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# Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide complementary details to the “IPC Master File specification” used as reference document and to its related XML Schemas:

* ipc\_warnings\_3-1.xsd
  + inc-types\_3-1.xsd

It describes the structure and content of the International Patent Classification (IPC) Warnings (referred to in the following as “warnings”) file.

It uses, wherever possible, reference to International standards, in particular WIPO ST.8.

The format of this file is XML i.e. primarily an exchange format aiming at easy interface between IT systems of different types and infrastructure independent.

The text of this specification takes precedence over this XSD, either in case of contradiction or information not indicated in the XSD.

# General description

See brief content description, time dependency and file naming convention in the IPC master file specification document.

This file is language dependent.

The purpose of warnings is to alert about specific exception cases or situation potentially affecting the use of the IPC e.g. where the reclassification of patent collections is not complete, in IPC area where there is work in progress, etc…

# Scope of the Warnings file

## Definition of scope

Warnings for the IPC are intended to provide in a consistent way, complementary information to the contents of others IPC master files.

The Warnings are provided in a form of a sequence of independent ipcWarning elements, each of which contains a single text.

# Content of the file

The Warnings file is a list of individual warnings which can be either language dependent texts or language-independent warning information. Each warning is identified by a symbol, a type and where needed augmented by the corresponding textual element.

Various translations of a Warnings file must have the same number of text entry and must be aligned according to symbol/type combination.

## *IPCWarnings* element

This is the root element of the Warnings file.

### *edition* attribute

The IPC Version associated to this file, indicates the date of entry into force of the corresponding IPC version.

Value: see description of “IPC Version” in “IPC Master File Specification”.

### *lang* attribute

The language code of the warning elements.

Value: see description of “IPC data language code” in “IPC Master File Specification”.

## *ipcWarning* element

This element contains the warning text. Its content is made of Unicode characters and any number of optional *a, img, sub, sup, strong, em* and/or *u* elements.

### *symbol* attribute

The IPC Symbol to which the warning text apply.

### *type* attribute

A warning can be of two types:

* + *manual* (the default): the text is specific to this place.
  + *auto1*: imply the use of “Incomplete Limiting Reference deletion” fixed text and was automatically generated.

Each combination of *symbol* and *type* attribute values must be unique in a Warnings file.

For example if several types of warnings may appear for the same IPC *symbol* but each must have a different *type.*

## *a* element

This element is used to reference a publicly accessible internet resource.

#### Properties

##### **URL**

Name: href

Value: The URL of the referenced internet resource.

## *img* element

See description in “IPC Scheme Master Files Specification”.

## *sub* element

See description in “IPC Scheme Master Files Specification”.

## *sup* element

See description in “IPC Scheme Master Files Specification”.

## *strong* element

This element is used to indicate the rendition process that embedded texts are to be displayed in bold characters.

## *em* element

This element is used to indicate the rendition process that embedded texts are to be displayed in italic characters.

## *u* element

See description in “IPC Scheme Master Files Specification”.

# Sample

## English

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<**IPCWarnings edition="20170101" lang="EN"** xmlns="http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/masterfiles" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/masterfiles ipc\_warnings\_3-1.xsd">

<**ipcWarning symbol="A23K"**> In all the new main groups and their subgroups of this subclass, reclassification of PCT Minimum Documentation published before January 1, 2017 is not yet completed! See also the Revision Concordance List (<a href="http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ipcpub?notion=rcl &amp;version=20170101&amp;symbol=A23K">RCL</a>) for more details. </**ipcWarning**>

<**ipcWarning** **symbol="A23K" type="auto1"**></**ipcWarning**>

<**ipcWarning** **symbol="A23L0007000000" type="auto1"**></**ipcWarning**>

</**IPCWarnings**>

## French

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>

<**IPCWarnings edition="20170101" lang="FR"** xmlns="http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/masterfiles" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance" xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/masterfiles ipc\_warnings\_3-1.xsd">

<**ipcWarning symbol="A23K"**> Dans tous les nouveaux groupes principaux et leurs sous-groupes de la présente sous-classe, le reclassement de la Documentation minimale du PCT publiée avant le 1er janvier 2017 n'est pas encore terminé ! Voir aussi la table de concordance (<a href="http://www.wipo.int/classifications/ipc/ipcpub?notion=rcl &amp;version=20170101&amp;symbol=A23K">RCL</a>) pour plus de détails. </**ipcWarning**>

<**ipcWarning** **symbol="A23K" type="auto1"**></**ipcWarning**>

<**ipcWarning** **symbol="A23L0007000000" type="auto1"**></**ipcWarning**>

</**IPCWarnings**>

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