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PUBLICATION OF IPC VERSIONS 2008.04 AND 2009.01 AND RELATED  
RECLASSIFICATION OF PATENT FILES

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1. Two new versions of the advanced level of the International Patent Classification (IPC) (versions 2008.04 and 2009.01) entered into force on April 1, 2008, and on January 1, 2009, respectively. On January 1, 2009, a new version of the core level entered into force as well.
2. Amendments relating to subclasses G05G, H04Q and H04W which lead to a change in file scope have been adopted by the Advanced Level Subcommittee on the basis of advanced level revision projects A 002 and A 005. Further such amendments relating to subclasses A01N, B41F and F41J have been adopted by the Committee of Experts on the basis of core level revision projects C 432, C 437 and C 445. The core and advanced levels of January 1, 2009, also contained several amendments related to the tasks of removal of informative references and introduction and renumbering of residual main groups.

3. The new versions of the advanced level as well as the new version of the core level were officially published by the International Bureau on the WIPO IPC website in the two authentic languages, English and French, in due time, i.e., three and six months, respectively, before their entering into force. The International Bureau also included in the online publication compilations of all amendments of each respective new version, i.e., compilations of all amendments between the 2008.01 and the 2008.04 versions of the advanced level, between the 2008.04 and the 2009.01 versions of the advanced level, and the 2006.01 and 2009.01 versions of the core level. The January 1, 2009, publication also included several new definitions added to the electronic layer of the IPC.

4. In view of the systematic reclassification of patent files according to the latest version of the IPC, working lists of documents were prepared by the EPO for all industrial property offices that could potentially take part in the reclassification, and were made available for downloading on the dedicated WIPO IPC website.

*5. The Committee of Experts is invited to consider this document, to approve the actions of the International Bureau concerning the publication of the new versions of the advanced level of the IPC and to make other decisions as necessary.*

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