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IPC version 7

The European Patent Office will use the new IPC version 7 from 1.1.2000 onwards on its published patent applications and granted patents. Most of the other patent issuing authorities in the world will do the same.

The new IPC version is available on the Internet pages of WIPO, and in paper form via the Heinemann's Verlag.

Here some statistical data:

IPC 6 : 67.707 entries
IPC 7 : 69.087 entries

new in	IPC 7	1798
changed in	IPC 7	219
deleted in	IPC 7	231

Please pay attention to the fact that there are 2 classifications which use 5 digits in the sub-group part.

G02F1 / 13357 and
G02F1 / 13363

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