

ANNEX VII

AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING
WHERE TO CLASSIFY PATENT DOCUMENTS

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

Harmonization of the text relating to the first place priority rule and the last place priority rule

Section “First Place Priority Rule”, 1st paragraph

---This type of note states, “In this subclass / main group(s) / group(s), **at each hierarchical level, in the absence of an indication to the contrary**, classification is made ~~according to the first place priority rule (i.e.,~~ in the first appropriate place ~~in the scheme).~~” For example---

Section “Last Place Priority Rule”, 1st paragraph

---This type of note states, “In this subclass / main group(s) / group(s), **at each hierarchical level, in the absence of an indication to the contrary** ~~(e.g., a reference to another group, an exception stated in a note of the scheme)~~, classification is made ~~according to the last place priority rule (i.e.,~~ in the last appropriate place ~~in the scheme for the inventive thing being classified).~~” For example---

[Annex VIII follows]