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Annexes I and II to this document contain comments on amendments to the IPC proposed by the IPC Revision Working Group (see document IPC/CE/30/2), submitted by the Netherlands and Sweden.

[Annexes follow]

ANNEX I/ANNEXE I

NETHERLANDS COMMENTS WITH RELATION TO DOCUMENT IPC/CE/30/2

Annex 5

A 23 G, Title

The proposed title certainly is an improvement. It still, however, does not seem to cover the substitutes for cocoa (see the group A 23 G 1/00) and the substitutes for cocoa products (see the new group A 23 G 1/30).

A 23 G, new groups 1/36, 1/40, 1/42, 1/44, 1/45 and 1/46

In the proposed titles of these new groups twice the expression “characterised by” is used (1/36, 1/40); in the other four one reads the expression “containing”.

If these two expressions have different meanings, NL does not understand why the reference from group 1/46 to group 1/40 uses the expression “containing”. Decisive for placement in group 1/40 would seem to be “characterised by”.

If these two expressions do not have different meanings, NL would prefer to use a single expression instead.

The same comment can be made with relation to new groups A 23 G 3/40 - 3/48, A 23 G 4/10 - 4/15 and A 23 G 9/34 - 9/40.

A 23 G, new groups 1/45, 3/46, 4/15 and 9/39

NL wonders why of these four comparable new groups only A 23 G 3/46 has got the normal, even numeral after the oblique stroke. It is suggested to give all four groups such an even numeral.

[Annex II follows/
L'annexe II suit]

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COMMENTS

(relating to document IPC/CE/30/2)

Annex 5

We are concerned about the relationship between the new group A23G 4/00 "Chewing gum" and the existing A61K 9/68 "Medicinal preparations characterised by special physical form - chewing gum type", especially in view of groups A23G 4/12 and 4/14. It would appear that very similar matter is covered in the two places, but it is perhaps more alarming that a user looking at A23G 4/00 would believe that the matter is completely covered there.

A partial solution would be to add a reference in A23G 4/00 saying (*medicinal preparations characterised by chewing gum form A61K 9/68*). This would give an indication in A23G that the matter is not completely covered there, but it would still not completely solve the borderline problems.

Annex 10

The old wording of A47G 29/12, "Letter-boxes for home use", at least implicitly covered devices of the "slot in the door" type. The new wording, "Mail or newspaper receptacles" does not cover such devices, only "receptacles", which is more limited. "Slot in the door" type devices are not specifically covered anywhere else, for example in E05B 7/00, so it appears A47G 29/12 has always been the place. We think a second part should be added to the title, perhaps saying "*Openings in doors or the like for delivering mail or newspapers*".

Annex 11

Is three-digit numbering of the subgroups of 10/00 necessary?

Annex 12

In view of the high group numbers in main group 2/00, we think the gap between 2/86 and 2/90 should be reduced.

Annex 13

We think the reference should say (*chewing gum or preparation thereof A23G 4/00*), or perhaps (*non-medicinal aspects A23G 4/00*).

Annex 23

The representation of the change to the subclass index is not very clear.

Annex 41

We think the title of G06F 21/02 is too non-specific, since it relates not only to computers, but computer systems - an "internal component of a computer system" can be almost anything. We propose adding "*of computers*" to the title.

Annex 44

We are not very pleased with the wording of the note after G11B 7/252, which is not very helpful for users. It would be more helpful to have a wording that relates to the specific situation. We propose ***"If subject matter to be classified involves characteristic features of more than one of the layers mentioned in groups 7/253 to 7/258, classification should be made in each relevant group"***.

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[End of Annex II and of document/
Fin de l'annexe II et du document]