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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:	B60F	SUBCLASS
	B60F	3/00, 3/0007, 3/0015, 3/0023, 3/0038, 3/0053, 3/0061, 3/0069, 3/0076, 3/0084, 3/0092
	B60F	5/00, 5/02
Warnings Deleted:	B60F	SUBCLASS
Guidance Headings New:	B60F	2301/00
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Deleted: (no frozen (F) symbol definitions should be deleted)		
Definitions New:	B60F	3/0015, 3/0023, 3/0038, 3/0061, 3/0069, 3/0076, 3/0084, 3/0092
Definitions Modified:	B60F	SUBCLASS
	B60F	1/00
	B60F	3/00
	B60F	5/00

No other subclasses/groups are impacted by this Notice of Changes.

This Notice of Changes includes the following *[Check the ones included]*:

1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

- ☒ A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)
- ☒ B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning(s)
- ☐ C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)
- ☒ D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)

2. DEFINITIONS

- ☒ A. New or Modified Definitions (Full definition template)
- ☐ B. Modified or Deleted Definitions (Definitions Quick Fix)

3. ☐ REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

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

5. ☐ CHANGES TO THE CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

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1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)**SUBCLASS B60F - VEHICLES FOR USE BOTH ON RAIL AND ON ROAD; AMPHIBIOUS OR LIKE VEHICLES; CONVERTIBLE VEHICLES**

<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	B60F	Subclass	VEHICLES FOR USE BOTH ON RAIL AND ON ROAD; VEHICLES CAPABLE OF TRAVELLING IN OR ON DIFFERENT MEDIA, e.g. AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES (air-cushion vehicles B60V)	
M	B60F 3/00	0	Amphibious vehicles, i.e. vehicles capable of travelling both on land and on water; Land vehicles capable of travelling under water	
M	B60F 3/0007	1	{Arrangement of propulsion or steering means on amphibious vehicles}	
M	B60F 3/0015	2	{comprising tracks specially adapted therefor}	
M	B60F 3/0023	2	{comprising screw-type ground-engaging means}	
M	B60F 3/0038	2	{Flotation, updrift or stability devices}	
M	B60F 3/0053	2	{Particular devices for gas circulation, e.g. air admission, cooling, watertightness}	
M	B60F 3/0061	1	{Amphibious vehicles specially adapted for particular purposes or of a particular type}	
M	B60F 3/0069	2	{Recreational amphibious vehicles}	
M	B60F 3/0076	2	{Amphibious snowmobiles}	
M	B60F 3/0084	2	{Amphibious cycles}	
M	B60F 3/0092	2	{Amphibious trailers}	
M	B60F 5/00	0	Other vehicles capable of travelling in or on different media (flying-boats or seaplanes B64C 35/00)	
M	B60F 5/02	1	convertible into aircraft (convertible aircraft B64C 37/00; convertible unmanned aerial vehicle [UAV]-type aircraft, e.g. convertible into land vehicles, B64U 10/70)	

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*N = new entries where reclassification into entries is involved; C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; T = existing entries with enlarged file scope, which receive documents from C or D entries, e.g. when a limiting reference is removed from the entry title; M = entries with no change to the file scope (no reclassification); D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed; U = entries that are unchanged.

NOTES:

- **No { curly brackets } are used for titles in CPC only subclasses, e.g. C12Y, A23Y; 2000 series symbol titles of groups found at the end of schemes (orthogonal codes); or the Y section titles. The { curly brackets } are used for 2000 series symbol titles found interspersed throughout the main trunk schemes (breakdown codes).
- U groups: it is obligatory to display the required “anchor” symbol (U group), i.e. the entry immediately preceding a new group or an array of new groups to be created (in case new groups are not clearly subgroups of C-type groups). Always include the symbol, indent level and title of the U group in the table above.
- All entry types should be included in the scheme changes table above for better understanding of the overall scheme change picture. Symbol, indent level, and title are required for all types.
- “Transferred to” column must be completed for all C, D, F, and Q type entries. F groups will be deleted once reclassification is completed.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “Transferred to” column, avoid using ranges of symbols in order to be as precise as possible.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “<administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.
- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD>, <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or <administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“Transferred to”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “Transferred to” column for such cases.
- For finalization projects, the deleted “F” symbols should have <no transfer> in the “Transferred to” column.
- For more details about the types of scheme change, see CPC Guide.

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B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning notice(s)

SUBCLASS B60F - VEHICLES FOR USE BOTH ON RAIL AND ON ROAD; AMPHIBIOUS OR LIKE VEHICLES; CONVERTIBLE VEHICLES

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Warning notice</u>	<u>New/Modified Warning</u>
D	B60F	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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D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)**SUBCLASS B60F - VEHICLES FOR USE BOTH ON RAIL AND ON ROAD; AMPHIBIOUS OR LIKE VEHICLES; CONVERTIBLE VEHICLES**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Guidance Heading</u>	<u>New/Modified Guidance Heading</u>
N	B60F 2301/00 - B60F 2301/00		Indexing codes related to retractable wheels

*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 (new)

B60F 3/0015

References

Informative references

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

Tracks of articulated type for endless track vehicles	B62D 55/20
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B60F 3/0023

References

Informative references

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

Vehicles characterised by having other propulsion or other ground-engaging means than wheels or endless track, alone or in addition to wheels or endless track	B62D 57/00
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B60F 3/0038

References

Informative references

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

Equipment to decrease pitch, roll, or like unwanted movements of ships or other waterborne vessels	B63B 39/00
Improving safety of ships or other waterborne vessels by improving buoyancy	B63B 43/10

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B60F 3/0061**References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Equipment for working under water	B63C 11/00
Floating bridges designed as, or mounted on, vehicles	E01D 15/22
Armoured or armed vehicles	F41H 7/00

B60F 3/0069**References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Toy vehicles	A63H 17/00 - A63H 31/00
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B60F 3/0076**References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Skis or snowboards	A63C 5/00
Sledges	B62B 13/00 - B62B 19/00

B60F 3/0084**References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Vessel being powered by land vehicle supported by vessel	B63H 21/175
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B60F 3/0092**References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Trailers not otherwise provided for	B62D 63/06
Stationary floating buildings for human use, e.g. floating dwellings or floating restaurants	B63B 2035/4426

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2. A. DEFINITIONS (Modified)

B60F

Definition statement

Delete: The entire Definition statement.

References

Replace: The Special rules of classification section with the updated text.

In this subclass, an indexing scheme is used:

The indexing scheme is used in all main groups under the subclass [B60F](#). This indexing scheme is used for indexing information related to the invention information which is not limited to the scope of one of the main groups in the subclass [B60F](#). The use of this indexing scheme is obligatory for invention-related information.

B60F 1/00

Definition statement

Replace: The Definition statement with the updated text.

Vehicles for use both on rail and on road; conversion devices or methods for these vehicles.

References

Replace: The Informative references table with the updated table.

Body details or kinds of railway vehicles	B61D
Trailers	B62D
Tractor-trailer combinations; Road trains	B62D 53/00

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Placing, renewing, working, cleaning or taking-up ballast	E01B 27/00
Dredgers; Soil-shifting machines	E02F 3/00

B60F 3/00

References

Delete: The entire Limiting references table.

Replace: The Informative references table with the updated table.

Buoyant wheels	B60B 19/06
Equipment forming part of, or attachable to, vessels, facilitating transport over land	B63C 13/00
Marine propulsion or steering	B63H

B60F 5/00

References

Replace: The Limiting references table with the updated table.

Flying-boats or seaplanes	B64C 35/00
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Replace: The Informative references table with the updated table.

Vehicles having alternatively-usable runners and wheels	B62B 13/18
Cycles convertible to, or transformable into, other types of cycles or land vehicles	B62K 13/00
Convertible aircraft	B64C 37/00