

**IPC HYBRID SYSTEM PROJECT FILES/
DOSSIERS DE PROJET DE SYSTÈME HYBRIDE DE LA CIB**

**ELECTRICAL FIELD/
DOMAINE DE L'ÉLECTRICITÉ**



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PROPOSAL BY: PROPOSITION DE :	EP	HYBRID SYSTEM OF IPC AREA: SYSTÈME HYBRIDE DU DOMAINE DE LA CIB :	G06F
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RAPPORTEUR : EP

TECHNICAL FIELD/DOMAINE TECHNIQUE :

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Project: H034/02 Subclass: G06F

Ref: IPC/WG/7/7, Annex I

Conversion of IPC indexing schemes:

- G06F 101:00
- G06F 151:00 - 171:00

At its last meeting, the ad hoc IPC Reform Working Group decided to **abolish** those two indexing schemes.

We propose to follow the WG recommendation.

The EPO never used such schemes for classification.

The concerned subject matter is covered elsewhere, even though not a complete one-to-one correspondence between such indexes and existing other places can be identified. For the following comments, please also refer to Table I.

G06F 101:00 (and subcodes)

EPO practice has been to classify this subject matter in G06F 1/02 and (IPC and ECLA) subgroups. It is EPO opinion that this scheme can be abolished, also in view of the rather small population. In case of specific interest, a small number of subgroups under group 1/02 could be envisaged in order to collect documents bearing some of the subcodes.

G06F 151-157

The subject matter covered by these codes is already classified in G06F 17/60. It seems desirable to coordinate the deletion of these codes with revision project C 424 (Business Methods), for possible reclassifications.

G06F 159 & 161

EPO practice has been to classify these aspects in G06F 19, and in particular into ECLA subgroups thereof, respectively for medical purposes and game playing. Similar and possibly other relevant subdivisions of group G06F 19 seem desirable at this point.

G06F 163-171

As a general comment on these various places, we simply note that digital computing finds more and more applications into the most various technological fields. EPO believes that it is more appropriate to classify such developments into the application fields, and statistics show that this also corresponds to the current practice. That's why EPO supports the abolishment of such codes.

Table I

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Codes	Population / Country	First group (EPO)	Secondary Group (EPO)
G06F101	186 / JP	G06F1/02 & subgr.	
G06F151	166 / EU	G06F17/60 & subgr.	
G06F153	309 / US	G06F17/60 & subgr.	
G06F155	117 / US	G06F17/60 & subgr.	
G06F157	333 / WO	G06F17/60 & subgr.	
G06F159	806 / EU	G06F19/00 & subgr.	
G06F161	383 / EU	G06F19 & 17	A63F13
G06F163	111 / EU	G01C21/34	G08G
G06F165	693 / US	G01C21	G08G
G06F167	20 / EU	G06G (spread)	G01T
G06F169	52 / US	G01W	G01S
G06F171	37 / EU	F41	F42

Table I contains the result of statistics conducted on each code.

The second column shows the population of each code, together with the most frequent country code of documents bearing that index. With "EU" we indicated a spread of national patents (or applications) of European countries.

The third column shows the IPC place where most of the documents bearing each code have been put according the ECLA.

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RO supports without hesitation Rapporteur=proposal to abolishment of the index codes G06F 101:00 and G06F 151:00-171:00, according to the recommendations of the Ad Hoc IPC Reform Working Group.

We never used such schemes for classification.

L. Cornea

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Project: H034

Subclass – G06F

Date: 17 October 2002

Comments

US agrees with the recommendation of the ad hoc Reform Working Group and with Rapporteur's analysis and conclusion that the indexing codes in G06F (101:00-101:16; 151:00-171:00) should be deleted.