

Note: When any ambiguity of interpretation is found in this provisional translation, the Japanese text shall prevail.

Section 1 Specifying Claimed Invention

1. Overview

The examiner must first identify and recognize the technical content of the invention. This work is referred to as specifying an invention, which serves as the basis or presupposition for determination of the requirements of patentability of the invention (See “Part III Patentability”).

2. Specifying Claimed Invention

The examiner specifies the claimed inventions based on the claims. The examiner takes the description, drawings and the common general knowledge at the time of filing into consideration in interpreting the meanings of words in the claims.

Also, the examiner should carefully read the description, claims, and drawings of the application concerned and sufficiently understand the technical content of the claimed invention in this finding.

When any amendment is made to the description, claims, or drawings (in this part, hereinafter referred to as "the description, etc." throughout this Part), the examiner should sufficiently understand the content of the amendment.