

ANNEX VII

GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING SUBJECT MATTER APPROPRIATE
FOR OBLIGATORY AND NON-OBLIGATORY CLASSIFICATION
(I.E., “WHAT” TO CLASSIFY WITHIN PATENT DOCUMENT DISCLOSURES)

--- classification is adequate.

~~GUIDELINES APPLY EQUALLY TO THE CORE AND THE ADVANCED LEVEL~~

~~All procedures for determining “invention information” and “obligatory classification” apply equally to both the core and the advanced level.~~

IDENTIFYING “INVENTION INFORMATION” TO BE CLASSIFIED

GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING WHERE TO
CLASSIFY PATENT DOCUMENTS WITHIN THE IPC

--- of these constituents.”

~~Supplementary and special rules are required to operate effectively in both the core and advanced level and utilize the “standard division policy between core and advanced level groups.” This means at the very least, that the introduction of a special or supplementary rule in the advanced level or core levels should allow the documents that are classified in dependent subgroups of the advanced level to be rolled up to the same group that they would otherwise have been properly assigned to if only the core level were used in their initial classification.~~

SELECTING NON-OBLIGATORY, i.e., DISCRETIONARY CLASSIFICATIONS

[Annex VIII follows]