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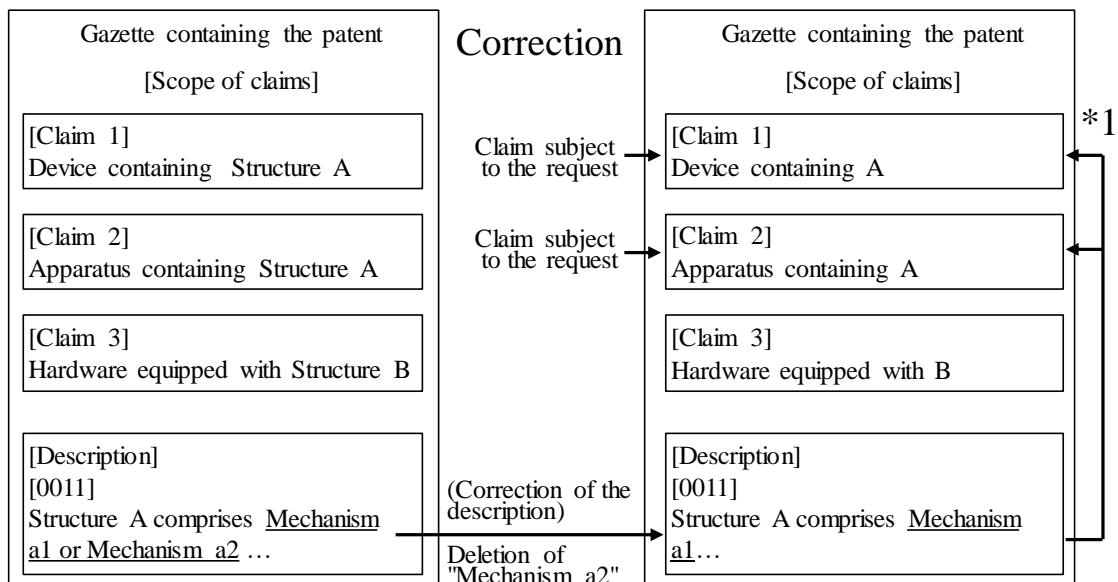
Correction of Description or Drawings

1. Claims Relating to Correction of Description or Drawings

When a "request for correction is filed on a claim-by-claim basis" and the description or drawings is corrected, correction must be made with respect to all claims concerning the correction of the description or drawings (Patent Act Article 126 (4), Article 134-2 (9) → Article 126 (4), Article 120-5 (9) → Article 126 (4)).

Regarding claims (groups of claims) that have no correspondence relation with the correction of the description or drawings, the correction of the description or drawings shall not be taken into consideration in general, and the claims shall be interpreted based on the description or drawings before the correction.

For example, when correcting the matter stated in paragraph [0011] in the description as indicated in Figure 1, correction must be made to Claims 1 and 2 relating to this correction of paragraph [0011] in the description.



*1 All the related claims must be made subject to the correction on the basis of the submitted correction of the description or drawings.

Figure 1 Relation between the corrected description and claims

If a description (or drawings) relating to a specific claim is corrected, the correction item in the description (or drawings) shall be handed as a correction item relating to the said claim.

For example, assuming the scope of claims consists of:

"[Claim 1] Air-conditioner device containing Mechanism A and Mechanism B,

[Claim 2] Air-conditioner device further containing Mechanism C, stated in Claim 1,

[Claim 3] Air-conditioner device further containing Mechanism D, stated in Claim 1 or 2,
and

[Claim 4] Air-conditioner device characterized in that the refrigerant of Mechanism D is manufactured by Manufacturing Process E, stated in Claim 3,"

and there is the statement in paragraph [0020] in the description that:

"The refrigerant of Mechanism D bears very high "艦橋不可" [kankyō fuka](= flying bridge impossibility) when being discarded because it is manufactured by Manufacturing Process E."

Then, a request for correction (correction of an error) was filed only in relation to Claim 4 that contains a statement concerning refrigerant to change this statement to that :

"The refrigerant of Mechanism D bears very high "環境への負荷" [kankyō eno fuka](= environmental load) when being discarded because it is manufactured by Manufacturing Process E."

In this case, only the description relating to Claim 4 is corrected, and the statement "艦橋不可"(= flying bridge impossibility) remains in the description relating to Claim 3. In order to reflect the correction of the description on all the claims, a correction must be made with respect to all claims concerning the correction of the description.

Meanwhile, when a request for correction is filed on a claim-by-claim basis and the "title of the invention" is corrected, as the statement of the "title of the invention" in the description relates to all claims, a correction must be made with respect to all claims.

2. When There Is No Claim Relating to Correction of Description or

Drawings

For example, where the correction of the description or drawings is to correct errors in the description or drawings and there is no need to take the correction into consideration in finding the invention stated in any of the claims after the correction, the correction of description or drawings may be filed either with respect to each voluntary claim or group

However, it is in general not necessary to correct a statement of description, etc. that does not need to be taken into consideration with respect to finding of the inventions stated in any of the claims.

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