

application were to be redated (such documents can be cited as "L" in the ISR).

## 2.4 Anticipation of amendments to claims

Section B-III, 3.5, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*. Rule 33.3(b)  
GL/ISPE 15.25

## 2.5 Broad claims

Section B-III, 3.6, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*. GL/ISPE 15.26

## 2.6 Independent and dependent claims

Section B-III, 3.7, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO apply *mutatis mutandis*. GL/ISPE 15.27

## 2.7 Search on dependent claims

Section B-III, 3.8, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*. See also GL/PCT-EPO F-IV, 3.3. GL/ISPE 15.28

## 2.8 Combination of elements in a claim

Section B-III, 3.9, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*. GL/ISPE 15.31

## 2.9 Different categories

Section B-III, 3.10, in the Guidelines for Examination in the EPO applies *mutatis mutandis*. GL/ISPE 15.32

## 2.10 Subject-matter excluded from search

The examiner may exclude certain subject-matter from his search. These exclusions may result from the international application including subject-matter which the EPO as ISA is not required to deal with (see GL/PCT-EPO B-VIII, 2). They may also arise because the description, claims or drawings fail to meet a requirement, such as clarity or support of the claims by the description, to such an extent that no meaningful search can be carried out for all or some of the claims (see GL/PCT-EPO B-VIII, 3). Art. 17(2)(a)  
Rule 39  
GL/ISPE 15.33

## 2.11 Nucleotide and amino acid sequences

If, after an invitation from the EPO as ISA according to Rule 13ter.1, the applicant has not submitted the sequence listing in the required electronic form and text format and paid the late furnishing fee within the time limit set, the EPO as ISA will carry out the international search without the sequence listing to the extent that a meaningful search can be carried out (see also GL/PCT-EPO B-VIII, 3.2). Rule 5.2, 13ter.1  
OJ EPO 2007, Spec. ed. 3, C.2  
OJ EPO 2011, 372  
OJ EPO 2013, 542  
GL/ISPE 9.39, 15.12

## 2.12 Lack of unity

When the claims of the international application do not relate to one invention only, or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept, the applicant will normally be invited to pay additional search fees. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees in response to the invitation, the international search will normally be restricted to those parts that relate to the invention, or so linked group of Art. 17(3)(a)  
GL/ISPE 15.24