

Chapter V – Preclassification and IPC classification of international patent applications

1. Definitions

Section B-V, 1, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

2. Preclassification (for file routing and distribution)

Section B-V, 2, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

2.1 Incorrect preclassification

Section B-V, 2.1, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

3. IPC classification of the application

Section B-V, 3, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.
Rule 43.3
GL/ISPE 7.02-7.04
GL/ISPE 15.39

3.1 Amended classification of late-published search reports

See ISPE Guidelines 7.05.

3.2 IPC classification when the scope of the invention is not clear

Section B-V, 3.2, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.
GL/ISPE 7.06, 7.08

3.3 IPC classification in cases of a lack of unity of invention

Section B-V, 3.3, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.
GL/ISPE 7.07

3.4 Verification of the IPC classification

Section B-V, 3.4, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.