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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:		
Notes Deleted:	B82	CLASS
Notes Modified:	A01P	SUBCLASS
	A61K	2800/00
	A61P	SUBCLASS
	A61Q	SUBCLASS
	B33Y	SUBCLASS
	B82B	SUBCLASS
	B82Y	SUBCLASS
	G16Y	SUBCLASS

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

C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)**SUBCLASS A01P - BIOCIDAL, PEST REPELLANT, PEST ATTRACTANT OR PLANT GROWTH REGULATORY ACTIVITY OF CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS OR PREPARATIONS**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
M	A01P	<p>1.This subclass covers biocidal, pest repellant, pest attractant or plant growth regulatory activity of chemical compounds or preparations already classified as such in subclasses A01N or C12N, or in classes C01, C07 or C08.</p> <p>2.Attention is drawn to the notes following the title of subclass A01N, which are also applicable to this subclass.</p> <p>3.In this subclass, activity is classified in all appropriate places.</p> <p>4.Attention is drawn to cases where the subject of the invention concerns only biocidal, pest repellant, pest attractant or plant growth regulatory activity of chemical compounds or preparations, and the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition of this subject of the invention is known. In such cases, classification is made in both subclass A01N and subclass A01P as invention information. In addition, if the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition or any individual ingredient of a mixture or composition is considered to represent information of interest for search, it may also be classified as additional information.</p> <p>5.The classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first</p>	<p>1. This subclass is for secondary classification in the sense of paragraph 107bis of the Guide to the IPC. Therefore, the classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents. Secondary classification symbols may be assigned for either invention information or additional information, as appropriate.</p> <p>2. This subclass <u>covers</u> biocidal, pest repellant, pest attractant or plant growth regulatory activity of chemical compounds or preparations already classified as such in subclasses A01N or C12N, or in classes C01, C07 or C08.</p> <p>3. Attention is drawn to the notes following the title of subclass A01N, which are also applicable to this subclass.</p> <p>4. Attention is drawn to cases where the subject of the invention concerns only biocidal, pest repellant, pest attractant or plant growth regulatory activity of chemical compounds or preparations, and the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition of this subject of the invention is known. In such cases, classification is made in both subclass A01N and subclass A01P as invention information. In addition, if the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition or any individual ingredient of a mixture or composition is considered to represent</p>

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		when assigned to patent documents.	information of interest for search, it may also be classified as additional information.

SUBCLASS A61K - PREPARATIONS FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL OR TOILETRY PURPOSES (devices or methods specially adapted for bringing pharmaceutical products into particular physical or administering forms A61J3/00; chemical aspects of, or use of materials for deodorisation of air, for disinfection or sterilisation, or for bandages, dressings, absorbent pads or surgical articles A61L; soap compositions C11D)

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
M	A61K 2800/00	This subclass is a secondary classification, e.g. obligatory supplementary classification when already classified in group A61K8/00 or subclass A61Q	The indexing symbols of this group are for obligatory secondary classification of subject-matter already classified in group A61K8/00 or subclass A61Q.

SUBCLASS A61P - SPECIFIC THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITY OF CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS OR MEDICINAL PREPARATIONS

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
M	A61P	<p>1. This subclass covers therapeutic activity of chemical compounds or medicinal preparations already classified as such in subclasses A61K or C12N, or in classes C01, C07 or C08</p> <p>2. In this subclass, the term "drugs" includes chemical compounds or compositions with therapeutic activity.</p> <p>3. In this subclass, therapeutic activity is classified in all appropriate places {to the extent of all the different therapeutic activities stated in the claims and also significantly disclosed as examples in the disclosure}.</p> <p>4. Attention is drawn to cases where the subject of the invention concerns only specific therapeutic activity of chemical compounds or medicinal preparations, and the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition of this subject of the invention is known. In such cases, classification is made in both subclass A61K and subclass A61P as invention</p>	<p>1. This subclass is for secondary classification in the sense of paragraph 107bis of the Guide to the IPC. Therefore, the classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents. Secondary classification symbols may be assigned for either invention information or additional information, as appropriate.</p> <p>2. This subclass <u>covers</u> therapeutic activity of chemical compounds or medicinal preparations already classified as such in subclasses A61K or C12N, or in classes C01, C07 or C08.</p> <p>3. In this subclass, the term "drugs" covers chemical compounds or compositions with therapeutic activity.</p> <p>4. Attention is drawn to cases where the subject of the invention concerns only specific therapeutic activity of chemical compounds or medicinal preparations, and the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition of this</p>

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		information. In addition, if the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition or any individual ingredient of a mixture or composition is considered to represent information of interest for search, it may also be classified as additional information. {There is no classification in C01, C07, C08, C12N as additional information in CPC if the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition or any individual ingredient of a mixture or composition is known and classification is made in both subclass A61K and subclass A61P as invention information. 5.The classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents.}	subject of the invention is known. In such cases, classification is made in both subclass A61K and subclass A61P as invention information. In addition, if the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition or any individual ingredient of a mixture or composition is considered to represent information of interest for search, it may also be classified as additional information.

SUBCLASS A61Q - SPECIFIC USE OF COSMETICS OR SIMILAR TOILETRY PREPARATIONS

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
M	A61Q	<p>1. This subclass covers the use of cosmetics or similar toiletry preparations already classified as such in main group A61K8/00, in subclasses C11D or C12N, or in classes C01, C07 or C08.</p> <p>2. When classifying in this subclass, classification is also made in subclass A61P if the preparation is stated to have therapeutic activity.</p> <p>3. In this subclass, the use of cosmetics or similar toiletry preparations is classified in all appropriate places.</p> <p>4. Attention is drawn to cases where the subject of the invention concerns only the specific use of cosmetics or toiletry preparations, and the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition of this subject of the invention is known. In such cases,</p>	<p>1. This subclass is for secondary classification in the sense of paragraph 107bis of the Guide to the IPC. Therefore, the classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents. Secondary classification symbols may be assigned for either invention information or additional information, as appropriate.</p> <p>2. This subclass <u>covers</u> the use of cosmetics or similar toiletry preparations already classified as such in main group A61K 8/00, in subclasses C11D or C12N, or in classes C01, C07 or C08.</p> <p>3. When classifying in this subclass, classification is also made in subclass A61P if the preparation is stated to have therapeutic activity.</p>

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		<p>classification is made in main group A61K8/00 or in subclass C11D, and also in subclass A61Q as invention information. In addition, if the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition or any individual ingredient of a mixture or composition is considered to represent information of interest for search, it may also be classified as additional information.</p> <p>5. The classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents.</p>	<p>4. Attention is drawn to cases where the subject of the invention concerns only the specific use of cosmetics or toiletry preparations, and the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition of this subject of the invention is known. In such cases, classification is made in main group A61K 8/00 or in subclass C11D, and also in subclass A61Q as invention information. In addition, if the chemical structure, compound, mixture or composition or any individual ingredient of a mixture or composition is considered to represent information of interest for search, it may also be classified as additional information.</p>

SUBCLASS B33Y - ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING, i.e. MANUFACTURING OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL [3-D] OBJECTS BY ADDITIVE DEPOSITION, ADDITIVE AGGLOMERATION OR ADDITIVE LAYERING, e.g. BY 3-D PRINTING, STEREOLITHOGRAPHY OR SELECTIVE LASER SINTERING

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
M	B33Y	<p>1. This subclass covers additive manufacturing, irrespective of the process or material used.</p> <p>2. This subclass is intended to enable a comprehensive search of subject matter related to additive manufacturing by combination of classification symbols of this subclass with classification symbols from other subclasses. Therefore this subclass covers aspects of additive manufacturing (e.g. 3D printing) that might also be entirely or partially covered elsewhere in CPC.</p> <p>3. This subclass is for obligatory supplementary classification of subject matter already classified as such in other classification places, when the subject matter contains an aspect of additive manufacturing.</p>	<p>1. This subclass is for obligatory secondary classification in the sense of paragraph 107bis of the Guide to the IPC. Therefore, the classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents. Secondary classification symbols may be assigned for either invention information or additional information, as appropriate.</p> <p>2. This subclass <u>covers</u> additive manufacturing, irrespective of the process or material used.</p> <p>3. This subclass is intended to enable a comprehensive search of subject matter related to additive manufacturing by combination of classification symbols of this subclass with classification symbols from other subclasses. Therefore, this subclass <u>covers</u> aspects of additive manufacturing</p>

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		4.The classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents.	(e.g. three-dimensional [3D] printing) that might also be entirely or partially covered elsewhere in the CPC.

CLASS B82 - NANOTECHNOLOGY

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
D	B82	<p>In this class, the following terms are used with the meaning indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "nanosize" or "nanoscale" relate to a controlled geometrical size below 100 nanometres (nm) in one or more dimensions; "nanostructure" means an entity having at least one nanosized functional component that makes physical, chemical or biological properties or effects available, which are uniquely attributable to the nanoscale. 	Delete entire Note

SUBCLASS B82B - NANOSTRUCTURES FORMED BY MANIPULATION OF INDIVIDUAL ATOMS, MOLECULES, OR LIMITED COLLECTIONS OF ATOMS OR MOLECULES AS DISCRETE UNITS; MANUFACTURE OR TREATMENT THEREOF

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
M	B82B	<p>1. This subclass does not cover chemical or biological nanostructures per se, provided for elsewhere, e.g. in classes C08 or C12.</p> <p>2. Attention is drawn to the Note following the title of class B82, which defines the meaning of the terms "nanosize", "nanoscale" and "nanostructure" in this subclass.</p> <p>3. Subject matter classified in this subclass is further classified in subclass B82Y, in order to enable a comprehensive search of nanostructure technology using classification symbols of B82Y in</p>	<p>1. This subclass <u>does not cover</u> chemical or biological nanostructures <u>per se</u>, provided for elsewhere, e.g. in classes C08 or C12.</p> <p>2. Subject matter classified in this subclass is further classified in subclass B82Y, in order to enable a comprehensive search of nanostructure technology using classification symbols of subclass B82Y in combination with classification symbols of subclass B82B.</p> <p>3. Nanostructures having specialised features or functions are further classified in appropriate</p>

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		combination with classification symbols of B82B. 4.Nanostructures having specialised features or functions are further classified in appropriate places in other subclasses that provide for those features or functions, e.g. in G01Q, G02F1/017, H10D30/43.	places in other subclasses that provide for those features or functions, e.g. in subclass G01Q, or in groups G02F 1/017 or H10D 30/43.

SUBCLASS B82Y - SPECIFIC USES OR APPLICATIONS OF NANOSTRUCTURES; MEASUREMENT OR ANALYSIS OF NANOSTRUCTURES; MANUFACTURE OR TREATMENT OF NANOSTRUCTURES

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
M	B82Y	<p>1. This subclass covers applications and aspects of nanostructures which are produced by any method, and is not restricted to those that are formed by manipulation of individual atoms or molecules.</p> <p>2.Attention is drawn to the Note following the title of class B82, which defines the meaning of the terms "nanosize", "nanoscale" and "nanostructure" in this subclass.</p> <p>3.This subclass is intended to enable a comprehensive search of subject matter related to nanostructures by combination of classification symbols of this subclass with classification symbols from other subclasses. Therefore this subclass covers aspects of nanostructures that might also be entirely or partially covered elsewhere in the IPC.</p> <p>4.This subclass is for secondary classification, i.e. obligatory supplementary classification of subject matter already classified as such in other classification places, e.g. : B82B Nanostructures formed by individual manipulation of atoms, molecules, or limited collections of atoms or molecules as discrete units; manufacture or treatment thereof</p>	<p>1. This subclass is for obligatory secondary classification in the sense of paragraph 107bis of the Guide to the IPC. Therefore, the classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents. Secondary classification symbols may be assigned for either invention information or additional information, as appropriate.</p> <p>2. This subclass <u>covers</u> applications and aspects of nanostructures which are produced by any method, and is not restricted to those that are formed by manipulation of individual atoms or molecules.</p> <p>3. This subclass is intended to enable a comprehensive search of subject matter related to nanostructures by combination of classification symbols of this subclass with classification symbols from other subclasses. Therefore, this subclass <u>covers</u> aspects of nanostructures that might also be entirely or partially covered elsewhere in the CPC.</p>

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		A61K9/51 Nanocapsules for medicinal preparations B05D1/20 Langmuir- Blodgett films C01B32/05 Carbon nanostructures, e.g. bucky-balls, nanotubes, nanocoils, nanodoughnuts or nanoonions G01Q Scanning probe techniques G02F1/017 Optical quantum wells or boxes H01F10/32 Nanostructured thin magnetic films H01F41/30 Molecular beam epitaxy [MBE] H10D30/43 Quantum wire FETs 5.The classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents.	

SUBCLASS G16Y: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR THE INTERNET OF THINGS [IoT]

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
M	G16Y	1. This subclass <u>covers</u> inter-networking of physical objects ("things") that embed technology enabling the things to sense and collect information from their internal state or their external environment, wherein the information is processed by the things or by other devices, e.g. servers, to be output to the things, to other things or to other devices, and enabling these things to be connected to the Internet either directly or indirectly. "Directly connected to Internet" means that a thing possesses a network address of the Internet address space, which is used to communicate over the Internet. "Indirectly connected to Internet" means that a thing is connected to a proxy device, which possesses a	1. This subclass is for obligatory secondary classification in the sense of paragraph 107bis of the Guide to the IPC. Therefore, the classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents. Secondary classification symbols may be assigned for either invention information or additional information, as appropriate. 2. This subclass <u>covers</u> inter-networking of physical objects ("things") that embed technology enabling the things to sense and collect information from their internal state or their external environment, wherein the information is processed by the things or by other devices, e.g. servers, to be output to the things, to other things or to other devices,

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		<p>network address of the Internet address space and which communicates over the Internet on behalf of the thing. A network address of the Internet address space is an address uniquely identifying a device in the Internet.</p> <p>2.This subclass <u>does not cover</u>: Mere monitoring, e.g. security cameras, or mere controlling, e.g. remote control arrangements. Generic computing and communicating devices, e.g. computers or telephones</p> <p>3.This subclass is intended to enable a complementary search of subject matter related to IoT by combination of classification symbols of this subclass with classification symbols from other subclasses. Therefore this subclass covers aspects of IoT (e.g. detection or navigation) that might also be entirely or partially covered elsewhere in the IPC.</p> <p>4.This subclass is for obligatory supplementary classification of subject matter already classified as such in other classification places, when the subject matter contains an aspect of IoT.</p> <p>5.The classification symbols of this subclass are not listed first when assigned to patent documents.</p> <p>6.No systematic reclassification was done when this subclass was introduced. When searching using the symbols of this subclass it should be noted that many documents published before 2020 are not classified in subclass G16Y.</p>	<p>and enabling these things to be connected to the Internet either directly or indirectly.</p> <p>-“Directly connected to Internet” means that a thing possesses a network address of the Internet address space, which is used to communicate over the Internet.</p> <p>-“Indirectly connected to Internet” means that a thing is connected to a proxy device, which possesses a network address of the Internet address space and which communicates over the Internet on behalf of the thing.</p> <p>-A network address of the Internet address space is an address uniquely identifying a device in the Internet.</p> <p>3. This subclass <u>does not cover</u>: - mere monitoring, e.g. security cameras, or mere controlling, e.g. remote control arrangements; - generic computing and communicating devices, e.g. computers or telephones.</p> <p>4. This subclass is intended to enable a complementary search of subject matter related to IoT by combination of classification symbols of this subclass with classification symbols from other subclasses. Therefore, this subclass <u>covers</u> aspects of IoT (e.g. detection or navigation) that might also be entirely or partially covered elsewhere in the CPC.</p> <p>5. No systematic reclassification was done when this subclass was introduced. When searching using the symbols of this subclass it should be noted that many documents published before 2020 are not classified in subclass G16Y.</p>

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

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