

ANNEX III

AMENDMENTS TO THE REVISED GUIDE TO THE IPC

The deleted text is stricken out, the new text is shown in bold characters.

Paragraph 3 – Addition to the text

---Korean, Polish, **Portuguese**, Romanian, Russian---

Paragraph 16 – Addition of the text relating to the new version of the IPC:CLASS CD-ROM

---obtained from WIPO (**Version 4.1**), contains---in the Classification. **The IPC:CLASS CD-ROM relating to the eighth edition of the IPC (Version 5.0) contains a complete text of the eighth edition in English and French, including the electronic layer of the Classification.**

Paragraph 42 (a) – Correction of an error

---(iii) has been deleted (see under **(ed)** below).

Paragraphs 147, 151 – Harmonization of the text relating to the first place priority rule and the last place priority rule

Paragraph 147 – ---“In this subclass / main group(s) / group(s), at each hierarchical level, **in the absence of an indication to the contrary**, classification is made in the first appropriate place.”

Paragraph 151 – ---“In this subclass / main group(s) / group(s), **at each hierarchical level**, in the absence of an indication to the contrary, classification is made in the last appropriate place.”

Paragraphs 158 to 161 – Bringing the text in conformity with the final new version of the WIPO Standard ST.10/C. The current paragraphs 158 to 161 are deleted. The new paragraphs are given below.

Paragraph 158 – The current version indicator of the core level (year) has to be placed in round brackets after the abbreviation “Int.Cl.”, if the document is classified, at least partly, using the core level. Most offices classify a given document only in one level, i.e. only in the advanced level or only in the core level (see Examples (a) and (b) in paragraph 161, below). When classifying using the advanced level, the version indicator for each IPC symbol, indicating when this symbol was created or substantially revised at the advanced level (year, month), is placed in round brackets after each IPC symbol.

Paragraph 159. When classifying using the core level, IPC symbols are printed or displayed in regular font style (i.e., non-italics), and when classifying using the advanced level, IPC symbols are printed or displayed in italics.

Paragraph 160 – The invention information symbols are printed or displayed in bold font style and the additional information symbols are printed or displayed in regular font style (i.e., non-bold).

Paragraph 161 – Sample representations of IPC classification symbols and indicators are given below for the same document when classified using the advanced level, the core level or both the advanced level and the core level.

(a) When classified in the advanced level:

Int.Cl.

B28B5/00 (2006.01)

B28B1/29 (2007.04)

H05B 3/18 (2008.07)

Where: ***B28B 5/00*** indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the advanced level classification (italics font style);
B28B 1/29 indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the advanced level classification (italics font style);
H05B 3/18 indicates additional information (regular font style, i.e., non-bold) classified using the advanced level classification (italics font style);

(b) When classified in the core level:

Int. Cl. (2006)

B28B 5/00

B28B 1/00

H05B 3/10

Where: **B28B 5/00** indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the core level classification (regular font style, i.e., non-italics);
B28B 1/00 indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the core level classification (regular font style, i.e., non-italics);
H05B 3/10 indicates additional information (regular font style, i.e., non-bold) classified using the core level classification (regular font style, i.e., non-italics);

(c) When invention information is classified in the advanced level and additional information in the core level:

Int. Cl. (2006)

B28B 5/00 (2006.01)

B28B 1/29 (2007.04)
H05B 3/10

Where: ***B28B 5/00*** indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the advanced level classification (italics font style);
B28B 1/29 indicates invention information (bold font style) classified using the advanced level classification (italics font style);
H05B 3/10 indicates additional information (regular font style, i.e., non-bold) classified using the core level classification (regular font style, i.e., non-italics).

Paragraph 164 – Addition to the text

--- symbol 99/00 whenever possible. **Before classifying in a residual main group, classification in another subclass or in other main groups of the same subclass should be thoroughly considered. Due respect should be given to paragraphs 92 to 99, above, which describe some situations where subject matter is classified in places whose titles do not explicitly provide for it. Combinations of subject matter covered by two or more different main groups should not be classified in a residual main group, unless indicated otherwise. The normal procedures for classification of combination-type subject matter are described in paragraphs 145, 150 and 154, above.**

[Annex IV follows]