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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: | | |
| Titles Changed: | A24D | SUBCLASS |
| | A24D | 1/002, 1/022, 1/04, 1/042, 1/08, 1/16 |
| | A24D | 3/00, 3/02, 3/061, 3/18 |
| | A24F | 7/04 |
| | A24F | 13/02 |
| | | |
| Warnings Deleted: | A24D | SUBCLASS |
| | | |
| DEFINITIONS: | | |
| Definitions New: | A24D | 1/04, 1/16 |
| | A24F | 7/04 |
| Definitions Modified: | A24D | 1/02, 1/025, 1/20, 1/22 |
| | A24D | 3/00, 3/02, 3/06, 3/065, 3/08, 3/16, 3/18 |
| Definitions Deleted: | A24D | 3/043 |

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 A24D - CIGARS; CIGARETTES; TOBACCO SMOKE FILTERS; MOUTHPIECES FOR CIGARS OR CIGARETTES; MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO SMOKE FILTERS OR MOUTHPIECES**

| Type* | Symbol | Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2) | Title “CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}** | Transferred to[#] |
|--------------|---------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| M | A24D | Subclass | CIGARS; CIGARETTES; TOBACCO SMOKE FILTERS; MOUTHPIECES OF CIGARS OR CIGARETTES; MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO SMOKE FILTERS OR MOUTHPIECES | |
| M | A24D 1/002 | 1 | {with additives, e.g. for flavouring} | |
| M | A24D 1/022 | 2 | {Papers for roll-your-own cigarettes} | |
| M | A24D 1/04 | 1 | with mouthpieces or filter-tips | |
| M | A24D 1/042 | 2 | {with mouthpieces (A24D 1/047 takes precedence)} | |
| M | A24D 1/08 | 1 | with lighting means | |
| M | A24D 1/16 | 1 | Bands for cigars or cigarettes | |
| M | A24D 3/00 | 0 | Tobacco smoke filters, e.g. filter tips or filtering inserts; Filters specially adapted for simulated smoking devices; Mouthpieces of cigars or cigarettes | |
| M | A24D 3/02 | 1 | Manufacture of tobacco smoke filters | |
| M | A24D 3/061 | 2 | {containing additives entrapped within capsules, sponge-like material or the like, for further release upon smoking} | |
| M | A24D 3/18 | 1 | Mouthpieces of cigars or cigarettes; Manufacture thereof (manufacture of tobacco smoke filters A24D 3/02) | |

SUBCLASS A24F - SMOKERS' REQUISITES; MATCH BOXES; SIMULATED SMOKING DEVICES (inhaling appliances for medical purposes, shaped like cigars, cigarettes or pipes A61M 15/06)

| Type* | Symbol | Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2) | Title “CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}** | Transferred to[#] |
|--------------|---------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| M | A24F 7/04 | 1 | with smoke filters | |
| M | A24F 13/02 | 1 | Cigar or cigarette holders (mouthpieces A24F 7/00; producing tubular cigar or cigarette holders from plastics or from substances in a plastic state B29D 23/14) | |

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*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.
- 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 A24D - CIGARS; CIGARETTES; TOBACCO SMOKE FILTERS; MOUTHPIECES FOR CIGARS OR CIGARETTES; MANUFACTURE OF TOBACCO SMOKE FILTERS OR MOUTHPIECES

| <u>Type*</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Old Warning notice</u> | <u>New/Modified Warning</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| D | A24D | In this subclass non-limiting references (in the sense of paragraph 39 of the Guide to the IPC) may still be displayed in the scheme. | <u>Delete</u> the entire Warning. |

*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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2. A. DEFINITIONS (new)

A24D 1/04

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mouthpieces or filter-tips per se | A24D 3/00 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|

A24D 1/16

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Applying bands or labels to cigars or cigarettes | B65C 3/04 |
|--|---------------------------|

A24F7/04

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Tobacco smoke filters, e.g. filter tips or filtering inserts; Filters specially adapted for simulated smoking devices; Mouthpieces of cigars or cigarettes | A24D 3/00 |
|--|---------------------------|

2. A. DEFINITIONS (Modified)

A24D 1/02

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Insert: The following new reference in the Informative references table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Tobacco smoke filters with ventilation means | A24D 3/043 |
|--|----------------------------|

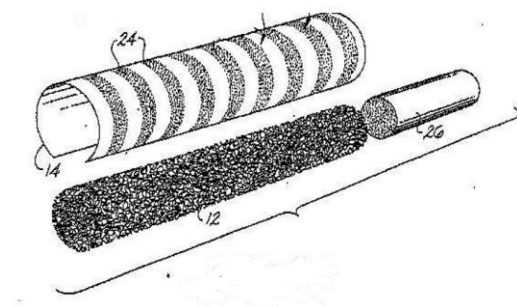
A24D1/025

Replace: The existing Definition statement text and image with the following updated text and image.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



The Figure illustrates a tobacco column (12) within a wrapper (14) comprising treated areas (24).

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Replace: The existing Glossary of terms table with the following updated table.

Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| ignition propensity | capacity of a cigarette of burning through when left resting on a substrate without puffing |
|---------------------|---|

A24D1/20

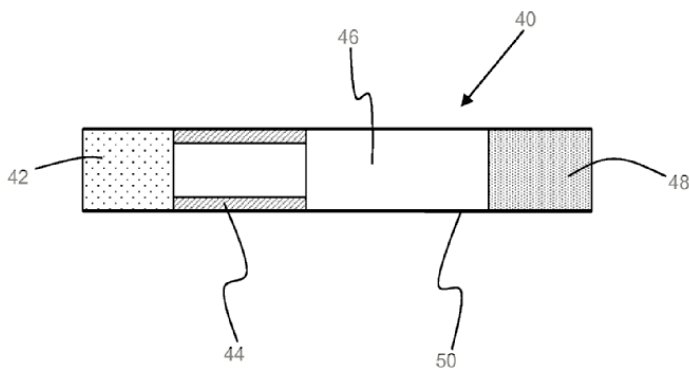
Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following updated text. The image should remain as-is.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Cigarettes to be inserted into simulated smoking devices where the cigarettes are heated by a heat source of the device.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



The Figure illustrates cigarette (40), tobacco or tobacco substitute segment (42), hollow tube (44), filter (44), mouthpiece (48) and wrapper (50).

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A24D1/22

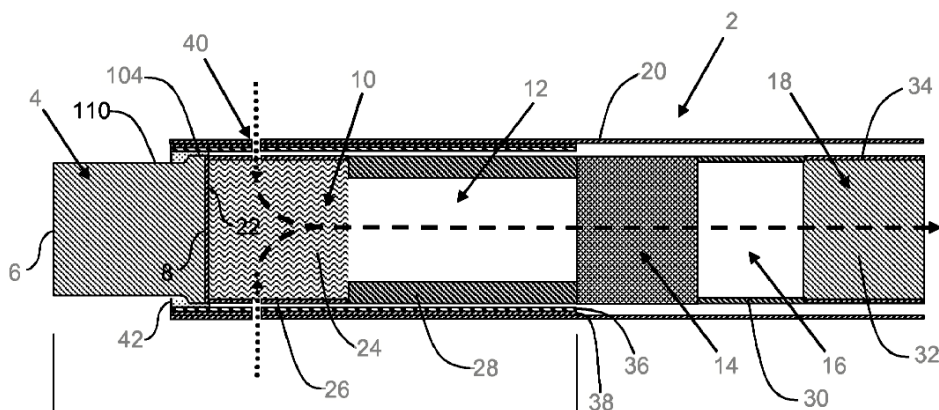
Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following updated text. The image should remain as-is.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Cigarettes with an integrated combustibile heat source which heats the tobacco (substitute) without burning it (to produce an aerosol) in the act of simulated smoking.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



The Figure illustrates cigarette (2), heat source (4), tobacco or tobacco substitute segment (10), hollow tube (12), aerosol cooling element (14), spacer (16), mouthpiece, filter (18) and wrapper (20).

A24D 3/00

Insert: A period at the end of both lines of the Definition statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Filters for tobacco smoke, products per se and their manufacture.

Mouthpieces for cigars or cigarettes.

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References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Insert: The following new reference in the Informative references table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Mouthpieces for pipes, for cigar or cigarette holders | A24F 7/00 |
|---|-----------|

A24D 3/02

Insert: A period at the end of the Definition statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

The production of tobacco smoke filters, e.g. from the filter tow bale to the final product.

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Insert: The following new Informative references section.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Attaching filters to the cigarette rod | A24C 5/47 |
| Manufacture of paper or cellulosic material | D21 |

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A24D 3/06**References**

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Insert: The following new Informative references section.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Manufacture of tobacco smoke filters | A24D 3/02 |
| Shape or structure of tobacco smoke filter itself | A24D 3/04 |

Replace: The existing Special rules text with the following updated text.

Special rules of classification

This group comprises materials including natural organic or inorganic compounds of undefined constitution, e.g. tobacco, sand, pine needles, cork and other materials of undefined constitution obtained from animal or plants.

A24D3/065

Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following updated statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

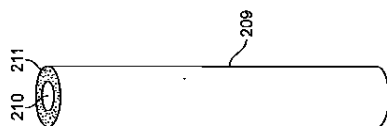
Fibers with any composite structure, i.e. at least two distinctive regions, e.g. sheath/core.

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in this place:

1. Sheath/core or hollow fibers

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2. Bi-component fibers

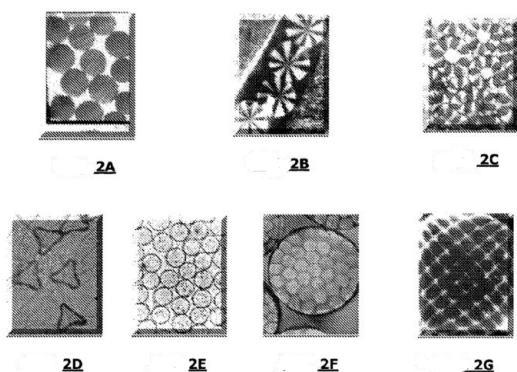


Figure 2 illustrates bicomponent fibers distributed in striped (2A), segmented pie (2B, 2C), trilobal (2D), sheath-core (2E), islands in the sea (2F, 2G).

A24D 3/08

References

Delete: The following reference from the Limiting references table.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Organic compounds of undefined constitution e.g. pine needle, cork, tobacco, and other organic materials of undefined constitution obtained from animal or plants | A24D 3/06 |
|---|------------------|

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Insert: The following new Informative references section.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Organic compounds of undefined constitution, e.g. pine needle, cork, tobacco and other organic materials of undefined constitution obtained from animal or plants | A24D 3/06 |
|---|---------------------------|

A24D 3/16

Insert: A period at the end of the Definition statement.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Comprising inorganic material as main constituent or as additive.

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Insert: The following new Informative references section.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| | |
|--|---------------------------|
| Inorganic compounds of undefined constitution, e.g. sand, and other inorganic materials of undefined constitution obtained from animal or plants | A24D 3/06 |
|--|---------------------------|

A24D 3/18

Insert: The following new Relationships section.

Relationships with other classification places

This group covers mouthpieces of cigarettes, whereas group A24F 7/00 covers the mouthpieces (usually made of plastic, wood or metal) for holders for cigars or cigarettes.

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References

Insert: The following new Application-oriented references section.

Application-oriented references

Examples of places where the subject matter of this place is covered when specially adapted, used for a particular purpose, or incorporated in a larger system:

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Making tipping materials for, or attaching them to mouthpieces of, cigars or cigarettes | A24C 5/56 |
|---|---------------------------|

Delete: The following reference from the Informative references table.

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Making tipping materials for, or attaching them to mouthpieces of, cigars or cigarettes | A24C 5/56 |
|---|---------------------------|

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2. B. DEFINITIONS QUICK FIX

| Symbol | Location of change (e.g., section title) | Existing reference symbol or text | Action; New symbol; New text |
|------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A24D 3/043 | Definition | | <u>Delete</u> the entire Definition. |

Notes:

Use this Definitions Quick Fix (DQF) table to:

- Delete an entire definition
- Delete an entire section
- Change a reference symbol
- Delete a reference symbol
- Delete text in a References section
- Correct one error in spelling, article use, or verb tense

Otherwise, use the standard template.

Reminder: Never delete F symbol definitions.