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The Annex to this document contains comments on amendments to the IPC proposed by the IPC Revision Working Group (see document IPC/CE/31/2), submitted by Sweden.

[Annex follows]

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COMMENTS (in response to IPC/CE/31/2)

General comment:

It is time to decide the proper wording of the "informative notes". This wording should be consistent with the wording used in the definitions for informative references. The current wording is too long, and its correctness has been questioned. The expression "preceding group" lacks meaning if it stands in a hyperlinked separate part of the IPC. We suggest that the Definitions Task Forces look at the matter in May.

Annex 7 (B60R)

In the existing B60R 21/16 the expression "air bags" is given with quote marks. In the new 21/20 it is not. Since air bags is a well-known term in the art we suggest that the quote marks in 21/16 are removed.

Annex 15 (E04G)

The structure of main group 3/00 will be confusing for the user after the addition of the new groups. The relationship between the existing 3/02 - 3/12 and the new 3/18 - 3/26 is difficult. The coverage of existing group 3/06 **"for use without permanent provision on the building - attached to the side of a building - comprising cantilevers which are detachably mounted on the building, e.g. in window openings"** is very similar to that of the new 3/18 **"supported by cantilevers or other provisions mounted in openings in the building, e.g. window openings"**. A similar problem occurs with the existing 3/12 **"for use without permanent provision on the building - Scaffolds specially adapted for working on roofs"** and the new 3/24 **"specially adapted for particular parts of buildings ... - specially adapted for working on roofs"**. The difference can not be that the scaffolds in 3/18 and 3/24 require permanent provisions - the existing 3/14 covers that aspect. Should 3/06 and 3/12 be deleted, or can the situation be clarified by a reference or by improved wordings? If references are chosen it is obvious that they would have to point from the wider places, that is the new groups, to the more narrow ones.

Annex 18 (G01N)

We think the references after the existing 15/00 title should be added to the informative note after 15/00. They are still valuable information for the user.

Annex 20 (G11C)

Is **"Arrangements for"** really the best choice for the title of 29/54? According to the Guide **"arrangements for"** means **"any means of fulfilling a specified function, normally comprising a combination of things which may be modified"**. We do not think 29/54 is intended to cover concrete things, which is the obvious interpretation of "means". We hesitate to propose an alternative, but having looked at the documents in the equivalent ECLA group (G11C 29/00D) we wonder whether **"Methods for designing test circuits"** would be better?

Annex 23 (H01B)

In all the groups that the new Note (3) refers to, the expression "**characterised by**" is used. Given that, we think it would look more natural to use that expression in the note as well, instead of the more obscure "**are of interest**". We suggest "- - - , **so that if one of these components is characterised by both the form and the material, it is classified in each of the relevant groups.**"

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