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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE IPC
EMANATING FROM REVISION PROJECTS

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1. The amendments to the IPC emanating from revision projects, contained in the Annexes to this document, have been approved by the PCIPI Working Group on Search Information, at its seventh to twentieth sessions, and are herewith submitted to the Committee of Experts for adoption. These amendments concern the following IPC classes and subclasses:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Annex</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Annex</u>	<u>Project</u>
A 41 B	1	315	B 01 D	7	246, 321
A 47 G	2	28, 316	B 01 J	8	224
A 61 B	3	271	B 03 C	9	246
A 61 K	4	139	B 04 C	10	246
A 61 N	5	345	B 07 C	11	309
A 63 F	6	273	B 09 B	12	245

<u>Area</u>	<u>Annex</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Annex</u>	<u>Project</u>
B 21 B	13	257	F 23 J	47	224
B 28 D	14	161	F 23 K	48	224
B 60 B	15	245	F 23 L	49	224
B 60 Q	16	28	F 23 N	50	224
B 60 R	17	258	F 23 R	51	224
B 61 D	18	28	F 27	52	224
B 62 D	19	245	F 27 B	53	224
B 65 D	20	280, 305	G 01 C	54	291
B 65 G	21	245	G 01 N	55	308
C 12 C	22	305	G 02 B	56	28
E 04 H	23	289	G 04 B	57	293
E 06 B	24	307	G 04 G	58	293
E 21	25	161	G 05 D	59	224
E 21 B	26	161	G 05 F	60	293
E 21 C	27	161	G 05 G	61	335
E 21 D	28	161	G 06 F	62	294
E 21 F	29	161	G 06 K	63	295
F 01 N	30	246	G 07 D	64	295, 309
F 02 C	31	224	G 07 F	65	309
F 16 L	32	161	G 08 G	66	291
F 21	33	28	G 10 K	67	332
F 21 H	34	28	G 11 B	68	266
F 21 K	35	28	G 11 C	69	267
F 21 L	36	28	G 12 B	70	266
F 21 M	37	28	H 01 B	71	268, 311
F 21 P	38	28	H 01 L	72	269
F 21 Q	39	28	H 01 R	73	28
F 21 S	40	28	H 02 G	74	268
F 21 V	41	28	H 02 J	75	293
F 21 W	42	28	H 02 M	76	293
F 21 Y	43	28	H 03 K	77	293
F 23 B	44	224	H 03 M	78	238
F 23 C	45	224	H 04 L	79	312
F 23 H	46	224	H 04 N	80	304

2. The amendments referred to in the preceding paragraph have been compiled by the International Bureau from the following Annexes of the reports of the PCIPI Working Group on Search Information (in the order of the revision projects):

Project/Projet	Class or subclass affected/ Classe ou sous-classe touchée	Approved amendments contained in Annex .. to document/ Modifications approuvées contenues dans l'annexe .. du document																									
		SI/XX/7		XIX/5		XVIII/6		XVII/9		XVI/8		XV/9		XIV/7		XIII/7		XII/5		XI/8		X/6		IX/4		VIII/6	VII/7
		(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(F)	(E)	(E)
28	A 47 G			E,1E	1F																						
	B 60 Q	1E	1F	2																							
	B 61 D	2E	2F																								
	F 21	E,3E	E,3F	3E*	3F*																						
	F 21 H			4E	4F																						
	F 21 K			5E	5F																						
	F 21 L			E,6E	E,6F																			E*	10*	E,12*	
	F 21 M			7E	7F																						
	F 21 P			8E	8F																						
	F 21 Q			9E	9F																						
	F 21 S	E,4E	E, 4F	E*, 10E*	E, 10F*																			E, 11A*	11B*	E*, 13*	E,19*
	F 21 V	5E	E,5F	E, 11E	11F*																			E*, 12*			20*
	F 21 W			E, 12E	E, 12F					E*, 1E*															13*	14*	21
	F 21 Y			E, 13E	13F					2*																	
	G 02 B		6	14																							
	H 01 R		7	15																							
139	A 61 K	E,8E	E,8F			6E*	6F*																				

* Affected by more recent changes (see Annexes E to reports)./
Touchée par des modifications plus récentes (voir les annexes E des rapports).

(E): English/Anglais
(F): French/Français

E: Indicates Annex E to the report./Indique l'annexe E du rapport.

3. In addition to the approval of the amendments referred to above, the PCIPI Working Group on Search Information considered matters to which its attention had been drawn by the Committee of Experts (see document IPC/CE/XXV/7, paragraph 12) and agreed as follows:

Project C 139 (chemical) – In response to the questions raised by the Committee of Experts (see document IPC/CE/XXV/7, paragraph 12(b)), certain changes were proposed to the new classification scheme of group A 61 K 31/00 adopted by the Committee (see Annex 9 to document IPC/CE/XXV/7), as given in Annex 4 to this document. In particular, the Working Group agreed that:

- the expression “amino group” in the titles of groups 31/195 to 31/197 should include its “acylated forms”, and a note to that effect was introduced after group 31/195;
- the term “chain” in the titles of groups 31/197 and 31/20 should be specified as the “acyclic chain”;
- group 31/26 should be retained in the classification scheme and cover also “cyanate or isocyanate esters”;
- the place and hierarchical position of group 31/357 were correct;
- the expressions “containing further heterocyclic rings” and “condensed with heterocyclic rings” should also cover compounds having two or more identical heterocyclic rings, and a new Note (2) was introduced to that effect after group 31/00;
- group 31/645 should be deleted from the classification scheme;
- the references to “papaverine” and “noscapine” were not needed in group 31/485;
- the references introduced, for example, in groups 31/4745 and 31/4748, pointing to groups placed further down in the classification scheme should be retained, despite the application of the last place rule in group 31/00, in view of the practical reasons therefor, as facilitating classification and search in the complex classification scheme;
- the wording of group 31/48 was correct, in particular “lysergic acid” should be retained as an example in the wording;
- “melarsoprol” should be included as an example in the wording of group 31/555, rather than of group 31/53;
- certain changes should be made in the range of groups 31/5055 to 31/53, in particular, group 31/507 (see Annex 9 to document IPC/CE/XXV/7) should be renumbered as group 31/519 to become a hierarchically superior group for group 31/52;
- the wordings of groups 31/7042, 31/7048 and 31/7052 were not in need to be further specified by using the expressions indicated in Note (3) following the title of subclass C 07 H.

Project C 238 (electrical) – In response to the question raised by the Committee of Experts (see document IPC/CE/XXV/7, paragraph 12(a)), it was agreed that group H 03 M 13/00 had undergone a change of scope since it had received new subject matter (see Annex 78 to this document). It was further agreed that transfer of subject matter to that group from subclass H 04 L, outlined by Germany (see Annex 34 to the project file), should be borne in mind by the Rapporteur concerned when preparing the respective part of the Revision Concordance List.

4. The following changes to amendments already approved by the Committee of Experts were agreed to by the PCIPI Working Group on Search Information:

Project	Document and Annex	Place	Superseded by corresponding entry, see Annex .. to this document
139	CE/XXV/7, A.9	A 01 D Notes after 31/00 31/197 31/20 31/275 31/5055 31/5065 31/507 31/5075 31/508 31/52 31/522 31/53 31/555 31/645 31/655	4
238	CE/XXV/7, A.68	H 03 M 13/00	78
266	CE/XXIV/10, A.32	G 11 B 9/00	68
266	CE/XXIV/10, A.33	G 12 B Note after 21/00	70

5. *The Committee of Experts is invited to adopt the amendments to the IPC proposed in Annexes 1 to 80 to this document.*

[Technical Annexes follow]