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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 1631

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CORRIGENDA

Overview

The revision of B64G, published August 1, 2023, included new subgroup B64G 1/4024 “{Refueling in space}” and also reclassification of existing, but modified, B64G 1/1078 “{Maintenance satellites (refueling in space B64G1/4024)}”. The reclass destinations of B64G 1/1078 did not include B64G 1/4024.

An initial meeting between EPO experts and the reclass contractor included a discussion on the relationship between B64G 1/1078 and B64G 1/4024 and the number of refueling documents present in B64G 1/1078. The issue was presented to the US and an agreement was reached to update the reclass instructions to include B64G 1/4024 as a destination of B64G 1/1078.

This corrected publication reflects the appropriate movement of documents to properly account for all target sources and destinations required for this reclassification.

This corrigendum notice does not change the contents of the CPC Scheme, Definitions or CICL. Intellectual reclass will not be delayed further in this project. The corrections in this project, however, require a new CPC release to update the Warnings.

Technical Details

In the Scheme Change table (A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)):

- Include subgroup B64G 1/4024 in the ‘Transferred to’ column of existing C-type B64G 1/1078.

C	B64G1/1078	2	{Maintenance satellites (refueling in space B64G1/4024)}	B64G1/1078, B64G1/1081, B64G1/4024
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In the Scheme Change table (B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning(s)):

- Update the warning for the following subgroups to reflect the new reclass source/destination: B64G 1/1078 and B64G 1/4024.

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The following classification changes will be effected by this Notice of Changes:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>Group(s)</u>
SCHEME:		
Warnings Modified:	B64G	1/1078, 1/4024

No other subclasses/groups are impacted by this Notice of Changes.

This Notice of Changes includes the following *[Check the ones included]:*

1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

- A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)
- B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning(s)
- C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)
- D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)

2. DEFINITIONS

- A. New or Modified Definitions (Full definition template)
- B. Modified or Deleted Definitions (Definitions Quick Fix)

3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

4. CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

5. CHANGES TO THE CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

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1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)

SUBCLASS B64G - COSMONAUTICS; VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT THEREFOR

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level</u> <u>Number of dots</u> <u>(e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u>	<u>Title</u> <u>“CPC only” text should</u> <u>normally be</u> <u>enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to#</u>
C	B64G 1/1078	2	{Maintenance satellites (refueling in space B64G1/4024)}	B64G1/1078, B64G1/1081, B64G1/4024

*N = new entries where reclassification into entries is involved; C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; T = existing entries with enlarged file scope, which receive documents from C or D entries, e.g. when a limiting reference is removed from the entry title; M = entries with no change to the file scope (no reclassification); D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed; U = entries that are unchanged.

NOTES:

- **No {curly brackets} are used for titles in CPC only subclasses, e.g. C12Y, A23Y; 2000 series symbol titles of groups found at the end of schemes (orthogonal codes); or the Y section titles. The {curly brackets} are used for 2000 series symbol titles found interspersed throughout the main trunk schemes (breakdown codes).
- U groups: it is obligatory to display the required “anchor” symbol (U group), i.e. the entry immediately preceding a new group or an array of new groups to be created (in case new groups are not clearly subgroups of C-type groups). Always include the symbol, indent level and title of the U group in the table above.
- All entry types should be included in the scheme changes table above for better understanding of the overall scheme change picture. Symbol, indent level, and title are required for all types.
- “Transferred to” column must be completed for all C, D, F, and Q type entries. F groups will be deleted once reclassification is completed.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “Transferred to” column, avoid using ranges of symbols in order to be as precise as possible.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “<administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.
- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD>, <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or <administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“Transferred to”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “Transferred to” column for such cases.

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- For finalization projects, the deleted “F” symbols should have <no transfer> in the “Transferred to” column.
- For more details about the types of scheme change, see CPC Guide.

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B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning notice(s)

SUBCLASS B64G - COSMONAUTICS; VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT THEREFOR

Type*	Location	Old Warning notice	New/Modified Warning
M	B64G 1/1078	Group B64G 1/1078 is impacted by reclassification into group B64G 1/1081. Groups B64G 1/1078 and B64G 1/1081 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.	Group B64G 1/1078 is impacted by reclassification into groups B64G 1/1081 and B64G 1/4024. Groups B64G 1/1078, B64G 1/1081 and B64G 1/4024 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
M	B64G 1/4024	Group B64G 1/4024 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group B64G 1/402. Groups B64G 1/402 and B64G 1/4024 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.	Group B64G 1/4024 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups B64G 1/1078 and B64G 1/402. Groups B64G 1/1078, B64G 1/402 and B64G 1/4024 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

*N = new warning, M = modified warning, D = deleted warning

NOTE: The "Location" column only requires the symbol PRIOR to the location of the warning. No further directions such as "before" or "after" are required.

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3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

<u>Type*</u>	<u>From CPC Symbol (existing)</u>	<u>To CPC Symbol(s)</u>
C	B64G 1/1078	B64G 1/1078, B64G 1/1081, B64G 1/4024

* C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed.

NOTES:

- Only C, D, F, and Q type entries are included in the table above.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “To” column, do not use ranges of symbols.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “< administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.
- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD>, <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or < administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“To”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “To” column for such cases.
- RCL is not needed for finalisation projects.