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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 1829

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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:	A63K	SUBCLASS
	A63K	3/00
	G04F	7/06
	G04F	8/006
Warnings Deleted:	A63K	SUBCLASS
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Modified:	A63K	SUBCLASS
	A63K	1/00
	A63K	3/00, 3/023, 3/026, 3/04

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): G06F 3/03

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 A63K - RACING; RIDING SPORTS; EQUIPMENT OR ACCESSORIES 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 normally be</u> <u>enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to[#]</u>
M	A63K	Subclass	RACING; RIDING SPORTS; EQUIPMENT OR ACCESSORIES THEREFOR	
M	A63K3/00	0	Equipment or accessories for racing or riding sports	

SUBCLASS G04F - TIME-INTERVAL MEASURING

<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 normally be</u> <u>enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to[#]</u>
M	G04F7/06	2	running only during the time interval to be measured, e.g. stopwatches	
M	G04F8/006	1	{running only during the time interval to be measured, e.g. stopwatches}	

*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.

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- “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 A63K - RACING; RIDING SPORTS; EQUIPMENT OR ACCESSORIES THEREFOR

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Warning notice</u>	<u>New/Modified Warning</u>
D	A63K	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 (modified)

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Race-courses, race-tracks or equipment or accessories for racing or riding sports, e.g. starting appliances or hurdles.

References

Delete: The Limiting references section.

Insert: The new Informative references table.

Informative references

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

Indicating or scoring devices for games or players	A63B 71/06
Games	A63F
Stopwatches using a mechanical oscillator	G04F 7/06
Electromechanical stopwatches	G04F 8/006
Registering, indicating or recording the time of events or elapsed time in connection with sports or games	G07C 1/22
Indicating arrangements for variable information in which the information is built-up on a support by selection or combination of individual elements	G09F 9/00

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A63K 1/00

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Race-courses or race-tracks, e.g. equestrian surfacing materials, racing facility pit systems or running track designs.

References

Delete: The Limiting references section.

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

Informative references

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

Exercising equipment for animals, e.g. treadmills, carousels	A01K 15/027
Design or layout of playing courts, rinks, bowling greens or areas for water-skiing; Covers therefor	A63C 19/00
Construction of, or surfaces for, roads, sports grounds, or the like	E01C

A63K 3/00

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

Definition statement

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Equipment or accessories for racing or riding sports, e.g. starting appliances, hurdles, photo-finish devices, dressage arena borders or individual boxes for small animals, e.g. mice.

References

Delete: The Limiting references table.

Insert: The new Informative references table.

Informative references

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

Training or exercising equipment for animals	A01K 15/02
Training appliances for simulating the movement of horses	A63B 69/04
Board games simulating racing sports	A63F 3/00082
Racing games, traffic games or obstacle games characterised by figures moved by action of the players	A63F 9/14
Devices in connection with harness, for hitching, reining, training, breaking or quietening horses or other traction animals, e.g. blinkers	B68B 1/00
Whips or the like	B68B 11/00

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A63K 3/023

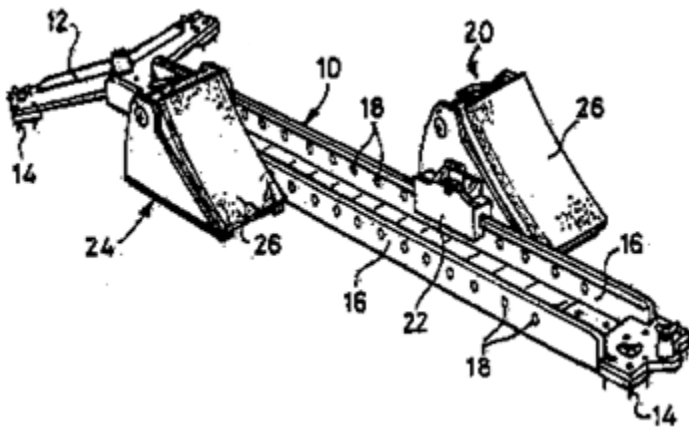
Replace: The text and image in the Definition statement with the following updated text and image.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

Starting blocks for athletic running



A63K 3/026

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

Definition statement

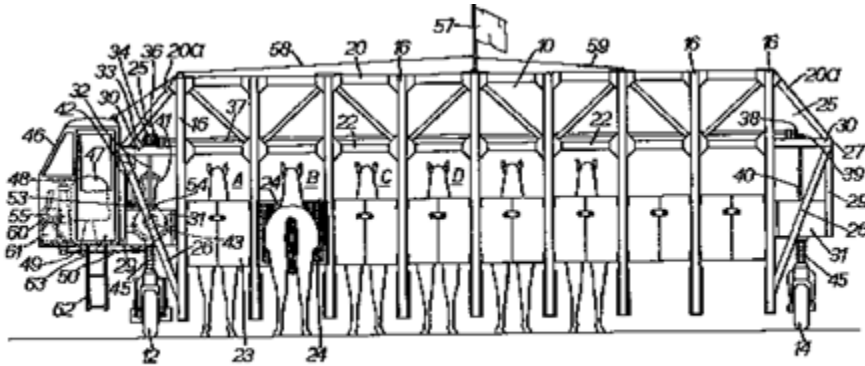
This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

Starting stalls for separating several animals starting together

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Replace: The capital letter in the left and right columns with lowercase, and remove the period after the word race in the right column, so that the updated Glossary of terms table appears as follows.

Glossary of terms

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

hurdle	each of a series of upright frames or obstacles that a person or animal (e.g. horse, dog, etc.) jumps over in a race
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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>
G06F 3/03	A63K	Informative references	A63F

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.