



Handover of the Working Lists Management from the EPO to WIPO

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Agenda

- Project Status
- Project preparatory actions

Project status: to be initiated

2015 :

- Project Purpose: Handover of part of the MCD processing from the EPO to WIPO
- EPO/WIPO Bilateral cooperation plan in this direction

Project preparation

2016 Project initiation; To document:

- Project definition
- Business case
- Project approach
- Expected benefits
- Success criteria
- Resources
- Risk management

Project preparation

2016 Perspectives: Terms of reference

- Various specification e.g. of the WL distribution algorithm
- Planned ecosystem for WL and RL management
- Transition plan
- Procurement process

2017 Perspectives:

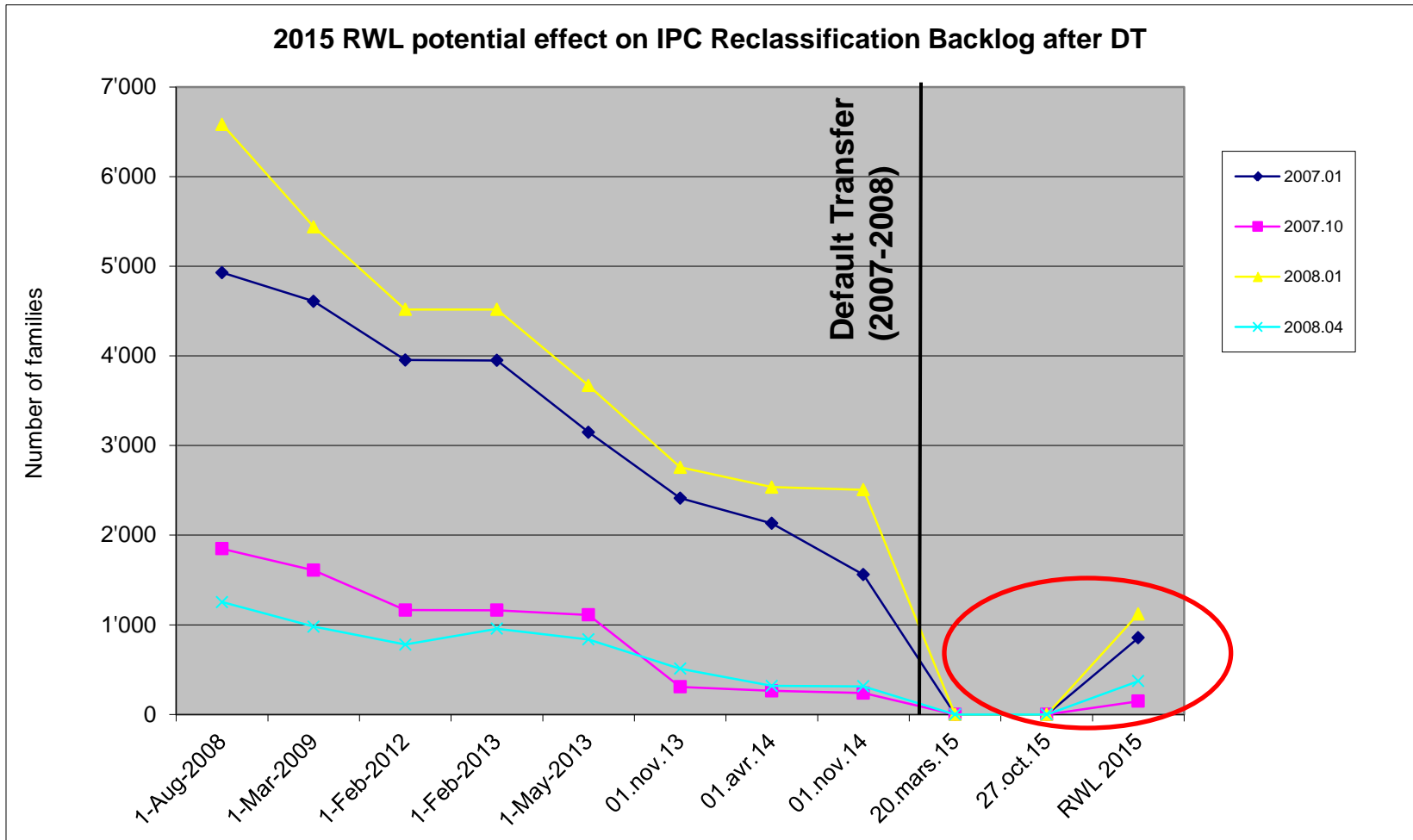
- Implementation
- Target 2018.01 WL creation

Project preparation: IPC reclassification investigations

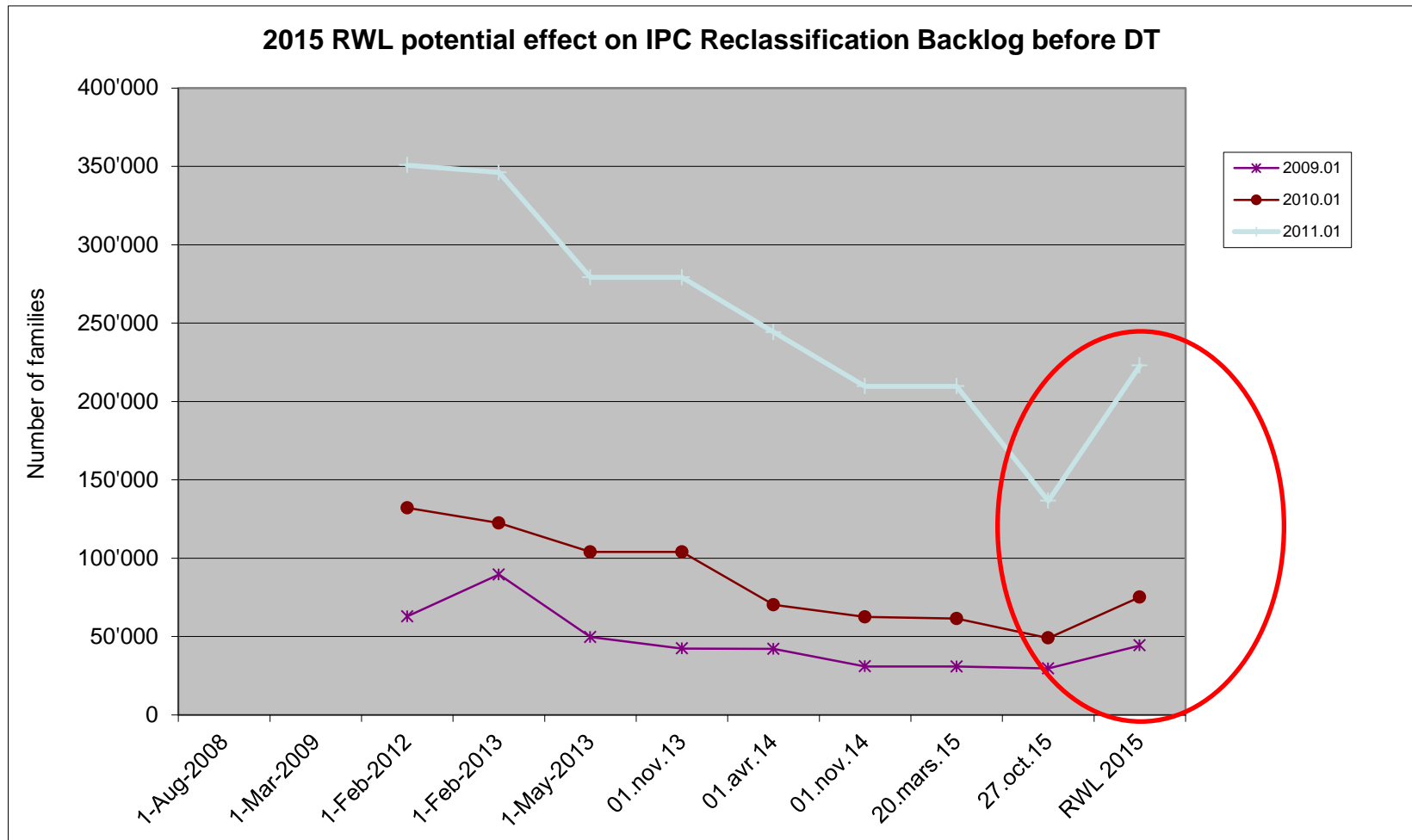
According to IPCRECLASS the backlog of reclassification over 2 Million of patent families

- Default transfer applied to 2007 and 2008 revisions
- Attempt to synchronize MCD and IPCRECLASS through Residual Working Lists (RWLs) in summer 2015 put on hold in view of unforeseen aspects (substantial increase of the actual IPC reclassification backlog in large Offices)
- RWLs for IPC versions after Default Transfer create technical issues in IPCRECLASS (e.g. need to extend the current limit of 10 IPC versions)

Simulation of 2015 RWLs uploading in IPCRECLASS



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IPC reclassification investigations

Conclusions to date:

- RWL need to be redone for previous IPC revisions before any new Default Transfer
- New simulation foreseen in May 2016
- Solutions needed to address IPCRECLASS technical limits

IPC reclassification investigations

Trigger new questions: work in progress

- What should happen after Default Transfer
- RL quality rules should be revisited
- De-activation algorithm

Trigger potential changes for the future solution:

- Rules governing propagation to Family members
- Offices practices in terms of IPC corrections

IT operations and support for IPC

Questions?

