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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 1824

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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:	A41B	9/00
	A41C	3/06
	A61D	3/00
	A61F	2/82
	A61M	29/00
	F16D	47/00
	F22D	1/02
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Modified:	A41B	9/00
	A41C	3/06
	A61D	3/00
	A61F	2/82
	A61M	29/00

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):

A01K 1/0613, A01K 15/00, A01L 13/00, A41D 13/05, A61F 5/03, A61G

This Notice of Changes includes the following:

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 A41B - SHIRTS; UNDERWEAR; BABY LINEN; HANDKERCHIEFS**

<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	A41B9/00	0	Undergarments (corsets A41C1/00; brassieres A41C3/00)	

SUBCLASS A41C - CORSETS; BRASSIERES

<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	A41C3/06	1	Strapless brassieres	

SUBCLASS A61D - VETERINARY INSTRUMENTS, IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS, OR METHODS

<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	A61D3/00	0	Arrangements for supporting or fettering animals for veterinary purposes	

SUBCLASS A61F - FILTERS IMPLANTABLE INTO BLOOD VESSELS; PROSTHESES; DEVICES PROVIDING PATENCY TO, OR PREVENTING COLLAPSING OF, TUBULAR STRUCTURES OF THE BODY, e.g. STENTS; ORTHOPAEDIC, NURSING OR CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICES; FOMENTATION; TREATMENT OR PROTECTION OF EYES OR EARS; BANDAGES, DRESSINGS OR ABSORBENT PADS; FIRST-AID KITS

<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>

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M	A61F2/82	1	Devices providing patency to, or preventing collapsing of, tubular structures of the body, e.g. stents (stent-grafts for tubular structures of the body other than blood vessels A61F2/04; stent-grafts for blood vessels A61F2/07)	
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SUBCLASS A61M - DEVICES FOR INTRODUCING MEDIA INTO, OR ONTO, THE BODY; DEVICES FOR TRANSDUCING BODY MEDIA OR FOR TAKING MEDIA FROM THE BODY; DEVICES FOR PRODUCING OR ENDING SLEEP OR STUPOR

<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 <u>enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to[#]</u>
M	A61M29/00	0	Dilators with or without means for introducing media, e.g. remedies	

SUBCLASS F16D - COUPLINGS FOR TRANSMITTING ROTATION; CLUTCHES; BRAKES

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level</u> <u>Number of</u> <u>dots (e.g. 0, 1,</u> <u>2)</u>	<u>Title</u> “CPC only” text should normally be <u>enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to[#]</u>
M	F16D47/00	0	Systems of clutches, or clutches and couplings, comprising devices of types grouped under at least two of the following sets of groups: F16D1/00 - F16D9/00, F16D11/00 - F16D23/00, F16D25/00 - F16D29/00, F16D31/00 - F16D39/00, F16D41/00 - F16D45/00 (freewheels combined with a clutch to lock the driving and driven members of the freewheel F16D41/04, F16D41/26)	

SUBCLASS F22D - PREHEATING, OR ACCUMULATING PREHEATED, FEED-WATER FOR STEAM GENERATION; FEED-WATER SUPPLY FOR STEAM GENERATION; CONTROLLING WATER LEVEL FOR STEAM GENERATION; AUXILIARY DEVICES FOR PROMOTING WATER CIRCULATION WITHIN STEAM BOILERS

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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	F22D1/02	1	with water tubes arranged in the boiler furnaces, fire tubes or flue ways	

*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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2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

A41B 9/00

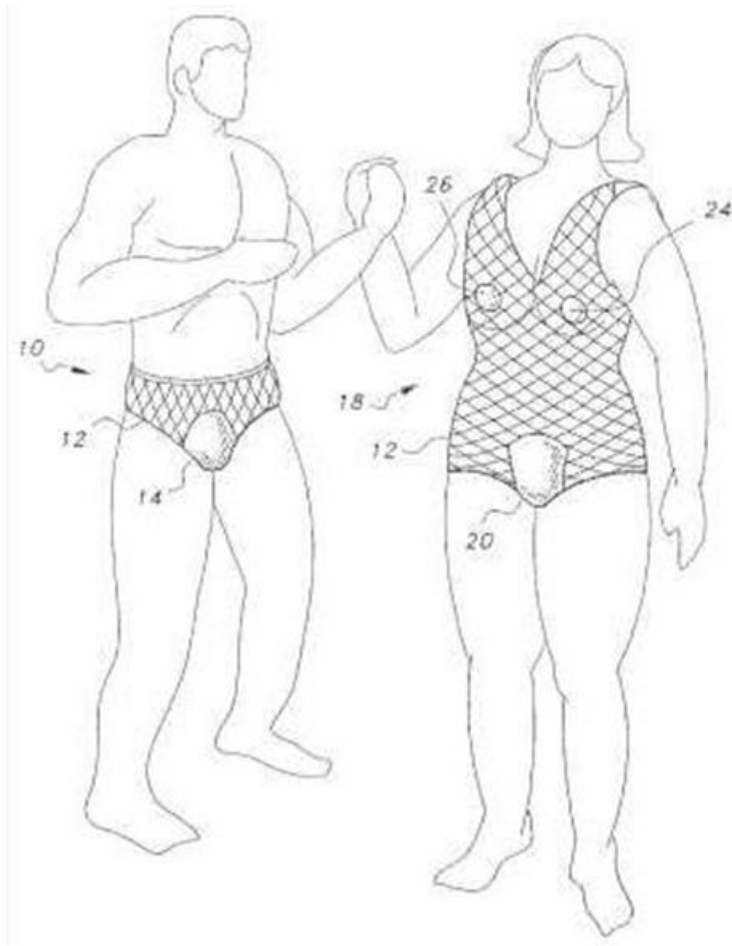
Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following updated text. The images should remain as-is.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in this place:

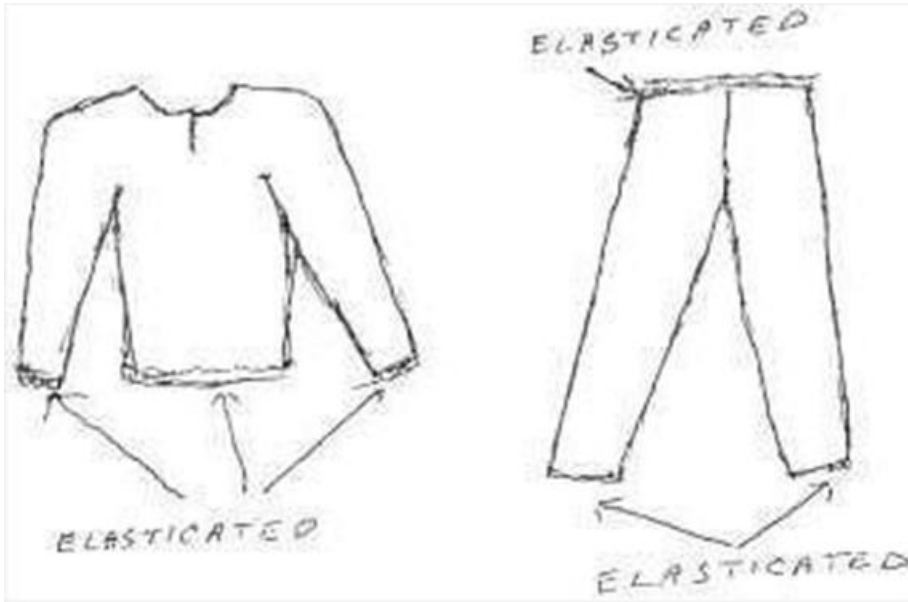
1. Article of clothing providing increased air circulation



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2. Disposable thermal underwear



References

Replace: The text in the second row of the Limiting references table with the following updated text.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Brassieres	A41C 3/00
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[A41C3/06](#)

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

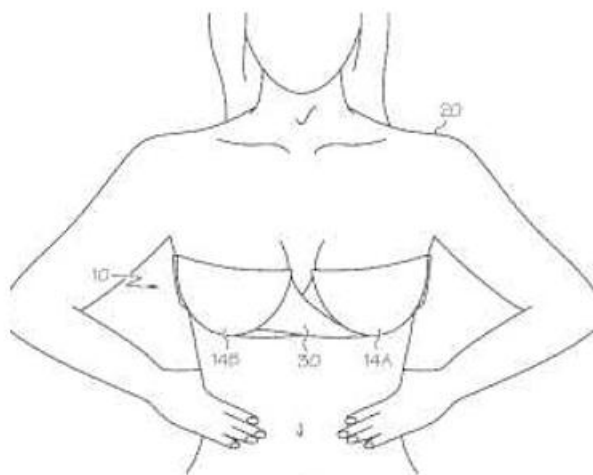
Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

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A61D 3/00

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:

Fettering in slaughter houses	A22B 1/00
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A61F 2/82Delete: The entire Relationships section.**References**Delete: The following reference from the Limiting references table.**Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

Dilators	A61M 29/00
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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:*

Surgical instruments, devices or methods, e.g. tourniquets, for closing wounds or holding wounds closed	A61B 17/00
Materials for other surgical articles, e.g. stents	A61L 31/00
Urethral catheters	A61M 25/0017
Dilators	A61M 29/00
Coating by spraying	B05B 17/00
Bending sheets of metals for making tubes	B21D 5/10
Wire-working in the manufacture of medical instruments, e.g. stents	B21F 45/008

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Working by laser beam, e.g. welding, cutting or boring	B23K 26/00
Moulds or cores	B29C 33/00
Injection moulding	B29C 45/00
Etching metallic material by chemical means	C23F 1/00
Electroplating tubes	C25D 7/04
Stent braiding	D04C 1/00

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

Special rules of classification

Additional information for stents is classified in breakdown codes A61F 2002/821 - A61F2002/828 when appropriate.

A61M 29/00

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Dilators, which do not change their shape.

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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:

Balloon dilators used for angioplasty	A61M 25/104
Instruments for performing visual medical inspections of cavities or tubes of the body	A61B 1/00
Stents	A61F 2/82

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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>
A01K 1/0613	A61D 3/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> text with: Arrangements for supporting or fettering animals for veterinary purposes
A01K 15/00	A61D 3/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> text with: Arrangements for supporting or fettering animals for veterinary purposes
A01L 13/00	A61D 3/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> text with: Arrangements for supporting or fettering animals for veterinary purposes
A41D 13/05	A41C 3/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> text with: Sports brassieres
A61F 5/03	A41C 3/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> text with: Brassieres
A61G	A61D 3/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> text with: Arrangements for supporting or fettering animals for veterinary purposes

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.