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**INTRODUCTION OF ILLUSTRATING CHEMICAL FORMULAE IN THE
ELECTRONIC LAYER OF THE IPC**

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1. At its seventh session, held in June 2002, the IPC Revision Working Group agreed to appoint an office-rapporteur for each area of the IPC where illustrating chemical formulae were available in order to review those formulae for which a commenting office indicated errors or disagreed with the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO). The Rapporteur should select the most appropriate example from those available (see document IPC/WG/7/7, paragraphs 32 to 40).
2. The Working Group designated offices-rapporteurs for each subclass included in the collection (see Annex J to document IPC/WG/7/7) and requested them to submit their reports for discussion at its next session (see document IPC/WG/7/7, paragraph 40).
3. Rapporteur reports as well as comments on some of the reports were received from Germany, Ireland, the Russian Federation, the United States of America and the European Patent Office (EPO). These reports and comments are available on the IPC revision list server (<http://listbox.wipo.int/ipc-revision>).

4. In addition to the recommendation made at the seventh session of the Working Group, some rapporteurs have checked not only those parts of the formulae where errors or disagreement were indicated by commenting offices, but also the other groups in their area of responsibility. Furthermore, the EPO also double-checked the formulae in subclasses C 07 C, C 07 D, C 07 F, C 07 H and C 07 J (where the EPO was not designated as rapporteur), while Germany did the same in subclass C 12 P. Those double checks were partially reviewed by the rapporteurs concerned. The current state of the work on the introduction of chemical formulae is shown in the Annex to this document.

5. The Working Group is invited to consider the current state of the project of introducing chemical formulae in the electronic layer of the IPC and to decide on the ways for completing the project.

[Annex follows]

ANNEX

AREAS OF THE IPC WHERE ILLUSTRATING
CHEMICAL FORMULAE ARE AVAILABLE

IPC Area	Commenting Office	Rapporteur	Comments received from	Remarks
A 01 N	FR	EP		
A 61 K	EP	SE		RR not received
C 07 C_01	EP	RU	EP	
C 07 C_02	EP	RU	EP	
C 07 C_03	EP	RU	EP	
C 07 C_04	EP	RU	EP	
C 07 C_05	EP	RU	EP	
C 07 C_06	EP	RU	EP	
C 07 C_07	EP	RU	EP	
C 07 C_08	RU	EP		
C 07 C_09	RU	EP		
C 07 C_10	RU	EP		
C 07 C_011	RU	EP		
C 07 D_01	DE	IE	EP	DE comments in general on EP
C 07 D_02	DE	IE	EP	DE comments in general on EP
C 07 D_03	DE	IE	EP	DE comments in general on EP
C 07 D_04	DE	IE	EP	DE comments in general on EP
C 07 D_05	DE	IE	EP	DE comments in general on EP
C 07 D_06	DE	IE	EP	DE comments in general on EP
C07D_07	IE	DE	EP	RR received after EP's comments
C 07 D_08	IE	DE	EP	RR received after EP's comments
C 07 D_09	IE	DE	EP	RR received after EP's comments
C 07 D_10	IE	DE	EP	RR received after EP's comments

IPC Area	Commenting Office	Rapporteur	Comments received from	Remarks
C 07 D_11	IE	DE	EP	RR received after EP's comments
C 07 D_12	IE	DE	EP	RR received after EP's comments
C 07 F	RO	IE	EP	RR not received
C 07 H	IE	DE	EP	RR received after EP's comments
C 07 J	IE	DE	EP	RR received after EP's comments
C 08 B	RO	EP		
C 08 F	SE	GB		RR not received
C 08 G	GB	EP		
C 08 L	GB	EP		
C 09 B	RO			
C 09 D	GB	DE		
C 09 J	GB	DE		
C 09 K	US	GB		RR not received
C 12 P	ES	US	DE	Revised RR from US

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