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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:	A01J	SUBCLASS
	A01J	27/00, 27/02
	A23C	SUBCLASS
	A23C	19/14, 19/16
Notes New:	A01J	SUBCLASS
Notes Modified:	A23C	SUBCLASS
Guidance Headings Modified:	A01J	1/00
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Modified:	A01J	SUBCLASS
	A01J	1/00, 3/00, 5/00, 7/00, 9/00, 11/00, 13/00, 15/00, 17/00, 19/00, 21/00, 23/00, 25/00, 27/00
	A23C	19/14, 19/16

The following subclasses/groups are also impacted by this Notice of Changes (indicate subclasses/groups outside of the project scope, such as those listed in the CRL): B65B33/00

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 A01J - MANUFACTURE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS**

<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> “CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**	<u>Transferred to[#]</u>
M	A01J	Subclass	MANUFACTURE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS	
M	A01J27/00	0	After-treatment of cheese; Coating of cheese	
M	A01J27/02	1	Devices for coating of cheese	

SUBCLASS A23C - DAIRY PRODUCTS, e.g. MILK, BUTTER OR CHEESE; MILK OR CHEESE SUBSTITUTES; MAKING OR TREATMENT THEREOF

<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> “CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**	<u>Transferred to[#]</u>
M	A23C	Subclass	DAIRY PRODUCTS, e.g. MILK, BUTTER OR CHEESE; MILK OR CHEESE SUBSTITUTES; PREPARATION THEREOF (preservation thereof A23B11/00)	
U	A23C19/00	0	Cheese; Cheese preparations; Making thereof (cheese substitutes A23C20/00; preservation of cheese or cheese preparations A23B11/60)	
M	A23C19/14	1	Treating cheese after having reached its definite form, e.g. ripening or smoking	

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M	A23C19/16	2	Covering the cheese surface, e.g. with wax coating compositions	
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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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C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)**SUBCLASS A01J - MANUFACTURE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
N	A01J		<p>1. This subclass <u>covers</u> mechanical aspects of dairy product manufacturing, e.g. apparatus for the mechanical treatment of milk or cream for making butter or cheese.</p> <p>2. This subclass <u>does not cover</u> chemical aspects of dairy product manufacturing, which include apparatus for chemical processes such as concentration, evaporation or drying, and which are covered by subclass A23C.</p>

SUBCLASS A23C - DAIRY PRODUCTS, e.g. MILK, BUTTER OR CHEESE;MILK OR CHEESE SUBSTITUTES;MAKING OR TREATMENT THEREOF

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
M	A23C	<p>1. This subclass <u>covers</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the chemical aspects of making dairy products; the apparatus used for performing techniques provided for therein, e.g. for concentration, evaporation, drying or sterilisation, unless such apparatus is specifically provided for in another subclass, e.g. in subclass A01J for treatment of milk or cream for manufacture of butter or cheese. 	<p>1. This subclass <u>covers</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the chemical aspects of making dairy products; the apparatus used for performing techniques provided for therein, e.g. for concentration, evaporation or drying, unless such apparatus is specifically provided for in another subclass, e.g. in subclass A01J for treatment of milk or cream for manufacture of butter or cheese.

*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.

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D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)**SUBCLASS A01J - MANUFACTURE OF DAIRY PRODUCTS**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Guidance Heading</u>	<u>New/Modified Guidance Heading</u>
M	A01J 1/00 - A01J 9/00	Milking (milking stations A01K 1/12)	Milking

*N = new guidance heading, M =modified guidance heading, D = deleted guidance heading

NOTES:

- The “Location” column requires the symbol AFTER the guidance heading location. No further directions such as “before” or “after” are required.
- In cases where there may be confusion as to whether a new group falls within the scope of a guidance heading, indicate the guidance heading and whether the group does or does not go with the guidance heading. This can be included in the “Location” column. For example, the guidance heading “Compounds containing carbon together with sulfur, selenium or tellurium with or without hydrogen, halogens, oxygen or nitrogen” encompasses groups C07C 301/00-395/00 only. If a new group C07C 398/00 is proposed and is included in the guidance heading scope, indicate this in the “Location” column as follows: 398/00 to be included under the guidance heading: “Compounds containing carbon together with sulfur, selenium or tellurium with or without hydrogen, halogens, oxygen or nitrogen.”

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2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

A01J

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Insert: The following new Relationships section.

Relationships with other classification places

Subclass A01J covers mechanical aspects of dairy product manufacturing, e.g. apparatus for the mechanical treatment of milk or cream for making butter or cheese.

Subclass A23C covers chemical aspects of dairy product manufacturing, which include apparatus for chemical processes such as concentration, evaporation or drying.

References

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

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

Preservation of milk or dairy products	A23B 11/00
Covering the cheese surface, e.g. with wax coating compositions	A23C 19/16

A01J1/00

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

Definition statement

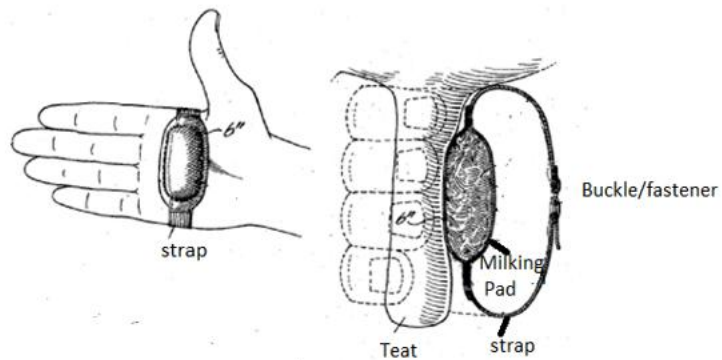
This place covers:

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in this place:

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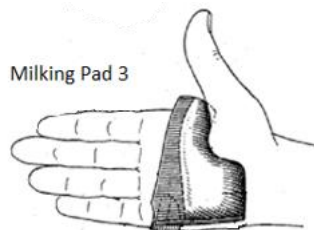
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3.



A01J3/00

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

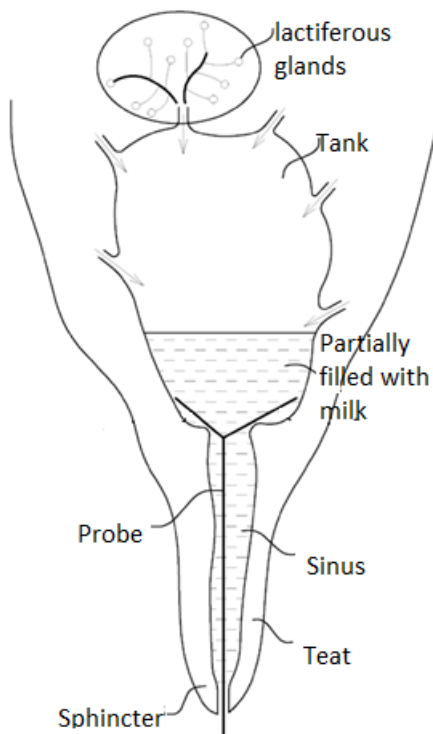
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

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The Figure illustrates a self-supporting probe for a milking machine, specifically a diagrammatic sagittal section of the tank of a teat of an extended cow by a teat, in which a probe is inserted.

A01J5/00

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

Definition statement

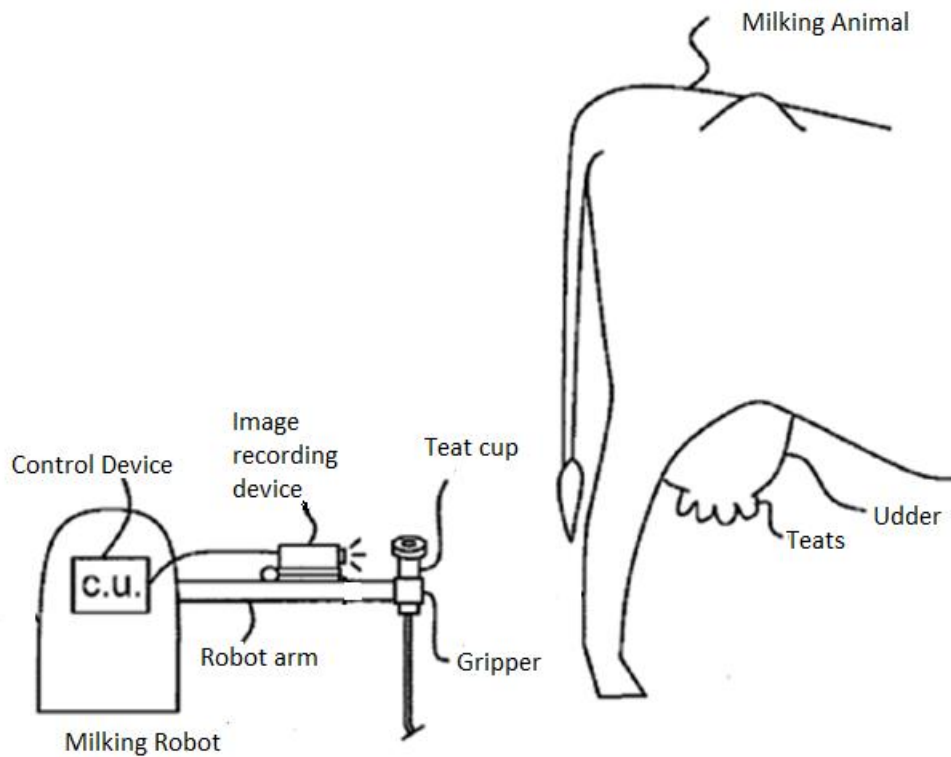
This place covers:

Milking robots or monitoring devices.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

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The Figure illustrates a milking robot and method for teat cup attachment.

A01J7/00

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

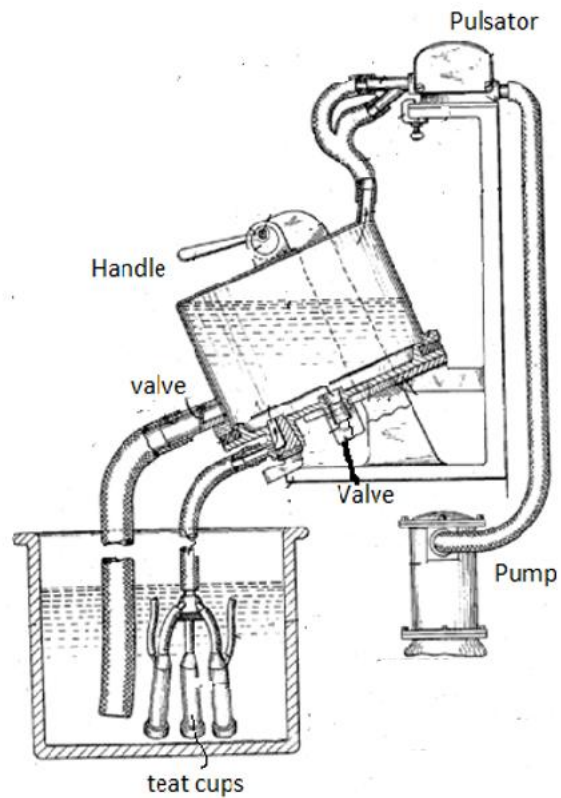
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

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The Figure illustrates a cleaner for dairy equipment.

A01J9/00

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

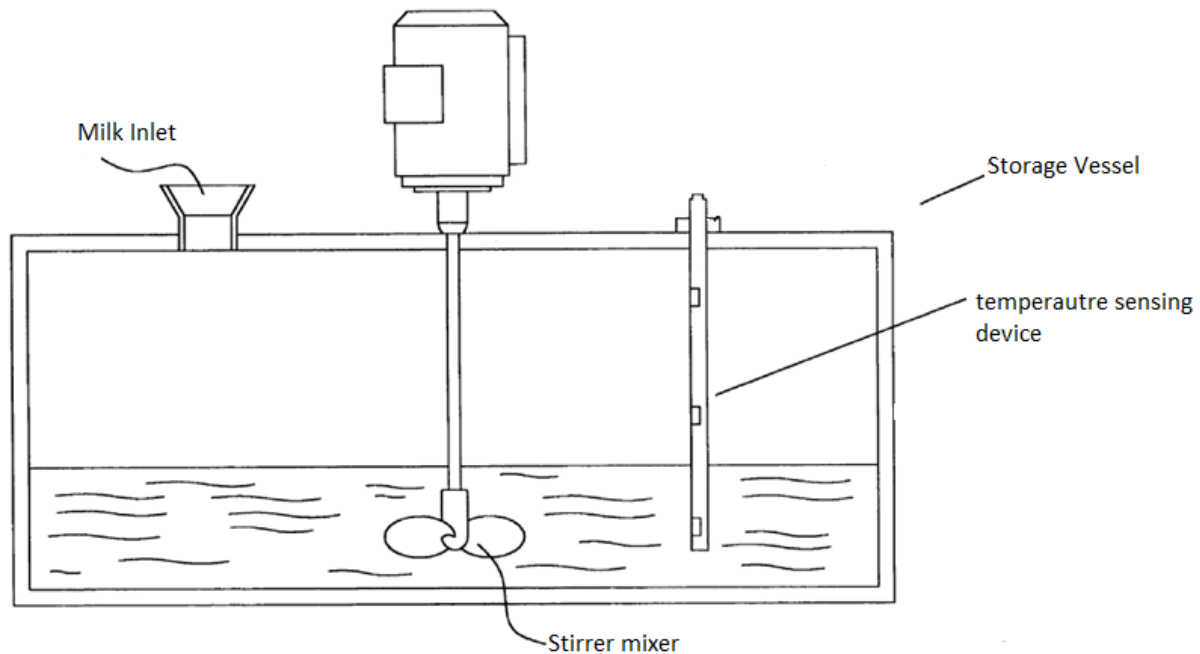
Definition statement

This place covers:

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The Figure illustrates a data logger in the form of a temperature sensing device having three temperature sensors.

A01J11/00

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

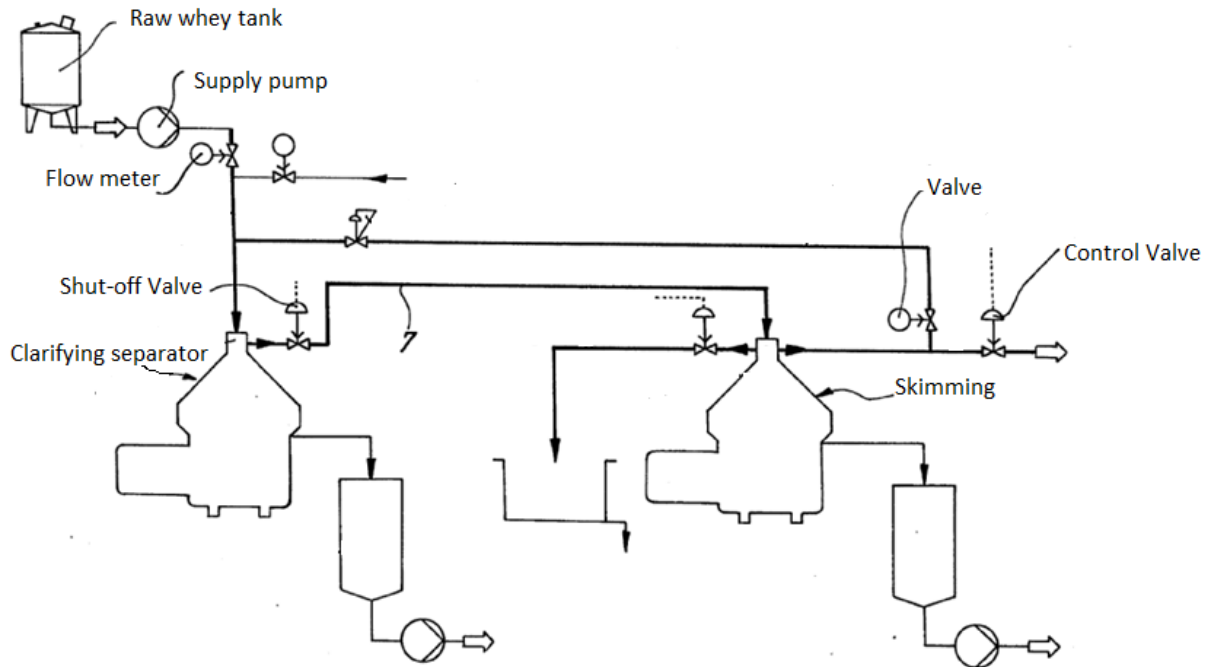
Definition statement

This place covers:

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The Figure illustrates a whey cream-removal station for whey processing during cheese production.

A01J13/00

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

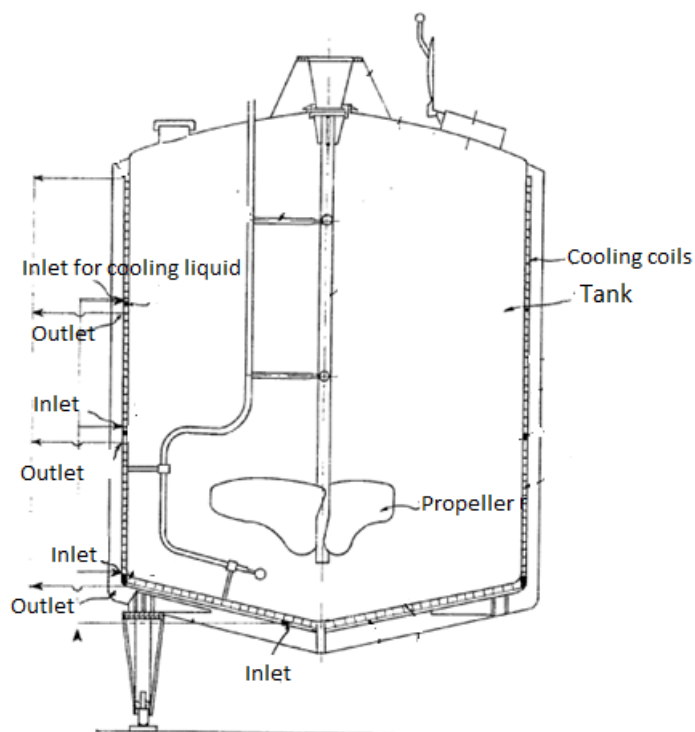
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

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The Figure illustrates a cream tank.

Delete: The entire Relationships section.

References

Insert: The following new Informative references section.

Informative references

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

Cream preparations	A23C13/00
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A01J15/00

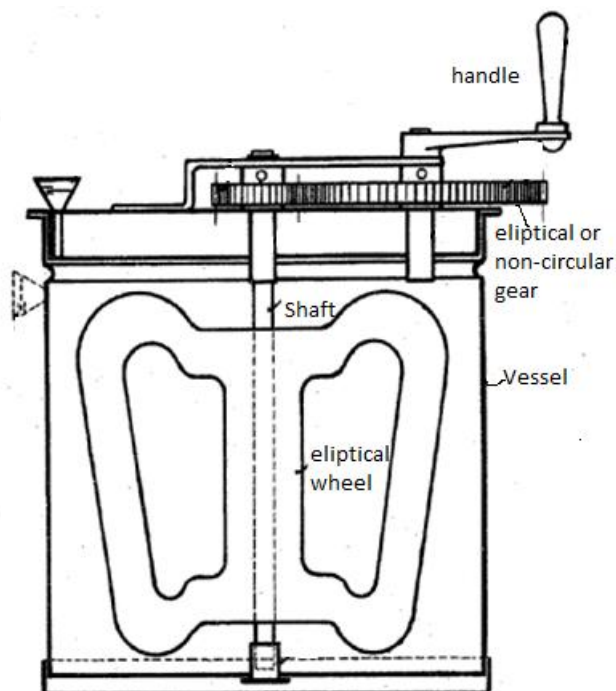
Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following updated text. The image should remain as-is.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Apparatus for manufacturing butter.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



The Figure illustrates a butter churn.

Delete: The entire Relationships section.

References

Insert: The following new Informative references section.

Informative references

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

Butter preparations	A23C15/00
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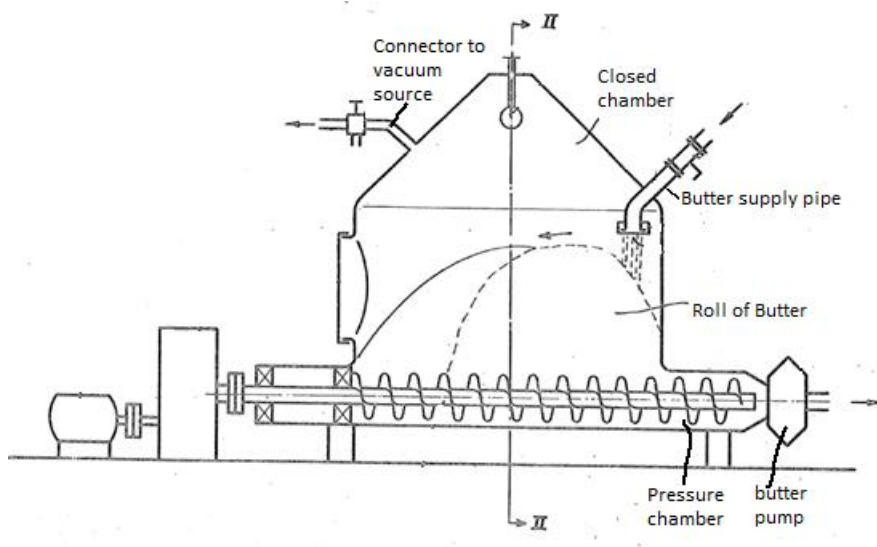
A01J17/00

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



The Figure illustrates an apparatus for working of butter.

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Insert: The following new Informative references section.

References

Informative references

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

Mixing or kneading machines for the preparation of dough	A21C1/00
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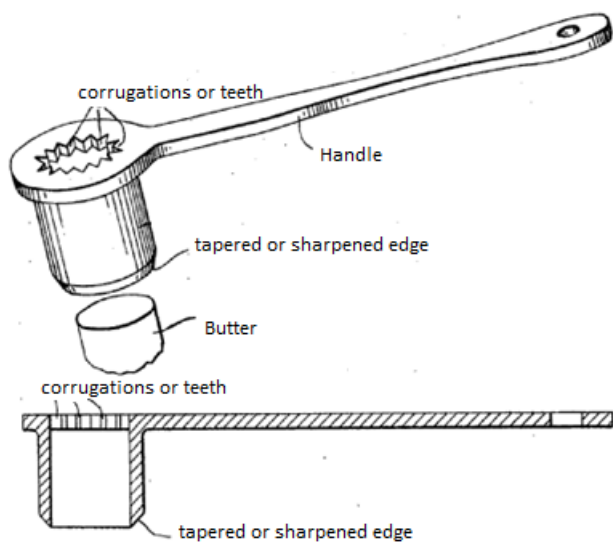
A01J19/00

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



The Figure illustrates an improved device for forming pats or rolls of butter.

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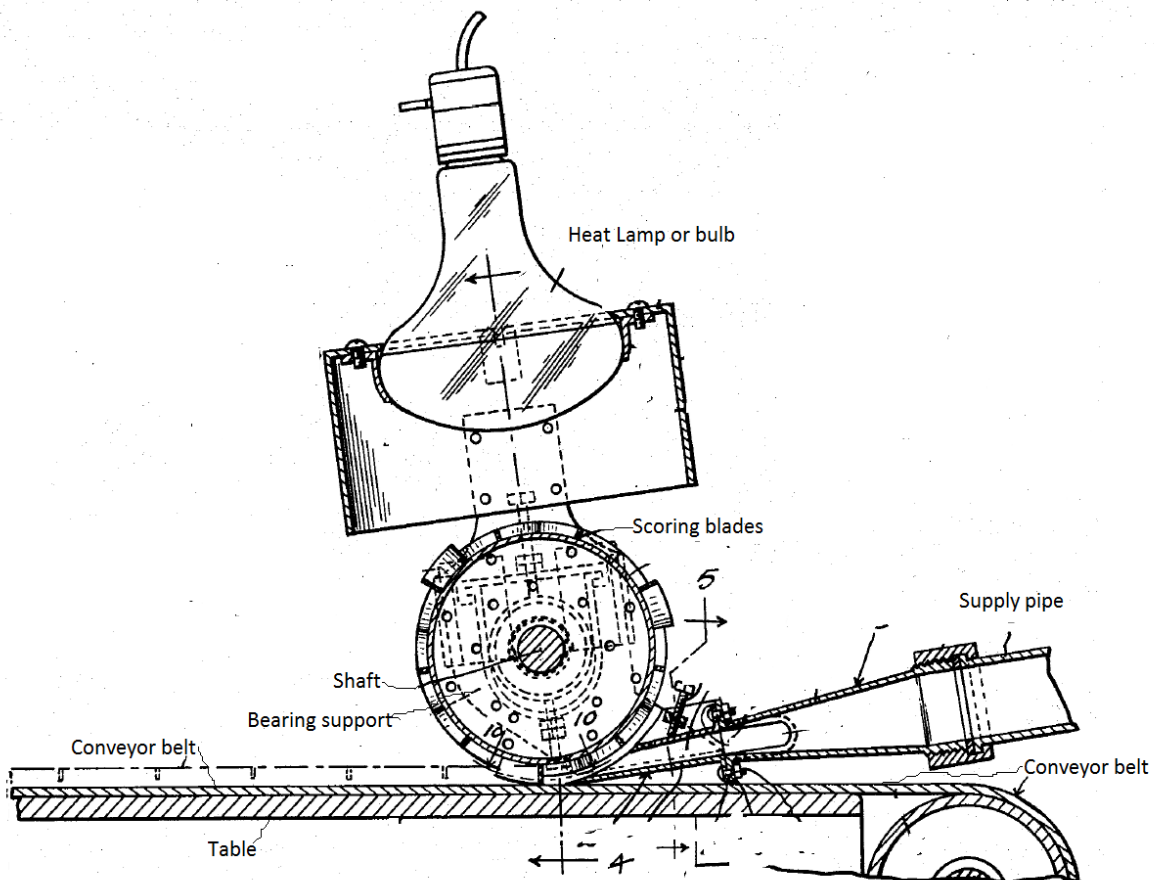
A01J21/00

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



The Figure illustrates a butter and oleomargarine cutting machine.

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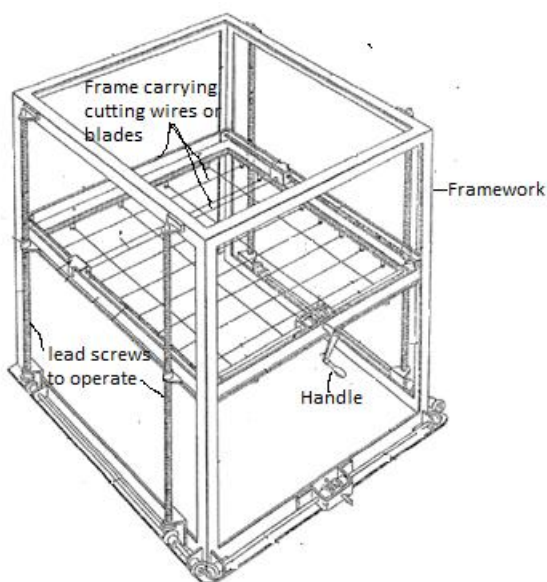
A01J23/00

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



The Figure illustrates masses of butter or margarine being subdivided into blocks.

A01J25/00

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

Definition statement

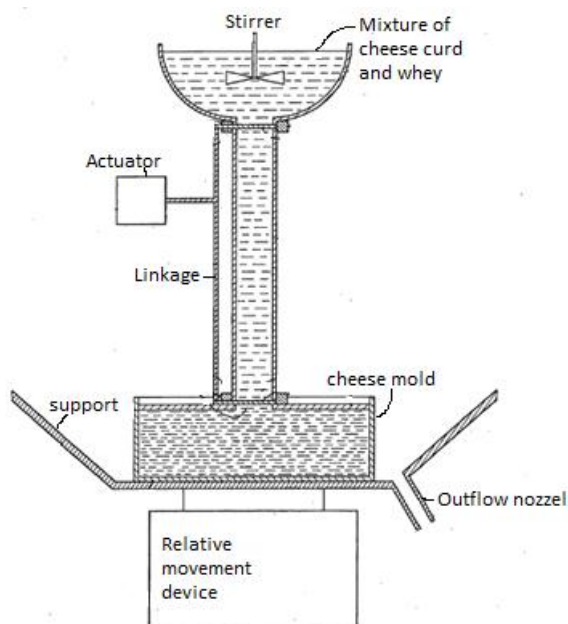
This place covers:

Apparatus for cheese-making.

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

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The Figure illustrates a device and method for processing a mixture of curd and whey.

Delete: The entire Relationships with other classification places section.

References

Replace: The existing Limiting references table with the following updated table.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Devices for coating of cheese	A01J 27/02
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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:

Cheese preparations	A23C19/00
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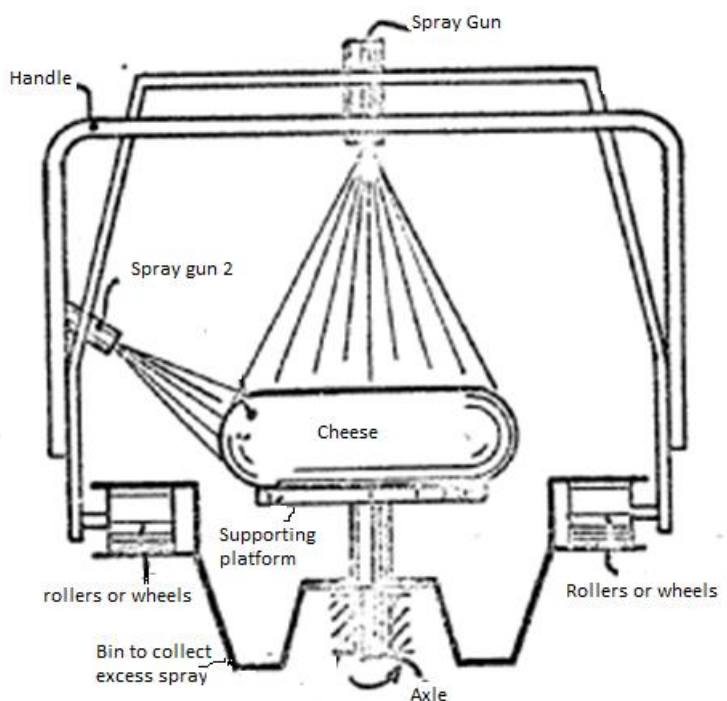
A01J27/00

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:



The Figure illustrates a method and device for spraying a layer of protective material on cheese.

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A23C19/14

Delete: The entire Definition statement.

References

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following updated table.

Informative references

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

After-treatment of cheese; Coating of cheese	A01J27/00
Smoking of meat, sausages or fish	A23B4/044

A23C19/16

Delete: The entire Definition statement.

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:

After-treatment of cheese; Coating of cheese	A01J27/00
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5. CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

Definitions references impacted by this revision project

<u>Location of reference to be changed</u>	<u>Referenced subclass or group to be changed</u>	<u>Section of definition</u>	<u>Action; New reference symbol; New text</u>
B65B 33/00	A23C19/16	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> the existing text with the following: Device for coating of cheese

NOTES:

- The CRL tables above are used for changes to locations **outside** of the project scope. Changes to references in scheme titles or definitions **inside** the project scope will be reflected in the “scheme change” template or one of the “definition” templates.
- In addition to other changes proposed in the tables above, in the column titled “Referenced subclass or group to be changed,” **referenced** D symbols should indicate an action of “delete” or should indicate a replacement symbol and **referenced** F symbols should indicate a replacement symbol.
- When a reference is deleted, text related to that reference will also be deleted unless other references or a range of references associated with the same text remain.