Introduction

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Requirements for patentability

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5. Examination of ‘manner of manufacture’ requirement, including consideration of:
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   c. The test of want of novelty.
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