

AMENDMENTS TO THE “GUIDELINES FOR REVISION OF THE IPC”

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adopted by the Committee on Experts of the IPC Union at its thirty-seventh session and modified at its forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions

Common Rule

102. When revising an area of the IPC where the common rule is applied, the order of the new and revised main groups and subgroups should be based on the guidelines of Appendix II, except when it would cause confusion in relation to existing groups.

103. *Deleted.*

104. *Deleted.*

105. *Deleted.*

106. *Deleted.*

Residual Places

107. ---

Appendix I

PRESENTATION AND LAYOUT OF NOTES IN THE IPC

1. The notes in the IPC should be categorized and presented in the following order:
 - (a) Notes relating to the subject matter covered by the place in question (see also paragraph 2, below)
 - (i) explaining subject matter which is covered;
 - (ii) explaining subject matter which is not covered.
 - (iii) *Deleted.*
 - (b) ---
 - (f) Notes relating to recommendations

- (g) Notes drawing attention to indexing schemes
- (h) Other notes

3. [Unchanged]

5. Notes prescribing multiple classification (referred to under 1(e)(iv), above) should be presented as follows:

(a) Obligatory multiple classification:

"- - -, when it is determined to be novel and non-obvious, must also be classified in - - -".

In case of obligatory multi-aspect classification:

"In this subclass / main group / group, multi-aspect classification is applied, so that subject matter characterised by aspects covered by more than one of its groups / subgroups should be classified in each of those groups / subgroups."

(b) Non obligatory multiple classification:

"- - -, which is considered to represent information of interest for search, may also be classified in - - -".

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7. The following model wordings of the different notes relating to indexing schemes (referred to under 1(g), above) should be observed:

(a) Note for a ---

[Annex V follows]