

## 2.4 Figure accompanying the abstract

Section F-II, 2.4, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

See also ISPE Guidelines 16.42(c) and 16.48-16.51 and GL/PCT-EPO B-X, 7.

## 2.5 Checklist

Section F-II, 2.5, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

## 2.6 Transmittal of the abstract to the applicant

Art. 18(2);  
Rule 44.2

The content of the abstract is transmitted to the applicant together with the search report (Form PCT/ISA/210, Box IV) (see GL/PCT-EPO B-X, 7(i)).

## 2.7 Comments on the abstract by the applicant

Rule 38.3

See ISPE Guidelines 16.45-16.47.

## 3. The title

Rules 4.3, 5.1(a)

The items making up the request do not normally concern the examiner, with the exception of the title. Rule 5.1(a) stipulates that the description "shall first state the title of the invention as appearing in the request".

The title must be short and precise. The examiner should review the title in the light of his reading of the description and claims and any amendments thereto, to make sure that the title, as well as being concise, gives a clear and adequate indication of the subject of the invention. Thus, if amendments are made which change the categories of claims, the examiner should check whether a corresponding amendment, which may not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, is needed in the title (see also GL/PCT-EPO B-X, 7). See also GL/PCT-EPO H-III, 7.

Rules 37, 44.2

For further provisions specifically related to the title, see ISPE Guidelines 16.35 - 16.38.

## 4. Description (formal requirements)

### 4.1 General remarks

Art. 5  
Rule 5.1  
GL/ISPE 4.02, 13.11  
Section 204 PCT AI

Section F-II, 4.1, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*.

The usage of the subheadings outlined in Section 204 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT is recommended.

### 4.2 Technical field

Rule 5.1(a)(i)

See ISPE Guidelines 4.04.

### 4.3 Background art

Rule 5.1(a)(ii)

See ISPE Guidelines 4.05. The EPO applies option GL/ISPE A4.05[1] of the Appendix to Chapter 4 of the ISPE Guidelines.