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AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDE TO THE IPC

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1. The text of the revised Guide to the Eighth (2006) Edition of the IPC was adopted by the IPC Committee of Experts at its thirty-fourth session in February 2004 (see Annex VI to document IPC/CE/34/10). As was discovered by the International Bureau and certain industrial property offices, certain amendments are needed to some paragraphs of the revised Guide. Those amendments either reflect the developments of IPC reform since February 2004 or relate to correction of errors and clarification of the text of the Guide.

2. The Annex to this document contains proposed amendments to the text of the Guide. The text proposed for deletion has been stricken out and the new text is shown in bold characters.

3. The Committee of Experts is invited to adopt the proposed amendments to the revised Guide to the IPC.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED GUIDE TO THE IPC

Paragraph 3 – Addition to the text

---Korean, Polish, **Portuguese**, Romanian, Russian---

Paragraph 16 – Addition of the text relating to the new version of the IPC:CLASS CD-ROM

---obtained from WIPO (**Version 4.1**), contains---in the Classification. **The IPC:CLASS CD-ROM relating to the eighth edition of the IPC (Version 5.0) contains a complete text of the eighth edition in English and French, including the electronic layer of the Classification.**

Paragraph 42 (a) – Correction of an error

---(iii) has been deleted (see under **(ed)** below).

Paragraphs 147, 151 – Harmonization of the text relating to the first place priority rule and the last place priority rule

Paragraph 147 – ---“In this subclass / main group(s) / group(s), at each hierarchical level, **in the absence of an indication to the contrary**, classification is made in the first appropriate place.”

Paragraph 151 – ---“In this subclass / main group(s) / group(s), **at each hierarchical level**, in the absence of an indication to the contrary, classification is made in the last appropriate place.”

Paragraphs 158 to 161 – Bringing the text in conformity with the final new version of the WIPO Standard ST.10/C. The current paragraphs 158 to 161 are deleted. The new paragraphs are given below.

Paragraph 158 – The current version indicator of the core level (year) has to be placed in round brackets after the abbreviation “Int.Cl.”, if the document is classified, at least partly, using the core level. Most offices will classify a given document only in one level, i.e. only in the advanced level or only in the core level (see Examples (a) and (b) in paragraph 161, below). When classifying using the advanced level, the version indicator for each IPC symbol, indicating when this symbol was created or substantially revised at the advanced level (year, month), is placed in round brackets after each IPC symbol.

Paragraph 159. When classifying using the core level classification, IPC symbols are printed or displayed in regular font style, and when classifying using the advanced level classification, IPC symbols are printed or displayed in italics.

Paragraph 160 – The invention information symbols are printed or displayed in bold font style and the additional information symbols are printed or displayed in regular font style.

Paragraph 161 – Sample representations of IPC classification symbols and indicators are given below for the same document when classified using the advanced level, the core level or both the advanced level and the core level.

(a) When classified in the advanced level:

Int.Cl.

B28B5/00 (2006.01)

B28B1/29 (2007.04)

H05B 3/18 (2008.07)

Where: ***B28B 5/00*** indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the advanced level classification (italics font style);
B28B 1/29 indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the advanced level classification (italics font style);
H05B 3/18 indicates additional information (regular font style, i.e., non-bold) classified using the advanced level classification (italics font style);

(b) When classified in the core level:

Int. Cl. (2006)

B28B 5/00

B28B 1/00

H05B 3/10

Where: **B28B 5/00** indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the core level classification (regular font style, i.e., non-italics);
B28B 1/00 indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the core level classification (regular font style, i.e., non-italics);
H05B 3/10 indicates additional information (regular font style, i.e., non-bold) classified using the core level classification (regular font style, i.e., non-italics);

(c) When invention information is classified in the advanced level and additional information in the core level:

Int. Cl. (2006)

B28B 5/00 (2006.01)

B28B 1/29 (2007.04)

H05B 3/10

Where: ***B28B 5/00*** indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the advanced level classification (italics font style);
B28B 1/29 indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the advanced level classification (italics font style);
H05B 3/10 indicates additional information (regular font style, i.e., non-bold) classified using the core level classification (regular font style, i.e., non-italics).

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