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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:		
Symbols Deleted:	A61L	2/0005, 2/0011, 2/0017, 2/0023, 2/0029, 2/0035, 2/0041, 2/0047, 2/0052, 2/0058, 2/0064, 2/007, 2/0076, 2/0082, 2/0088, 2/0094
	A61L	2202/20, 2202/21, 2202/22, 2202/23, 2202/24, 2202/25, 2202/26
Symbols New:	A61L	2/101, 2/102, 2/104, 2/108
	A61L	2103/00, 2103/05, 2103/06, 2103/07, 2103/09, 2103/10, 2103/15, 2103/20, 2103/23, 2103/25, 2103/30, 2103/35, 2103/40, 2103/45, 2103/50, 2103/55, 2103/60, 2103/65, 2103/70, 2103/75, 2103/80, 2103/85, 2103/90, 2103/95, 2103/97
Titles Changed:	A61L	2/00, 2/02, 2/022, 2/025, 2/035, 2/04, 2/081, 2/082, 2/084, 2/085, 2/087, 2/088, 2/10, 2/18, 2/183, 2/186, 2/202, 2/204, 2/206, 2/208, 2/22, 2/23, 2/26, 2/28
Warnings New:	A61L	2/10, 2/101, 2/102, 2/104, 2/108
	A61L	2103/00, 2103/05, 2103/06, 2103/09, 2103/10, 2103/15, 2103/20, 2103/23, 2103/25, 2103/30, 2103/35, 2103/40, 2103/45, 2103/55, 2103/60, 2103/65, 2103/70, 2103/75, 2103/80, 2103/85, 2103/90, 2103/95
Notes New:	A61L	2/00
Guidance Headings New:	A61L	2103/00
Guidance Headings Modified:	A61L	2101/00
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Deleted: (no frozen (F) symbol definitions should be deleted)	A61L	2/0017, 2/183
Definitions Modified:	A61L	2/00, 2/022, 2/035, 2/07, 2/18, 2/186, 2/202, 2/206, 2/208, 2/22, 2/26, 2/28

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): A01N, A23B, A45D, A47L, A61B, A61C, A61J,

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A61K, A61L, A61M, A62D, B01D, B29C, B60H, B65B, B65D, B67C, B67D, C02F, C12M, C25B, D21H, E05B, G01M, G01N, G21H, G21K, H01J, H04M

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 A61L - METHODS OR APPARATUS FOR STERILISING MATERIALS OR OBJECTS IN GENERAL; DISINFECTION, STERILISATION OR DEODORISATION OF AIR; CHEMICAL ASPECTS OF BANDAGES, DRESSINGS, ABSORBENT PADS OR SURGICAL ARTICLES; MATERIALS FOR BANDAGES, DRESSINGS, ABSORBENT PADS OR SURGICAL ARTICLES

<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	A61L2/00	0	Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor	
D	A61L2/0005	1	{for pharmaceuticals, biologicals or living parts}	<administrative transfer to A61L2103/05>
D	A61L2/0011	2	{using physical methods}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/02 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously>
D	A61L2/0017	3	{Filtration}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/022 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously>
D	A61L2/0023	3	{Heat}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/04 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously>
D	A61L2/0029	3	{Radiation}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/08 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously>
D	A61L2/0035	4	{Gamma radiation}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/081 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously>
D	A61L2/0041	4	{X-rays}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/082 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously>
D	A61L2/0047	4	{Ultra violet radiation}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/10 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously>
D	A61L2/0052	4	{Visible light}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/084 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously>
D	A61L2/0058	4	{Infrared radiation}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/085 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously>
D	A61L2/0064	4	{Microwaves}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/12 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously>

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D	A61L2/007	4	{Particle radiation, e.g. electron-beam, alpha or beta radiation}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/087 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L2/0076	4	{using a photocatalyst or photosensitiser}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/088 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L2/0082	2	{using chemical substances}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/16 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L2/0088	3	{Liquid substances}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/18 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L2/0094	3	{Gaseous substances}	<administrative transfer to A61L2/20 and A61L2103/05 simultaneously >
T	A61L2/02	1	using physical processes	
T	A61L2/022	2	Filtration	
M	A61L2/025	2	Ultrasonic waves	
M	A61L2/035	3	Electrolysis	
T	A61L2/04	2	Heat (radiation A61L2/08)	
T	A61L2/081	3	Gamma radiation	
T	A61L2/082	3	X-rays	
T	A61L2/084	3	Visible light	
T	A61L2/085	3	Infrared radiation	
T	A61L2/087	3	Particle radiation, e.g. electron-beam, alpha or beta radiation	
T	A61L2/088	3	using photocatalysts or photosensitisers	
C	A61L2/10	3	Ultra violet [UV] radiation	A61L2/10, A61L2/101, A61L2/102, A61L2/104, A61L2/108
N	A61L2/101	4	Ultra violet A [UVA]	
N	A61L2/102	4	Ultra violet B [UVB]	
N	A61L2/104	4	Ultra violet C [UVC]	
N	A61L2/108	4	Multiple UV ranges in combination	
T	A61L2/18	2	Liquid substances	
M	A61L2/183	3	Ozone dissolved in a liquid	
M	A61L2/186	3	Peroxide solutions	
M	A61L2/202	3	Ozone	
M	A61L2/204	3	Formaldehyde	
M	A61L2/206	3	Ethylene oxide	
M	A61L2/208	3	Hydrogen peroxide	
M	A61L2/22	2	Phase substances, e.g. smokes or aerosols	

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M	A61L2/23	2	Solid materials, e.g. granules, powders, blocks or tablets	
M	A61L2/26	1	Accessories	
M	A61L2/28	2	Devices for testing the effectiveness or completeness of sterilisation or disinfection, e.g. indicators which change colour	
Q	A61L2103/00	0	Materials or objects being the target of disinfection or sterilisation	A61L2103/00, A61L2103/10, A61L2103/15, A61L2103/20, A61L2103/25, A61L2103/30, A61L2103/35, A61L2103/40, A61L2103/45, A61L2103/55, A61L2103/60, A61L2103/65, A61L2103/70, A61L2103/80, A61L2103/85, A61L2103/90
Q	A61L2103/05	1	Living organisms or biological materials	A61L2103/05, A61L2103/00, A61L2103/06, A61L2103/07, A61L2103/09, A61L2103/10, A61L2103/20, A61L2103/35, A61L2103/65, A61L2103/85
N	A61L2103/06	2	The human body	
N	A61L2103/07	3	Hands	
N	A61L2103/09	2	Blood or products thereof	
N	A61L2103/10	1	Medicinal preparations other than biologicals	
N	A61L2103/15	1	Laboratory, medical or dentistry appliances, e.g. catheters or sharps	
N	A61L2103/20	2	Containers, e.g. vials or flasks	
Q	A61L2103/23	1	{Containers other than laboratory or medical, e.g. bottles or mail}	A61L2103/23, A61L2103/20
N	A61L2103/25	1	Personal electronic items, e.g. mobile phones	
N	A61L2103/30	1	Tableware or kitchen utensils	
N	A61L2103/35	1	Baby products, e.g. pacifiers or feeding bottles	
N	A61L2103/40	1	Furniture, e.g. seats, tables or beds	
N	A61L2103/45	1	Toiletry or cosmetic articles	
N	A61L2103/50	1	Textiles, e.g. bedwear or towels	
N	A61L2103/55	1	Footwear	
N	A61L2103/60	1	Cards or paper money	
N	A61L2103/65	1	Personal protective equipment, e.g. facial masks	
N	A61L2103/70	1	Trolleys, e.g. supermarket trolleys	
Q	A61L2103/75	1	Room floors or walls	A61L2103/75, A61L2103/80, A61L2103/95, A61L2103/97

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N	A61L2103/80	1	Gates, doors or parts thereof, e.g. handles	
N	A61L2103/85	1	Animal houses	
N	A61L2103/90	1	Temporarily isolated areas, e.g. mobile tents	
N	A61L2103/95	1	Vehicles, e.g. cars or aeroplanes	
N	A61L2103/97	2	Passenger compartments of vehicles	
D	A61L2202/20	1	Targets to be treated	<administrative transfer to A61L2103/00>
D	A61L2202/21	2	Pharmaceuticals, e.g. medicaments, artificial body parts	<administrative transfer to A61L2103/05>
D	A61L2202/22	2	Blood or products thereof	<administrative transfer to A61L2103/09>
D	A61L2202/23	2	Containers, e.g. vials, bottles, syringes, mail	<administrative transfer to A61L2103/23>
D	A61L2202/24	2	Medical instruments, e.g. endoscopes, catheters, sharps	<administrative transfer to A61L2103/15>
D	A61L2202/25	2	Rooms in buildings, passenger compartments	<administrative transfer to A61L2103/75>
D	A61L2202/26	2	Textiles, e.g. towels, beds, cloths	<administrative transfer to A61L2103/50>

*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”.

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- 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 A61L - METHODS OR APPARATUS FOR STERILISING MATERIALS OR OBJECTS IN GENERAL; DISINFECTION, STERILISATION OR DEODORISATION OF AIR; CHEMICAL ASPECTS OF BANDAGES, DRESSINGS, ABSORBENT PADS OR SURGICAL ARTICLES; MATERIALS FOR BANDAGES, DRESSINGS, ABSORBENT PADS OR SURGICAL ARTICLES**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Warning notice</u>	<u>New/Modified Warning</u>
N	A61L 2/10		Group A61L 2/10 is impacted by reclassification into groups A61L 2/101, A61L 2/102, A61L 2/104 and A61L 2/108. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2/101		Group A61L 2/101 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2/10. Groups A61L 2/10 and A61L 2/101 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2/102		Group A61L 2/102 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2/10. Groups A61L 2/10 and A61L 2/102 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2/104		Group A61L 2/104 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2/10. Groups A61L 2/10 and A61L 2/104 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2/108		Group A61L 2/108 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2/10. Groups A61L 2/10 and A61L 2/108 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/00		Group A61L 2103/00 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/05. Group A61L 2103/00 is also impacted by reclassification into groups A61L 2103/10, A61L 2103/15 - A61L 2103/20, A61L 2103/25, A61L 2103/30, A61L 2103/35, A61L 2103/40, A61L 2103/45, A61L 2103/55, A61L 2103/60, A61L 2103/65, A61L 2103/70, A61L 2103/80, A61L 2103/85 and A61L 2103/90. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/05		Group A61L 2103/05 is impacted by reclassification into groups A61L 2103/00, A61L 2103/06 - A61L 2103/07, A61L 2103/09, A61L 2103/10, A61L 2103/20, A61L 2103/35, A61L 2103/65 and A61L 2103/85. All groups

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			listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/06		Groups A61L 2103/06 and A61L 2103/07 are incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/05. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/09		Group A61L 2103/09 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/05. Groups A61L 2103/05 and A61L 2103/09 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/10		Group A61L 2103/10 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/05. Groups A61L 2103/00, A61L 2103/05 and A61L 2103/10 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/15		Group A61L 2103/15 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/00. Groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/15 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/20		Group A61L 2103/20 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A61L 2103/00, A61L 2103/05 and A61L 2103/23. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/23		Group A61L 2103/23 is impacted by reclassification into group A61L 2103/20. Groups A61L 2103/23 and A61L 2103/20 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/25		Group A61L 2103/25 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/00. Groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/25 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/30		Group A61L 2103/30 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/00. Groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/30 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/35		Group A61L 2103/35 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/05. Groups A61L 2103/00, A61L 2103/05 and A61L 2103/35 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/40		Group A61L 2103/40 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/00. Groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L

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			2103/40 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/45		Group A61L 2103/45 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/00. Groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/45 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/55		Group A61L 2103/55 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/00. Groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/55 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/60		Group A61L 2103/60 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/00. Groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/60 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/65		Group A61L 2103/65 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/05. Groups A61L 2103/00, A61L 2103/05 and A61L 2103/65 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/70		Group A61L 2103/70 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/00. Groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/70 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/75		Group A61L 2103/75 is impacted by reclassification into groups A61L 2103/80, A61L 2103/95 and A61L 2103/97. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/80		Group A61L 2103/80 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/75. Groups A61L 2103/00, A61L 2103/75 and A61L 2103/80 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/85		Group A61L 2103/85 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/05. Groups A61L 2103/00, A61L 2103/05 and A61L 2103/85 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/90		Group A61L 2103/90 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61L 2103/00. Groups A61L 2103/00 and A61L 2103/90 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61L 2103/95		Groups A61L 2103/95 and A61L 2103/97 are incomplete pending reclassification of documents

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			from group A61L 2103/75. Groups A61L 2103/75, A61L 2103/95 and A61L 2103/97 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
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*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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C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)

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<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
N	A61L2/00		In this group, it is desirable to add the indexing codes of group A61L 2103/00.

*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 A61L - METHODS OR APPARATUS FOR STERILISING MATERIALS OR OBJECTS IN GENERAL; DISINFECTION, STERILISATION OR DEODORISATION OF AIR; CHEMICAL ASPECTS OF BANDAGES, DRESSINGS, ABSORBENT PADS OR SURGICAL ARTICLES; MATERIALS FOR BANDAGES, DRESSINGS, ABSORBENT PADS OR SURGICAL ARTICLES**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Guidance Heading</u>	<u>New/Modified Guidance Heading</u>
M	A61L 2101/00- A61L 2101/00	Indexing scheme associated with groups A61L 2/00 - A61L 12/00, relating to the chemical composition of the materials used in disinfecting, sterilizing or deodorizing.	Indexing scheme associated with groups A61L 2/00 - A61L 12/00, relating to the chemical composition of the materials used.
N	A61L 2103/00- A61L 2103/00		Indexing scheme associated with group A61L 2/00, relating to materials or objects being the target of disinfection or sterilisation.

*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)

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Processes or devices used for biocidal treatment of entities other than foodstuffs or contact lenses.

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Replace: The existing Application-oriented references table with the following updated table.

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:

Foods or foodstuffs; Treatment thereof, not covered by other classes	A23
Preservation of foods or foodstuffs, in general	A23B 2/00
Preservation of milk or milk preparations	A23B 11/10
Devices specially adapted for cleaning or disinfecting shavers or razors	A45D 27/46
Destroying solid waste or transforming solid waste into something useful or harmless	B09B 3/00
Sterilising, e.g. of complete packages	B65B 55/02
Sterilising, aseptic filling and closing of bottles	B67C 7/0073
Pasteurisation, sterilisation, preservation, purification, clarification or ageing of alcoholic beverages	C12H 1/00

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Biocidal agents for non-fibrous material added to pulp	D21H 21/36
Devices adding a disinfecting, deodorising or cleaning agent to the water while flushing	E03D 9/02
Air-conditioning systems characterised by the treatment of the air by purification, e.g. by filtering, sterilisation or ozonisation	F24F 3/16
Treatment, e.g. purification, of air by sterilisation	F24F 8/20
Sanitary or hygienic devices for transducer mouthpieces or earpieces	H04R 1/12

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:

Disinfection, sterilisation or deodorisation of air	A61L 9/00
Methods specially adapted for refuse	A61L 11/00
For contact lenses	A61L 12/00
Biocides, e.g. as disinfectants, as pesticides or as herbicides	A01N
Cleaning devices specially adapted for dental instruments	A61C 19/002
Blood transfusion apparatus	A61M 1/02
Processes for making harmful chemical substances harmless or less harmful	A62D 3/00
Cleaning in general	B08B
Preparation of ozone	C01B 13/10
Treatment of water, waste water or sewage	C02F 1/00
Sanitary doorknobs or handles, e.g. comprising a disinfectant	E05B 1/0069

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

Special rules of classification

A substance that has a biocidal action is classified according to its liquid, gaseous or solid state. For example, hydrogen peroxide, which may be used in liquid or gaseous form, is classified in group [A61L 2/186](#) or [A61L 2/208](#).

A61L 2/022

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Methods or apparatus for disinfecting or sterilising materials or objects other than foodstuffs, contact lenses, pharmaceuticals, biologicals or living parts by filtration.

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references section.

Insert: The following new Informative references table.

Informative references

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

Devices for carrying-off, for treatment of or for carrying-over body-liquids	A61M 1/00
Filtering material for liquid or gaseous fluids	B01D 39/00
Filters or filtering processes specially modified for separating dispersed particles from gases or vapours	B01D 46/00

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A61L 2/035

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Direct and indirect sterilisation by electrolysis, irrespective of the location of biocidal action in or downstream of the electrolysis cell.

A61L 2/07

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:

Pressure vessels, e.g. autoclaves	B01J 3/04
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A61L 2/18

References

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:

Cleaning devices specially adapted for dental instruments without its application in sterilization or disinfection	A61C 19/002
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A61L 2/186**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:

Peroxides; Peroxyhydrates; Peroxyacids or salts thereof; Superoxides; Ozonides	C01B 15/00
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A61L 2/202**References**

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:

Production of ozone without its application in sterilization or disinfection	C01B 13/10
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A61L 2/206**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:

Preparation of oxiranes, i.e. ethylene oxide	C07D 301/00
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A61L 2/208**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:

Peroxides; Peroxyhydrates; Peroxyacids or salts thereof; Superoxides; Ozonides	C01B 15/00
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A61L 2/22**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:

Apparatus for spraying or atomising liquids or other fluent materials	B05B 17/00
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A61L 2/26

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

Definition statement

This place covers:

Devices that are used in methods or apparatuses for disinfection or sterilisation.

References

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

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

Surgical drapes specially adapted for instruments	A61B 46/10
Containers, covers, furniture or holders specially adapted for surgical or diagnostic appliances or instruments, e.g. sterile covers	A61B 50/00

A61L 2/28Insert: A period at the end of the Definition statement.**Definition statement***This place covers:*

Devices to indicate that sterilisation is complete or effective.

ReferencesReplace: 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:*

Measuring or testing with condition measuring or sensing means, e.g. colony counters	C12M 1/34
Measuring or testing processes involving enzymes, nucleic acids or microorganisms involving viable microorganisms	C12Q 1/02

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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
A61L2/0017	Entire definition		Delete entire definition
A61L2/183	Entire definition		Delete 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.

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3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

Type*	From CPC Symbol (existing)	To CPC Symbol(s)
D	A61L 2/0005	<administrative transfer to A61L 2103/05>
D	A61L 2/0011	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/02 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously>
D	A61L 2/0017	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/022 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0023	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/04 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0029	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/08 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0035	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/081 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0041	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/082 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0047	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/10 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0052	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/084 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0058	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/085 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0064	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/12 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/007	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/087 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0076	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/088 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0082	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/16 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0088	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/18 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
D	A61L 2/0094	<administrative transfer to A61L 2/20 and A61L 2103/05 simultaneously >
C	A61L 2/10	A61L 2/10, A61L 2/101, A61L 2/102, A61L 2/104, A61L 2/108
Q	A61L 2103/00	A61L 2103/00, A61L 2103/10, A61L 2103/15, A61L 2103/20, A61L 2103/25, A61L 2103/30, A61L 2103/35, A61L 2103/40, A61L 2103/45, A61L 2103/55, A61L 2103/60, A61L 2103/65, A61L 2103/70, A61L 2103/80, A61L 2103/85, A61L 2103/90
Q	A61L 2103/05	A61L 2103/05, A61L 2103/00, A61L 2103/06, A61L 2103/07, A61L 2103/09, A61L 2103/10, A61L 2103/20, A61L 2103/35, A61L 2103/65, A61L 2103/85
Q	A61L 2103/23	A61L 2103/23, A61L 2103/20
Q	A61L 2103/75	A61L 2103/75, A61L 2103/80, A61L 2103/95, A61L 2103/97
D	A61L 2202/20	<administrative transfer to A61L 2103/00>
D	A61L 2202/21	<administrative transfer to A61L 2103/05>
D	A61L 2202/22	<administrative transfer to A61L 2103/09>
D	A61L 2202/23	<administrative transfer to A61L 2103/23>
D	A61L 2202/24	<administrative transfer to A61L 2103/15>
D	A61L 2202/25	<administrative transfer to A61L 2103/75>
D	A61L 2202/26	<administrative transfer to A61L 2103/50>

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* 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; D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed.

NOTES:

- Only C, D, F, and Q type entries are included in the table above.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “To” column, do not use ranges of symbols.
- 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 (“To”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “To” column for such cases.
- RCL is not needed for finalisation projects.

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4. CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

<u>CPC</u>	<u>IPC</u>	<u>Action*</u>
A61L 2/0005		DELETE
A61L 2/0011		DELETE
A61L 2/0017		DELETE
A61L 2/0023		DELETE
A61L 2/0029		DELETE
A61L 2/0035		DELETE
A61L 2/0041		DELETE
A61L 2/0047		DELETE
A61L 2/0052		DELETE
A61L 2/0058		DELETE
A61L 2/0064		DELETE
A61L 2/007		DELETE
A61L 2/0076		DELETE
A61L 2/0082		DELETE
A61L 2/0088		DELETE
A61L 2/0094		DELETE
A61L 2/022	A61L 2/022	UPDATE
A61L 2/035	A61L 2/035	UPDATE
A61L 2/081	A61L 2/081	UPDATE
A61L 2/082	A61L 2/082	UPDATE
A61L 2/084	A61L 2/084	UPDATE
A61L 2/085	A61L 2/085	UPDATE
A61L 2/087	A61L 2/087	UPDATE
A61L 2/088	A61L 2/088	UPDATE
A61L 2/101	A61L 2/101	NEW
A61L 2/102	A61L 2/102	NEW
A61L 2/104	A61L 2/104	NEW
A61L 2/108	A61L 2/108	NEW
A61L 2/183	A61L 2/183	UPDATE
A61L 2/186	A61L 2/186	UPDATE
A61L 2/202	A61L 2/202	UPDATE
A61L 2/204	A61L 2/204	UPDATE
A61L 2/206	A61L 2/206	UPDATE
A61L 2/208	A61L 2/208	UPDATE
A61L 2103/00	A61L 103/00	NEW
A61L 2103/05	A61L 103/05	NEW
A61L 2103/06	A61L 103/06	NEW
A61L 2103/07	A61L 103/07	NEW
A61L 2103/09	A61L 103/09	NEW
A61L 2103/10	A61L 103/10	NEW
A61L 2103/15	A61L 103/15	NEW
A61L 2103/20	A61L 103/20	NEW

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<u>CPC</u>	<u>IPC</u>	<u>Action*</u>
A61L 2103/23	A61L 103/00	NEW
A61L 2103/25	A61L 103/25	NEW
A61L 2103/30	A61L 103/30	NEW
A61L 2103/35	A61L 103/35	NEW
A61L 2103/40	A61L 103/40	NEW
A61L 2103/45	A61L 103/45	NEW
A61L 2103/50	A61L 103/50	NEW
A61L 2103/55	A61L 103/55	NEW
A61L 2103/60	A61L 103/60	NEW
A61L 2103/65	A61L 103/65	NEW
A61L 2103/70	A61L 103/70	NEW
A61L 2103/75	A61L 103/75	NEW
A61L 2103/80	A61L 103/80	NEW
A61L 2103/85	A61L 103/85	NEW
A61L 2103/90	A61L 103/90	NEW
A61L 2103/95	A61L 103/95	NEW
A61L 2103/97	A61L 103/97	NEW
A61L 2202/20		DELETE
A61L 2202/21		DELETE
A61L 2202/22		DELETE
A61L 2202/23		DELETE
A61L 2202/24		DELETE
A61L 2202/25		DELETE
A61L 2202/26		DELETE

*Action column:

- For an (N) or (Q) entry, provide an IPC symbol and complete the Action column with “NEW.”
- For an existing CPC main trunk entry or indexing entry where the existing IPC symbol needs to be changed, provide an updated IPC symbol and complete the Action column with “UPDATED.”
- For a (D) CPC entry or indexing entry complete the Action column with “DELETE.” IPC symbol does not need to be included in the IPC column.
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry which is positioned within the main trunk scheme (breakdown code) provide an IPC symbol and complete the action column with “NEW”.
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry positioned at the end of the CPC scheme (orthogonal code), with no IPC equivalent, complete the IPC column with “CPCONLY” and complete the action column with “NEW”.

NOTES:

- F symbols are not included in the CICL table above.
- T and M symbols are not included in the CICL table above unless a change to the existing IPC is desired.

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5. CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

Scheme references impacted by this revision project

<u>Location of reference to be changed</u>	<u>Referenced subclass or group to be changed</u>	<u>Action; New reference symbol; New text</u>
A61C 1/0076	A61L 2/18	<u>Delete</u> reference (sterilisation of liquid substances in general A61L 2/18)
A61C 19/002	A61L 2/00	<u>Delete</u> references (disinfecting A61L 2/00; cleaning in general B08B)
A61M 39/16	A61L 2/00	<u>Delete</u> reference ; methods or apparatus for disinfection or sterilisation A61L 2/00
C12M	A61L 2/00	<u>Replace</u> third bullet point of the sixth note as follows: apparatus or devices for testing sterility conditions not linked to a bioreactor or fermenter growing biomass, which are covered by G01N 31/226;

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>
A61K 41/00	A61L 2/0029	Definition statement	<u>Replace</u> the existing text of the bulleted point under heading A61K 41/10 with the following new text: inactivation or decontamination of a medicinal preparation prior to administration to the animal/human, e.g. inactivation of viruses or bacteria for vaccines or sterilisation by electromagnetic radiation (see A61K 41/17 for the specific method or A61L 2/08, A61L 2103/05, A61L 2103/09 or A61L 2103/10 if the invention lies in the method of sterilisation of the medicinal preparation, rather than the sterilised medicinal preparation).
A61K 41/00	A61L 2/0029, A61L 2202/21, A61L 2202/22	Relationships with other classification places	<u>Replace</u> the existing text of the last paragraph with the following new text: Attention is drawn to A61L 2/08, A61L 2103/05, A61L 2103/09 or A61L

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			2103/10 if the invention lies in the method of sterilisation of the medicinal preparation, rather than the sterilised medicinal preparation.
A61K 41/10	A61L 2/0029	Relationships with other classification places	<p><u>Replace</u> the existing text with the following new text:</p> <p>Attention is drawn to A61L 2/08, A61L 2103/05, A61L 2103/09 or A61L 2103/10 if the invention lies in the method of sterilisation of the medicinal preparation, rather than the sterilised medicinal preparation.</p> <p>General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by radiation is classified in A61L 2/08.</p>
B65B 55/04	A61L 2202/23	Informative references	<p><u>Replace</u> entire row:</p> <p>Sterilising of containers other than laboratory or medical, e.g. bottles A61L 2103/23</p>
C02F 1/02	A61L 2/0023, A61L 2/04	Informative references	<p><u>Replace</u> two entire rows with the following two rows:</p> <p>Sterilisation of biological materials A61L 2103/05</p> <p>General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by heat A61L 2/04</p>
A01N	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<p><u>Replace</u> entire row:</p> <p>Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00</p>
A23B	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<p><u>Replace</u> entire row:</p> <p>Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00</p>
A45D 27/46	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<p><u>Replace</u> entire row:</p> <p>Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00</p>
A47L 15/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<p><u>Replace</u> entire row:</p> <p>Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00</p>

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A61B 1/121	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
A61B 1/123	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Delete</u> entire informative references table
A61B 50/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
A61B 90/70	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
A61B 2090/702	A61L 2/28	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Devices for testing the effectiveness or completeness of sterilisation or disinfection, e.g. indicators which change colour A61L 2/28
A61C 1/0076	A61L 2/18	Limiting references	<u>Delete</u> the entire the limiting references section.
A61C 1/0076		Informative references	<u>Insert</u> the following new reference in the Informative references table. General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by liquid substances A61L 2/18
A61C 19/002		Relationships with other classification places	<u>Delete</u> the entire relationships with other classification places section
A61C 19/002	A61L 2/00	Limiting references	<u>Delete</u> the entire row from the limiting references table Disinfecting A61L 2/00
A61C 19/002		Informative references	<u>Insert</u> a <u>new</u> informative references table with the following two rows: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00 Cleaning in general; Prevention of fouling in general B08B
A61J 1/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row:

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			Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
A61J 1/18	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Delete</u> entire row
A61K 33/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
A61K 45/06	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
A61L 12/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
A61L 12/00	A61L 2/00	Limiting references	<u>Delete</u> the entire row from the limiting references table
A61M 1/168	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
A61M 39/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
A62D 3/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
B01D 61/00	A61L 2/022	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by filtration A61L2/022
B01D 63/00	A61L 2/022	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by filtration A61L2/022
B01D 65/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row:

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<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>
			Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
B29C 49/42	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
B29C 49/46	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Delete</u> entire row
B29C 51/26	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
B29C 51/263	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Delete</u> entire row
B60H 3/0085	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
B65B 55/06	A61L 2/04	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by heat A61L 2/04
B65B 55/08	A61L 2/08	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by radiation A61L 2/08
B65B 55/10	A61L 2/18	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by liquid substances A61L 2/18
B65B 55/10	A61L 2/20	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by gaseous substances, e.g. vapours A61L 2/20
B65B 55/18	A61L 2/18	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by liquid substances A61L 2/18
B65B 55/18	A61L 2/20	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row:

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<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>
			General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by gaseous substances, e.g. vapours A61L 2/20
B65D 1/32	A61L 2/00	Application-oriented references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
B65D 83/141	A61L 2/22	Application-oriented references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by phase substances, e.g. smokes or aerosols A61L 2/22
B67C	A61L 2/00, A61L 2202/23	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row with two rows: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00 Containers other than laboratory or medical, e.g. bottles A61L 2103/23
B67C	A61L 2/00	Limiting references	<u>Delete</u> the entire row from the limiting references table.
B67C 3/00	A61L 2/00, A61L 2202/23	Informative references	<u>Delete</u> entire row
B67C 7/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Delete</u> entire row
B67C 7/00	A61L 2/00	Limiting references	<u>Delete</u> two entire rows from the limiting references table.
B67D 1/07	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
C02F 1/32	A61L 2/10	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by ultraviolet [UV] radiation A61L 2/10
C02F 1/36	A61L 2/025	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by ultrasonic waves A61L 2/025
C12M	A61L 2/00	Limiting references	<u>Replace</u> entire row with Investigating or analysing the degree of sterilisation of non-biological materials using chemical indicators G01N 31/226

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C12M		Informative references	<u>Insert</u> a <u>new</u> informative references table with the following one row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
C25B	A61L 2/035	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by electrolysis A61L 2/035
D21H 21/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00
E05B 1/00	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row with two rows: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00 Gates, doors or parts thereof, e.g. handles to be disinfected or sterilized A61L2103/80
G01M 99/00	A61L 2/28	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Devices for testing the effectiveness or completeness of sterilisation or disinfection, e.g. indicators which change colour A61L 2/28
G01N 15/00	A61L 2/28	Special rules of classification	<u>Replace</u> last sentence of eighth paragraph: For devices for testing the effectiveness or completeness of sterilisation or disinfection, cf. A61L 2/28.
G01N 31/00	A61L 2/28	Application-oriented references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Devices for testing the effectiveness or completeness of sterilisation or disinfection, e.g. indicators which change colour A61L 2/28
G01N 33/98	A61L2/00- A61L33/0094	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row with two rows: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00 Preparations for dentistry A61K 6/00

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G21H	A61L 2/08	Application-oriented references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by radiation A61L 2/08
G21H 5/00	A61L 2/08	References out of a residual place	<u>Delete</u> entire row
G21K 5/00	A61L 2/00	Limiting references	<u>Delete</u> the entire row from the limiting references table Sterilization other than foodstuff or contact lenses A61L 2/00, A61L 12/00
G21K 5/00		Informative references	<u>Insert</u> a <u>new</u> informative references table with the following row: General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by radiation A61L 2/08
H01J 37/00	A61L 2/087	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> two entire rows with two rows: Preservation of foods or foodstuffs, in general by irradiation without heating with corpuscular or ionising radiation, i.e. X, alpha, beta or omega radiation A23B 2/503 General disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects by particle radiation, e.g. electron-beam, alpha or beta radiation A61L 2/087
H04M 1/17	A61L 2/00	Informative references	<u>Replace</u> entire row: Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects, in general; Accessories therefor A61L 2/00

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.