

A worldwide patent search was conducted up until 11.10.2005 using the Delphion and Esp@ceNet patent servers - no time restriction was imposed upon this search.

The purpose of this exercise was to ascertain the extent of existing Intellectual Property, Patents and Copyrights in the field of organic waste reclamation and subsequent reuse within the food chain.

Terminology used whilst conducting the search has been tabulated as `Category` against identification `code`, `number` (of patents identified) and the `Main Centres of Activity`, which have been extrapolated from these data.

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS			
CATEGORY	CODE	NUMBER	Main Centres of Activity
ENZYMATIC LIBERATION	ENZ	3	EU
BY-PRODUCT	BYP	3	US
COMPOST	COM	71	JP
DIGESTION	DIG	16	US
EXTRACTION	EXT	32	EU > US
FERMENTATION	FER	41	JP
FILTRATION	FIL	41	US
FOOD ADDITIVE	ADD	79	JP
OLIGOSACCHARIDES	OLI	13	US > EU
POLYSACCHARIDES	POL	4	EU - US
UPGRADING	UPG	4	EU
VALORISATION	VAL	10	EU
VALUE-ADDED	VAD	8	US
VEGETABLE WASTE	VEG	17	US > EU
VITRIFICATION	VIT	1	EU
Total 343			(> = greater than. - = approximately equal to)

The following search terms did not yield any relevant results:

- Organic by-products
- Polyphenols
- Antioxidants
- Anthocyanidins
- Growing media