

ANNEX IV

IPC DEFINITION FORMAT

DEFINITION FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
1. Title	<p>The title is as indicated in the classification scheme but does not include any references.</p> <p>The title consists of a concise and complete phrase that describes the subject matter appropriate for the classification place.</p> <p>The words in the title should be those which best define the appropriate subject matter.</p>
2. Definition Statement	<p>The definition statement is a more detailed explanation of the subject matter appropriate for the classification place.</p> <p>The scope of the title and definition statement must be the same.</p> <p>The definition statement should use relevant words and phrases found in the patent documents classified in this place.</p> <p>The definition statement should, wherever possible, use words which are alternatives to those used in the title.</p> <p>The definition statement may include explanatory notes and graphics which represent subject matter appropriate for the classification place. The notes clarify or address special or complex issues. The graphics, e.g. chemical formulae, drawings, are positioned where useful to aid comprehension.</p> <p>The definition statement should provide a positive description of the subject matter appropriate for the classification place, rather than a negative description of the subject matter excluded from the classification. The appropriate classification places for excluded subject matter are found under "Limiting References" (see below).</p>

DEFINITION FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
3. Relationships Between Large Subject Matter Areas (e.g., Subclasses)	<p>When the scope of a large subject matter area (e.g., a subclass) is generally affected by its relationships with other large subject matter areas (e.g., other subclasses), those relationships are stated here.</p> <p>Graphics may be used where needed.</p> <p>This section should only explain relationships that cannot be expressed in the form of references.</p>
4. Limiting References	<p>This section contains further explanation of limiting references. Limiting references are also retained within the classification scheme itself.</p> <p>Limiting references are needed when subject matter otherwise covered by the classification place is collected elsewhere. Limiting references must indicate where this subject matter is classified.</p> <p>Precedence references are a type of limiting reference.</p> <p>Graphics may be used where needed.</p> <p>The limiting references should be listed in the following order: first, references pointing to places in the same subclass and then references pointing to classification places in other subclasses, in the alphanumerical order of these places.</p>
5. Informative References	<p>An informative reference is any reference that indicates the location of subject matter that could be of interest for searching, but is not within the scope of the classification place where the reference occurs.</p> <p>Graphics may be used where needed.</p> <p>Informative references are not part of the classification scheme itself. It is useful to group informative references, especially if there are many of them.</p>
6. Special Rules of Classification	<p>This section contains special classification rules affecting the subclass or its groups, such as the last place rule or uniform precedence rule.</p>

DEFINITION FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
7. Glossary of Terms	<p>This section consists of definitions for significant words or phrases found in the titles or definition statements. This is particularly useful when the terms are used in a more precise or restricted manner than their common usage. When provided, a glossary is generally only included at the subclass level.</p> <p>Graphics may be used where needed.</p>
8. Synonyms and Keywords	<p>This is an optional section intended to be used for establishing synonyms and keywords from terms used in the patent documents themselves. This will aid in formulating search queries in electronic searching in this technical field. For example, in B 60 T 8/00, the keywords anti-lock and anti-skid would be useful to a searcher.</p>

[Annex V follows]