

ANNEX K

RULES FOR THE PRESENTATION OF  
ILLUSTRATING CHEMICAL FORMULAE

1. Illustrating chemical formulae should serve only as examples of subject matter classified in IPC entries; general formulae for main groups should only be given in exceptional cases. The user's attention should be drawn to this function of illustrating chemical formulae.
2. The number of examples should be limited and one example should normally be given for each relevant IPC group.
3. For facilitating understanding of the examples, simple specific formulae should be used; three-dimensional formulae could be included where necessary.
4. With respect to substituents, their structural presentation should be used as far as possible, and not their chemical names or trivial names.
5. Formulae with the numbering of ring atoms in cyclic compounds should be included in main groups of the IPC when the numbering is used in the text of the groups.
6. When there is a doubt as to which part of subject matter of the IPC group, covering, for example, a chemical process, an illustrating formula relates, additional indications should be made.
7. In polymers areas of the IPC, polymers should normally be used for illustrating purposes, except when it is not sufficient for describing the contents of a group.

[Annex L follows]