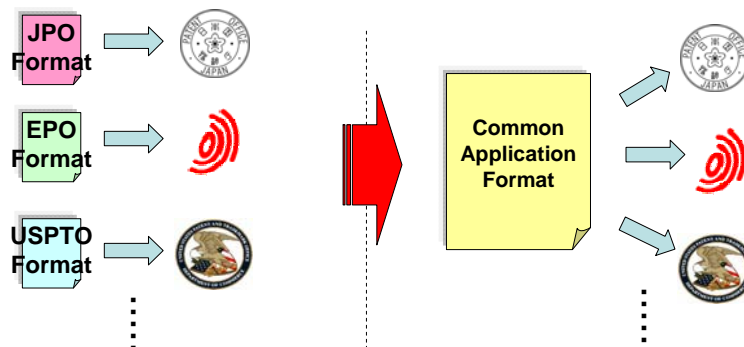


Common Application Format

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- Purpose: Providing a Common Application Format (Description, Claims, Abstract and Drawings) that could be accepted by any offices.
- Providing CAF will reduce burden on applicants, cutting out the need of re-drafting applications caused by the difference among the offices.



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■ Progress

Nov. 2005

Establishment of a Working Group on CAF in Response to a Request by the Industry Trilateral

2006 - 2007

Working Group meetings with the Participation of the Industry Trilateral

Nov. 2007

The Trilateral Offices agreed on finalization of CAF.

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Main Headings in the Common Application Format

Description

Title of Invention
Technical Field
Background Art
Summary of Invention
Brief Description of Drawings
Description of Embodiments

Claims

Claim 1

Abstract

Drawings

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<http://www.trilateral.net/news/20080425/index.php>
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Current Recommendation of Headings under the PCT ("The headings ... should be as follows:")

Description

Technical Field
Background Art
Disclosure of Invention

Brief Description of Drawings
Best Mode for Carrying out the Invention
or Mode(s) for Carrying out the Invention

Claims

Abstract
Drawings

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Proposed Recommendation of Headings ("The headings ... shall preferably be as follows:")

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Title of Invention
Technical Field
Background Art
Disclosure of Invention
or **Summary of Invention**
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or Mode(s) for Carrying out the Invention
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Claims

Claim 1

Abstract
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Section 204

Headings of the Parts of the Description

(a) The headings of the parts of the description shall preferably ~~should~~ be as follows:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(iii), “Disclosure of Invention” or “Summary of Invention”;

(iv) [No change]

(v) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(v), “Best Mode for Carrying out the Invention,” or, where appropriate, “Mode(s) for Carrying out the Invention” or “Description of Embodiments”;

(vi) to (viii) [No change]

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(b) The heading “Title of Invention” shall preferably precede the title of the invention.

Section 204bis Numbering of Claims

The number of each claim referred to in Rule 6.1(b) shall preferably be preceded by the expression “Claim” (for example, Claim 1, Claim 2, Claim 3).

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Thank you.