

## Chapter III – Allowability of amendments – examples

### 1. Introduction

This Chapter provides additional guidance and examples relating to a number of typical situations where compliance with Art.19(2) and/or Art.34(2)(b) is an issue. However, it must be borne in mind that the allowability of a specific amendment is ultimately to be decided on a case-by-case basis.

### 2. Amendments in the description

#### 2.1 Clarification of a technical effect

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V, 2.1, in the *GL/ISPE 20.15* Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*.

#### 2.2 Introduction of further examples and new effects

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V, 2.2, in the *GL/ISPE 20.16-GL/ISPE 20.17* Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*.

#### 2.3 Revision of stated technical problem

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V, 2.4, in the *GL/ISPE 20.18* Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*.

#### 2.4 Reference document

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V, 2.5, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*.

#### 2.5 Alteration, excision or addition of text in the description

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V, 2.6, in the *GL/ISPE 20.19* Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*.

### 3. Amendments in claims

#### 3.1 Replacement or removal of a feature from a claim

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V, 3.1, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*.

#### 3.2 Inclusion of additional features

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V, 3.2, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*.

##### 3.2.1 Intermediate generalisations

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V, 3.2.1, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*.

#### 3.3 Deletion of part of the claimed subject-matter

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V, 3.3, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*.