMED NOT TO ...)

**Save**

\* Indicates required field

Cancel   [← Back](#)   **Next** [→](#)

*Please Note: You can add multiple rules to the alert by a combination of these methods.*

An alert set-up summary will be displayed before completing the process.

Alert set-up summary

**ALERT DETAILS**

**AI Inventor Patents**  
 The alert will be created in folder: *AI Inventors*  
 Description is: *Alert for AI created inventions*  
 Case reference is not set

**NOTIFICATION SETTINGS**

Results will be sent to 3 email addresses  
*jane@example.com*  
*john@example.com*  
*support@minesoft.com*

**PATENT FAMILY/FAMILIES**

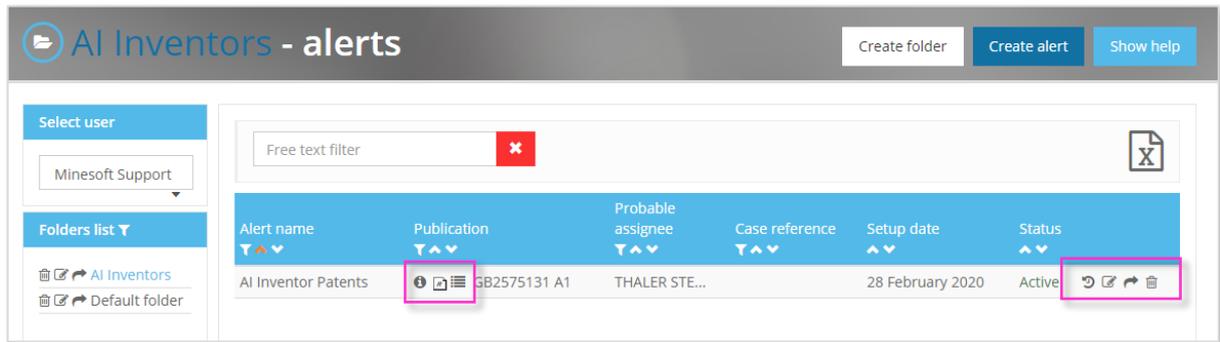
One alert will be created  
*GB2575131 A1*

**RULES**

One rule set up  
 Groups/countries   Countries: GB Groups: 0000 (Default) LSAL (Appeal)

\* Indicates required field

Cancel   [← Back](#)   **Complete alert set-up** [→](#)



Alerts are displayed in a table indicating the alert name, publication, probable assignee name, case reference if it was given, the date the alert was setup and the status.

The following are the links under Publication which will allow you to view further information:

-  Publication details to a custom link or PatBase Express Link
-  National Register information
  -  Legal Status Table view
  - 

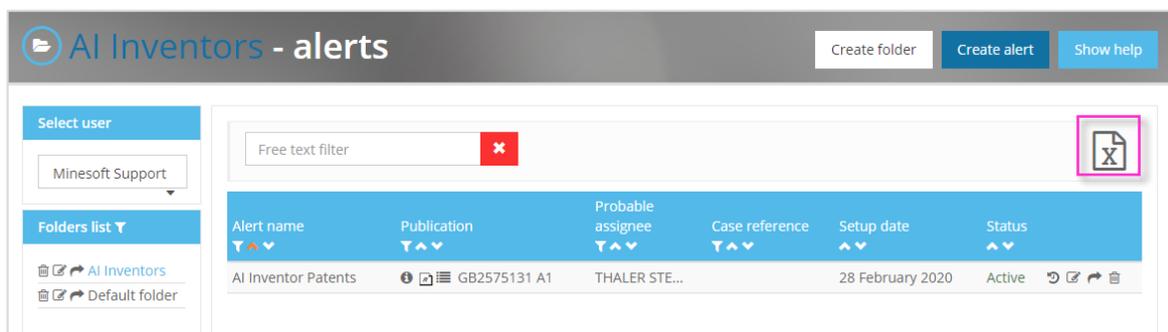
The status of the alert can be changed from active to inactive if you want to freeze the alert for a period of time, the system will not send results from an inactive alert.

Users can track the changes using the “Changes reports” or edit an alert, move the alert to another folder or delete it selecting the following options:

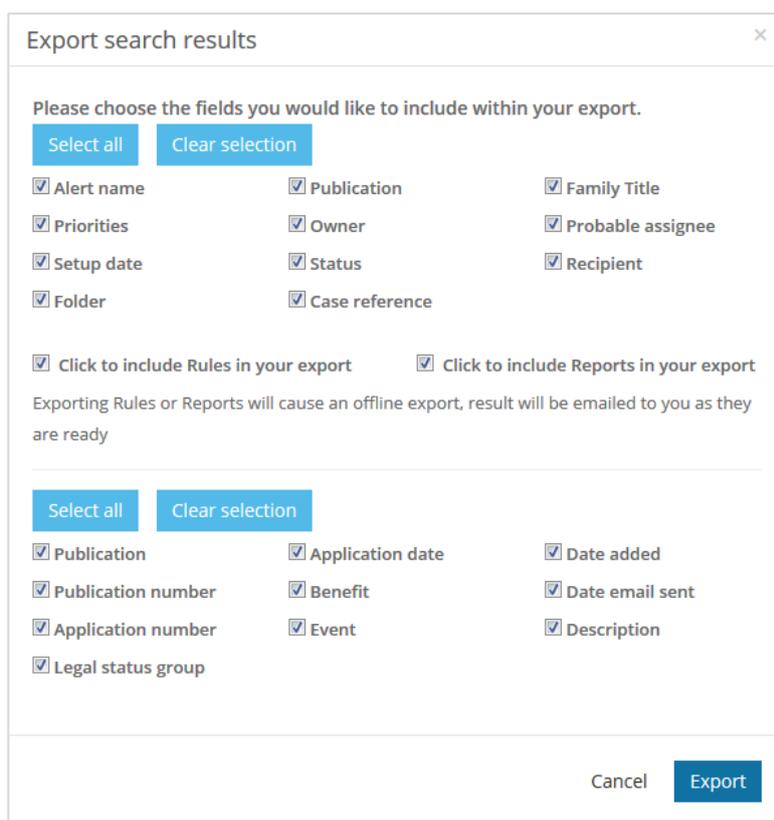
-  Changes Reports
-  Details and Edit
-  Move to another folder
-  Delete alert

## Exporting Alerts

Alerts can be exported to an Excel file, by selecting the X icon in the right-hand corner.



Various fields can be included within your exports, such as the alert name, priorities, publication, family title, priorities, owner, probable assignee, setup date, status, recipient, and folder and case reference.



The rules and reports can also be included in the exports but if you select either of these options, it will cause an offline export.