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**The following classification changes will be effected by this Notice of Changes:**

| <b><u>Action</u></b>  | <b><u>Subclass</u></b> | <b><u>Group(s)</u></b>                                      |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>SCHEME:</b>        |                        |   |
| Titles Changed:       | G04C                   | SUBCLASS  |
|                       | G04C                   | 1/00, 1/04, 1/10  |
|                       | G04C                   | 3/00, 3/001, 3/033, 3/0335, 3/04, 3/104, 3/105, 3/16, 3/165 |
|                       | G04C                   | 9/00, 9/04, 9/06, 9/08                                      |
|                       | G04C                   | 10/00, 10/04  |
|                       | G04C                   | 11/00, 11/04  |
|                       | G04C                   | 13/023, 13/10   |
|                       | G04C                   | 17/00, 17/0091  |
|                       | G04C                   | 21/00, 21/02, 21/04   |
|                       | G04C                   | 23/00   |
| Warnings Deleted:     | G04C                   | SUBCLASS  |
|                       |                        |   |
| <b>DEFINITIONS:</b>   |                        |   |
| Definitions New:      | G04C                   | 1/04, 1/10  |
|                       | G04C                   | 3/001, 3/033, 3/0335, 3/04, 3/104, 3/16, 3/165              |
|                       | G04C                   | 10/04   |
|                       | G04C                   | 11/00, 11/04  |
|                       | G04C                   | 13/023, 13/10   |
|                       | G04C                   | 17/0091   |
|                       | G04C                   | 21/02, 21/04  |
|                       |                        |   |
| Definitions Modified: | G04C                   | SUBCLASS  |
|                       | G04C                   | 1/00  |
|                       | G04C                   | 3/00  |
|                       | G04C                   | 9/00  |
|                       | G04C                   | 10/00   |
|                       | G04C                   | 17/00   |
|                       | G04C                   | 21/00   |
|                       | G04C                   | 23/00   |

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**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 G04C - ELECTROMECHANICAL CLOCKS OR WATCHES**

| <u>Type*</u> | <u>Symbol</u>  | <u>Indent<br/>Level<br/>Number of<br/>dots (e.g. 0,<br/>1, 2)</u> | <u>Title</u><br>“CPC only” text should normally be<br>enclosed in {curly brackets}**  | <u>Transferred to<sup>#</sup></u> |
|--------------|----------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| M            | G04C           | SUBCLASS  | ELECTROMECHANICAL CLOCKS OR WATCHES   |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>1/00   | 0   | Winding mechanical clocks electrically  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>1/04   | 1   | by electric motors with rotating or with reciprocating movement   |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>1/10   | 1   | Protection against overwinding  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>3/00   | 0   | Electromechanical clocks or watches independent of other time-pieces and in which the movement is maintained by electric means (clocks driven by synchronous motors G04C 15/00) |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>3/001  | 1   | {Electromechanical switches for setting or display}   |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>3/033  | 2   | using torsion pendulums; using conical pendulums  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>3/0335 | 3   | {using conical pendulums}   |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>3/04   | 1   | wherein movement is regulated by a balance  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>3/104  | 4   | {of the pawl or the ratchet wheel}  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>3/105  | 5   | {pawl and ratchet wheel being magnetically coupled}   |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>3/16   | 1   | incorporating an electro-dynamic continuously rotating motor (G04C 3/02 - G04C 3/12 take precedence)  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>3/165  | 2   | {comprising a mechanical regulating device influencing the electromotor}  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>9/00   | 0   | Electrically-actuated devices for setting the time-indicating means (of secondary clocks G04C 13/03)  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>9/04   | 1   | by blocking the driving means   |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>9/06   | 1   | by decoupling the driving means (combined with blocking means G04C 9/04)  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>9/08   | 1   | by electric drive   |                                   |

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| <b>Type*</b> | <b>Symbol</b>   | <b>Indent<br/>Level<br/>Number of<br/>dots (e.g. 0,<br/>1, 2)</b> | <b>Title<br/>“CPC only” text should normally be<br/>enclosed in {curly brackets}**</b>   | <b>Transferred to<sup>#</sup></b> |
|--------------|-----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| M            | G04C<br>10/00   | 0   | Arrangements of electric power supplies in time-pieces {(Mounting, assembling of components G04C 3/008)}   |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>10/04   | 1   | with means for indicating the condition of the power supply  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>11/00   | 0   | Synchronisation of independently-driven clocks   |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>11/04   | 1   | over a line  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>13/023  | 3   | {via existing transmission lines}  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>13/10   | 2   | by electromechanical step-advancing mechanisms {(independent clocks or watches incorporating a stepping motor G04C 3/14)}  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>17/00   | 0   | Indicating the time optically by electric means (G04C 19/00 takes precedence)  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>17/0091 | 1   | {Combined electro-optical and electro-mechanical displays}   |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>21/00   | 0   | Producing acoustic time signals by electrical means  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>21/02   | 1   | Constructional details (G04C 21/04, G04C 21/16 take precedence)  |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>21/04   | 1   | Indicating the time of the day   |                                   |
| M            | G04C<br>23/00   | 0   | Clocks with attached or built-in means operating any device at preselected times or after preselected time-intervals (if restricted to producing acoustic time signals by electrical means G04C 21/00) |                                   |

\*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.

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- 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 finalisation 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(s)

**SUBCLASS G04C - ELECTROMECHANICAL CLOCKS OR WATCHES**

| <b><u>Type*</u></b> | <b><u>Location</u></b> | <b><u>Old Warning</u></b>   | <b><u>New/Modified Warning</u></b> |
|---------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| D                   | G04C                   | 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. | Delete 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 (new)

### G04C 1/04

#### References

##### *Informative references*

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

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Motors with reciprocating, oscillating or vibrating magnet, armature or coil system | <a href="#">H02K 33/00</a> |
|---|----------------------------|

### G04C 1/10

#### References

##### *Informative references*

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

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Protecting arrangements against rupture or overwinding of the mainspring located in the barrel or attached to the barrel | <a href="#">G04B 1/20</a> |
| Keys or the like with means preventing overwinding   | <a href="#">G04B 3/06</a> |
| Protecting means preventing overwinding in manual or mechanical winding arrangements                                     | <a href="#">G04B 3/10</a> |
| Protecting means preventing overwinding in automatic winding arrangements  | <a href="#">G04B 5/24</a> |
| Devices controlled by such state, e.g. device affording protection means against overwinding                             | <a href="#">G04B 9/02</a> |

### G04C 3/001

#### References

##### *Informative references*

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|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Electric switches; Relays; Selectors; Emergency protective devices | <a href="#">H01H</a> |
|--|----------------------|

**G04C 3/033****References*****Informative references***

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

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Mechanisms for stabilising frequency in mechanically-driven clocks or watches, in mechanical parts of clocks or watches or in time-pieces using the position of the sun, moon or stars | <a href="#">G04B 17/00</a> |
|--|----------------------------|

**G04C 3/0335****References*****Informative references***

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

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Rotating governors, e.g. centrifugal governors, fan governors | <a href="#">G04B 17/30</a> |
|---|----------------------------|

**G04C 3/04****References*****Informative references***

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

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Balance construction | <a href="#">G04B 17/063</a> |
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**G04C 3/104****References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Pawl constructions for devices allowing the motion of a rotatable part in only one direction | <a href="#">G04B 11/04</a>  |
| Pawl-type clutch mechanisms with magnetic elements   | <a href="#">G04B 11/005</a> |

**G04C 3/16****References****Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Electromechanical clocks or watches wherein movement is regulated by a pendulum   | <a href="#">G04C 3/02</a>  |
| Electromechanical clocks or watches wherein movement is regulated by a pendulum using electromagnetic coupling between electric power source and pendulum | <a href="#">G04C 3/027</a> |
| Electromechanical clocks or watches wherein movement is regulated by a pendulum using torsion pendulum  | <a href="#">G04C 3/033</a> |
| Electromechanical clocks or watches wherein movement is regulated by a balance  | <a href="#">G04C 3/04</a>  |
| Electromechanical clocks or watches wherein movement is regulated using electromagnetic coupling between electric power source and balance                | <a href="#">G04C 3/06</a>  |
| Electromechanical clocks or watches wherein movement is regulated by a mechanical oscillator other than a pendulum or balance, e.g. by a tuning fork      | <a href="#">G04C 3/08</a>  |
| Electromechanical clocks or watches wherein movement is driven by electromagnetic means   | <a href="#">G04C 3/10</a>  |
| Electromechanical clocks or watches wherein movement is driven by piezoelectric means; Driven by magnetostrictive means                                   | <a href="#">G04C 3/12</a>  |

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**Informative references**

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

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Clocks driven by synchronous motors                                       | <a href="#">G04C 15/00</a> |
| Time-interval measuring with electric driving mechanisms                  | <a href="#">G04F 3/06</a>  |
| Additional arrangements in connection with ordinary electric clocks       | <a href="#">G04F 3/08</a>  |
| Apparatus for measuring unknown time intervals by electromechanical means | <a href="#">G04F 8/00</a>  |

**G04C 3/165****References****Informative references**

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

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Mechanisms for stabilising frequency in mechanically-driven clocks or watches, in mechanical parts of clocks or watches or in time-pieces using the position of the sun, moon or stars | <a href="#">G04B 17/00</a> |
|--|----------------------------|

**G04C 10/04****References****Informative references**

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

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Arrangements for testing, measuring or monitoring the electrical condition of accumulators or electric batteries, e.g. capacity or state of charges [SoC] | <a href="#">G01R 31/36</a> |
|---|----------------------------|

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**G04C 11/00****References****Informative references**

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

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Radio-controlled time-pieces | <a href="#">G04R</a> |
|------------------------------|----------------------|

**G04C 11/04****References****Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Electrically-actuated devices for setting the time-indicating means | <a href="#">G04C 9/00</a> |
|---|---------------------------|

**Informative references**

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

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Simultaneous speech and data transmission, e.g. telegraphic transmission over the same conductors | <a href="#">H04M 11/06</a> |
|---|----------------------------|

**G04C 13/023****References****Informative references**

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

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Simultaneous speech and data transmission, e.g. telegraphic transmission over the same conductors | <a href="#">H04M 11/06</a> |
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**G04C 13/10****References****Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| Independent clocks or watches incorporating a stepping motor | <a href="#">G04C 3/14</a> |
|--|---------------------------|

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

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Motors with reciprocating, oscillating or vibrating magnet, armature or coil system | <a href="#">H02K 33/00</a> |
|---|----------------------------|

**G04C 17/0091****References****Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Visual time or date indication means by building-up characters using a combination of indicating elements and by selecting desired characters out of a number of characters or by selecting indicating elements the positions of which represents the time | <a href="#">G04G 9/0082</a> |
|--|-----------------------------|

**G04C 21/02****References****Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

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|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Indicating the time of the day                  | <a href="#">G04C 21/04</a> |
| Producing the signals at adjustable fixed times | <a href="#">G04C 21/16</a> |

***Informative references***

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

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Sound-producing devices   | <a href="#">G10K</a>      |
| Devices in which sound is produced by striking a resonating body, e.g. bells, chimes or gongs | <a href="#">G10K 1/00</a> |

**G04C 21/04****References*****Informative references***

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

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Acoustic indication of time | <a href="#">G04B 21/00</a> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|

## 2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

### G04C

Replace: The existing Relationships text with the following updated text.

#### Relationships with other classification places

Although an explicit link to G04B is present in the title of G04C, documents concerning mechanical parts of electromechanical timepieces could still be classified in G04C, especially if these mechanical parts cooperate to actuate or implement electronic and/or electromechanical functions.

A typical example of such a document involves a setting crown wherein a mechanical rotation (of the crown) is transformed into a sequence of electronic pulses.

The major overlaps of G04C are found with G04G. This depends on the fact that a clear distinction between the two has become less and less possible and also less and less important. To a certain extent, G04C and G04G should be regarded as two complementary classifications or like two sides of the same coin. For these reasons, some common aspects of these two subclasses shall be discussed here.

The following 1-to-1 correspondence between G04C and G04G subclasses is to be noted:

- G04C 9/00 is defined in parallel with G04G 5/00;
- G04C 11/00 is defined in parallel with G04G 7/00;
- G04C 17/00 is defined in parallel with G04G 9/00;
- G04C 19/00 is defined in parallel with G04G 11/00;
- G04C 21/00 is defined in parallel with G04G 13/00;
- G04C 23/00 is defined in parallel with G04G 15/00.

In all of the above groups, documents can be found which could belong to their corresponding parallel group. For example, documents could be found in G04C 9/00 which could also be in G04G 5/00 and vice-versa.

When classifying, a lot is left to the common sense of the classifier. If a document describes relevant electromechanical aspects of a timepiece, this document will usually receive at least a classification symbol in G04C. The "real life" situation is such that most often documents receive a double classification (both in G04C and in G04G).

Definitely, in cases of doubt, giving a classification symbol in both G04C and G04G is a preferred solution to choosing only one of them.

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A typical example is given by the pair [G04C 23/00](#), [G04G 15/00](#). Here, timed switches, e.g. devices to execute a timed programme of switching on/off the heating system of a household are typically classified. A document showing mechanical jumpers to set the time-on and time-off, together with details concerning the mechanical connections of the jumpers with other parts of the mechanism is usually classified in [G04C 23/00](#). Similarly, a document showing a fully programmable CPU-based thermostat with wireless connection to the main heater is typically classified in [G04G 15/00](#).

## References

Insert: The following new Informative references section.

### *Informative references*

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

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Mechanical parts of clocks or watches in general  | <a href="#">G04B</a> |
| Electronic time-pieces with no moving parts, electronic circuitry for producing timing pulses | <a href="#">G04G</a> |

Delete: The entire Special rules section.

## [G04C 1/00](#)

## 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:*

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Winding mechanically                                     | <a href="#">G04B 3/00</a>  |
| Mechanical winding up; Winding up with special equipment | <a href="#">G04B 3/006</a> |

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|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| Driving; Starting; Stopping record carriers not specifically of<br>filamentary or web form; Control thereof    | <a href="#">G11B 19/20</a> |
| Testing apparatus for complete clockworks with regard to<br>the functioning of the automatic winding-up device | <a href="#">G04D 7/009</a> |

Delete: The entire Special rules section.

**[G04C 3/00](#)**

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

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

- Position sensitive switches integrated in timepieces ([G04C 3/001](#)).
- Electrically driven timepieces comprising electromechanical regulators (up to [G04C 3/08](#)).

Delete: The entire Relationships section.

**References**

Insert: The following new Limiting references table.

***Limiting references***

*This place does not cover:*

|                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Clocks driven by synchronous motors | <a href="#">G04C 15/00</a> |
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Insert: The following new Informative references table.

**Informative references**

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

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Electric or magnetic means for converting oscillatory to rotary motion in time-pieces   | <a href="#">G04C 5/00</a>  |
| Electrically-actuated devices for setting the time-indicating means   | <a href="#">G04C 9/00</a>  |
| Motors with reciprocating, oscillating or vibrating with polarised armatures moving in alternate directions by reversal or energisation of a single coil system | <a href="#">H02K 33/16</a> |
| Motors with rotor rotating step by step and without interrupter or commutator driven by the rotor, e.g. stepping motors   | <a href="#">H02K 37/00</a> |

Delete: The entire Special rules section.

**G04C 9/00**

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

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Documents dealing with setting the time (or the date) in an electromechanical timepiece or, by electromechanical means, in an electronic timepiece. With the exception of [G04C 9/02](#), the key element of [G04C 9/00](#) is a setting crown.

**References**

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

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*This place does not cover:*

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Pulse transmission systems with additional means for setting the time indication of secondary clocks | G04C 13/03 |
|--|------------|

Insert: The following new Informative references section.**Informative references***Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Radio-controlled time-pieces | G04R |
|------------------------------|------|

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

G04C 9/02 contains many radio-controlled timepieces (which are nevertheless all double classified and shall be soon removed from here) and, in addition, it contains documents showing systems allowing to test or correct the running precision of a timepiece by establishing a wireless communication between the timepiece and an external control device. Typically, these control devices are available on timepiece manufacturing sites or in retailer shops, to perform calibration or re-calibration of some (otherwise inaccessible) of the timepiece elements.

Documents classified in the rest of G04C 9/00 should, as a general rule, contain details concerning the operations that a user needs to perform in order to set the time. On the contrary, if a document merely contains hardware details concerning the electromechanical setting element (the crown, most typically), then classification in G04C 3/001 should be considered. In the past, this has not always been a strict policy, therefore an overlap still exists and should always be considered.

**G04C 10/00**Insert: The following new Limiting references section.**References**

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**Limiting references***This place does not cover:*

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Mounting, assembling of components | G04C 3/008 |
|------------------------------------|------------|

Insert: The following new Informative references section.

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

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Structural details; Housings   | G04G 17/00 |
| Electric power supply circuits specially adapted for use in electronic time-pieces | G04G 19/00 |

Delete: The entire Special rules section.

**G04C 17/00**

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

**Definition statement***This place covers:*

Documents showing electromechanical time displays. The groups/subgroups are defined in terms of the technical features used to display time (bands, flaps, drums).

**References**

Insert: The following new Limiting references section.

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| Producing optical time signals at prefixed times by electric means | <a href="#">G04C 19/00</a> |
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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:*

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| Liquid crystal materials                                      | <a href="#">C09K 19/00</a> |
| Indicating the time by visual means                           | <a href="#">G04B 19/00</a> |
| Indicating the time by numbered bands, drums, discs or sheets | <a href="#">G04B 19/20</a> |

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### **G04C 21/00**

### **References**

Insert: The following new Informative references section.

### **Informative references**

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| Sounding bodies; Whistles; Musical apparatus            | <a href="#">G04B 21/08</a> |
| Indicating the time by other means or by combined means | <a href="#">G04B 25/00</a> |

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**G04C 23/00****References**

Insert: The following new Limiting references section.

***Limiting references***

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| Producing acoustic time signals by electrical means | <a href="#">G04C 21/00</a> |
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Insert: The following new Informative references section.

***Informative references***

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| Producing optical time signals at prefixed times by electric means   | <a href="#">G04C 19/00</a> |
| Mechanical alarm clocks  | <a href="#">G04B 23/02</a> |
| Apparatus which can be set and started to measure-off predetermined intervals                                  | <a href="#">G04F 3/06</a>  |
| Time or time-programme switches which automatically terminate their operation after the programme is completed | <a href="#">H01H 43/00</a> |

Delete: The entire Special rules section.