

**CHAPTER IV**  
**EFFECTIVE PUBLICATION**  
**SECTION 1**  
**CONDITIONS OF EFFECTIVE PUBLICATION**  
**ARTICLE 29**

**29.1.** Publication is effected, under this *Code*, by distribution of printed matter (through sale, exchange, or gift) to the general public or at least to scientific institutions with generally accessible libraries. Publication is also effected by distribution on or after 1 January 2012 of electronic material in Portable Document Format (PDF) in an online publication with an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) or an International Standard Book Number (ISBN).

**29.2.** For the purpose of [Art. 29.1](#), “online” is defined as accessible electronically via the World Wide Web.

**29.3.** Should Portable Document Format (PDF) be succeeded, a successor international standard format communicated by the General Committee (see [Div. III Prov. 7.9](#)) is acceptable.

**ARTICLE 30**

**30.1.** Publication is not effected by communication of nomenclatural novelties at a public meeting, by the placing of names in collections or gardens open to the public, by the issue of microfilm made from manuscripts or typescripts or other unpublished material, or by distribution of electronic material other than as described in [Art. 29](#).

**30.2.** An electronic publication is not effectively published if there is evidence within or associated with the publication that its content is merely preliminary and was, or is to be, replaced by content that the publisher considers final, in which case only the version with that final content is effectively published.

**30.3.** Content of an electronic publication includes that which is visible on the page, e.g. text, tables, illustrations, etc., but it excludes volume, issue, article, and page numbers; it also excludes external sources accessed via a hyperlink or URL (Uniform Resource Locator).

**30.4.** The content of a particular electronic publication must not be altered after it is

effectively published. Any such alterations are not themselves effectively published. Corrections or revisions must be issued separately to be effectively published.

**30.5.** Publication by indelible autograph before 1 January 1953 is effective. Indelible autograph produced on or after that date is not effectively published.

**30.6.** For the purpose of [Art. 30.5](#), indelible autograph is handwritten material reproduced by some mechanical or graphic process (such as lithography, offset, or metallic etching).

**30.7.** Publication on or after 1 January 1953 in trade catalogues or non-scientific newspapers, and on or after 1 January 1973 in seed-exchange lists, does not constitute effective publication.

**30.8.** The distribution on or after 1 January 1953 of printed matter accompanying specimens does not constitute effective publication.

**Note 2.** If the printed matter is also distributed independently of the specimens, it is effectively

**30.9.** Publication on or after 1 January 1953 of an independent non-serial work stated to be a thesis submitted to a university or other institute of education for the purpose of obtaining a degree does not constitute effective publication unless the work includes an explicit statement (referring to the requirements of the *Code* for effective publication) or other internal evidence that it is regarded as an effective publication by its author or publisher.

**Note 3.** The presence of an International Standard Book Number (ISBN) or a statement of the name of the printer, publisher, or distributor in the original printed version is regarded as internal evidence that the work was intended to be effectively published.