

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 Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*. [GL/SPE 20.15](#)

2.2 Introduction of further examples and new effects

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V.2.2, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*. [GL/SPE 20.16-GL/SPE 20.17](#)

2.3 Revision of stated technical problem

The examiner should apply the guidelines of section H-V.2.4, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*. [GL/SPE 20.18](#)

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 Guidelines for Examination in the EPO *mutatis mutandis*. [GL/SPE 20.19](#)

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*.