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

Action	**Subclass**	**Group(s)**
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Modified:	A61K	31/00
	B01D	2221/00
	B01J	19/0046
	B01J	2219/00274
	B01J	2231/00
	B04B	5/00
	B29C	31/02
	B29C	37/02
	B29C	70/465, 70/467, 70/48, 70/50
	B42B	9/00
	B44C	5/00
	C01B	13/02
	C01B	17/904
	C01B	39/14, 39/20, 39/26, 39/28, 39/30,39/32, 39/34, 39/36, 39/42, 39/44, 39/46
	C02F	3/10
	C04B	2235/3222, 2235/3287, 2235/3445
	C04B	2237/592, 2237/595
	C04B	26/00
	C04B	33/1324
	C04B	35/043, 35/101, 35/119, 35/481, 35/482, 35/4885, 35/495, 35/5611, 35/58071, 35/628, 35/62844
	C07K	1/06
	C08G	65/40
	C08J	5/2293
	C10K	SUBCLASS
	C10L	10/04
	C12M	37/04

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	C12M	41/00
	C12N	7/00
		15/85
	C13B	10/003
	C22B	21/00
		26/00
	C23C	28/00
	C25C	3/125
	D05C	13/02
	D06M	23/08
	G01N	33/50
	G03F	SUBCLASS
		7/0002
		9/70
	G03H	SUBCLASS

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)

2. B. DEFINITIONS QUICK FIX

Symbol	**Location of change** (e.g., section title)	**Existing reference symbol or text**	**Action; New symbol; New text**
A61K31/00	Definition, Informative References	C07K/16	C07K16/00
B01D2221/00	Informative References	E01H13/10	E01H13/00
B01J19/0046	Application Oriented References	G01N 33/53 and sub groups (G01N53/543 and subgroups)	G01N 33/53
B01J2219/00274	Application-oriented References	G01N 33/53 and lower sub-groups (G01N53/543 and subgroups)	G01N 33/53
B01J2231/00	Limiting References	C08, M08	C08
B04B5/00	Informative References	Arrangements for conditioning of lubricants in the lubricating system by filtration F01N39/06	Delete the entire reference row.
B29C31/02	Informative references	Methods or devices for filling or emptying bunkers, hoppers, tanks or like containers B60G65/30	Methods or devices for filling or emptying bunkers, hoppers, tanks or like containers B65G65/30
B29C37/02	Informative references	Methods for use of abrasive blasting for polishing surfaces for deburring B24C/08B	Methods for use of abrasive blasting for polishing surfaces for deburring B24C1/083
B29C37/02	Informative references	Machines or devices designed for polishing or abrading surfaces on work by means of tumbling appartus B24D31/00	Machines or devices designed for polishing or abrading surfaces on work by means of tumbling apparatus B24B31/00
B29C70/465	Special rules of classification	Special rules of classification Illustrative example of subject matter classified in B29C79/46B: media1355.png	Replace text with: Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:
B29C70/467	Special rules of classification	Special rules of classification Illustrative example of subject matter classified in B29C79/46C: media1356.png	Replace text with: Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:
B29C70/48	Special rules of classification	Special rules of classification Illustrative example of subject matter classified in B29C79/48: media1357.png	Replace text with: Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:

B29C70/50	Special rules of classification	Special rules of classification Illustrative example of subject matter classified in B29C79/50: media1358.png	Replace text with: Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this place:
B42B9/00	Informative references	Devices performing auxiliary operations in box, carton, envelope or bag making machinery B31C1/74	Delete the entire reference row.
B44C5/00	Informative references	E06B5/70	E06B
C01B13/02	Informative references	Enrichment of a gaseous mixture, in particular air, in oxygen or separation of oxygen from a gaseous mixture by an adsorption process B01D63/03	Enrichment of a gaseous mixture, in particular air, in oxygen or separation of oxygen from a gaseous mixture by an adsorption process B01D53/02
C01B17/904	Relationships with other classification places	Relationships with other classification places Separating processes in general involving the treatment of liquids with ion exchange materials as adsorbents are classified in B01D15/04	Replace text with: Separating processes in general involving the treatment of liquids with ion exchange materials as adsorbents are classified in groups B01J39/00 - B01J49/90.
C01B39/14	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.
C01B39/20	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.
C01B39/26	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.
C01B39/28	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.
C01B39/30	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.

C01B39/32	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.
C01B39/34	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.
C01B39/36	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence.	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.
C01B39/42	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.
C01B39/44	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.
C01B39/46	Special rules	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B36/06 take precedence	Special rules of classification Groups C01B 39/023, C01B 39/026 and C01B39/06 take precedence.
C02F3/10	Informative references	B01D47/54	B01D47/14
C04B26/00	Informative references	Grouting with organic compounds E02D20/02	<u>Delete</u> the entire reference row.
C04B33/1324	Informative references	Grain-sized silicon carbide-based refractories C04B 35/565 and subgroups, and C04B45/66	Grain-sized silicon carbide-based refractories C04B 35/565
C04B35/043	Informative references	Grain-sized silicon carbide-based refractories C04B 35/565 and subgroups, and C04B45/66	Grain-sized silicon carbide-based refractories C04B 35/565
C04B35/101	Informative references	Grain-sized silicon carbide-based refractories C04B 35/565 and subgroups, and C04B45/66	Grain-sized silicon carbide-based refractories C04B 35/565
C04B35/119	Special rules	Special rules of classification	Special rules of classification

		If the amount of alumina phase is larger than the amount of zirconia phase, C04B 35/119 is given, if the amounts are equal, e.g. C04B40/40, then both C04B 35/119 and C04B 35/4885 are given.	If the amount of alumina phase is larger than the amount of zirconia phase, C04B 35/119 is given. If the amounts are equal, then both C04B 35/119 and C04B 35/4885 are given.
C04B35/481	Special rules	Special rules of classification Documents that are classified in C04B 35/481 can also be classified in other sub-groups of C04B 35/48, e.g. a zirconia refractory containing quartz is classified in both C04B 35/481 and C04B 35/482. A fine ceramic containing as major phase zircon and having at least one secondary phase is also classified in C04B 35/488. Classification in C04B 35/486 is not necessary, if the silica-containing zirconia ceramic is a fine ceramic with grain sizes below 100 microns. In practice C04B 35/482, C04B 35/484, C04B 35/488 and C04B 35/4885 are used in combination with C04B35/48A. Zircon is in principle the only silicate that is not classified as a silicate, but is classified according to the other metal cation(s) present in the silicate.	Special rules of classification Documents that are classified in C04B 35/481 can also be classified in other subgroups of C04B 35/48, e.g. a zirconia refractory containing quartz is classified in both C04B 35/481 and C04B 35/482. A fine ceramic containing as major phase zircon and having at least one secondary phase is also classified in C04B 35/488. Classification in C04B 35/486 is not necessary if the silica-containing zirconia ceramic is a fine ceramic with grain sizes below 100 microns. In practice, C04B 35/482, C04B 35/484, C04B 35/488 and C04B 35/4885 are used in combination with C04B35/481. Zircon is, in principle, the only silicate that is not classified as a silicate, but is classified according to the other metal cation(s) present in the silicate.
C04B35/482	Informative references	Grain-sized silicon carbide-based refractories C04B 35/565 and subgroups, and C04B45/66	Grain-sized silicon carbide-based refractories C04B 35/565
C04B35/4885	Special rules	Special rules of classification If the amount of zirconia phase is larger than the amount of alumina phase, C04B 35/4885 is given, if the amounts are equal, e.g. C04B40/40, then both C04B 35/119 and C04B 35/4885 are given.	Special rules of classification If the amount of zirconia phase is larger than the amount of alumina phase, C04B 35/4885 is given. If the amounts are equal, then both C04B 35/119 and C04B 35/4885 are given.
C04B35/495	Informative references	Materials for prostheses based on niobium oxide K61F2/00A6B2N	Materials for prostheses based on niobium oxide A61F2310/00245

C04B35/5611	Informative references	Materials for prostheses, coatings containing titanium carbide K6F2/00B22B4T	Materials for prostheses, coatings containing titanium carbide A61F2310/00287
C04B35/58071	Informative references	Coating or prosthesis-covering structure made of compounds based on titanium borides K61F2/00L22B8T	Coating or prosthesis-covering structure made of compounds based on titanium borides A61F2310/00682
C04B35/628	Relationships with other …	Relationships with other classification places Spraying or atomising in general; applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces, in general B05F	Relationships with other classification places Spraying or atomising in general; applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces, in general B05.
C04B35/62844	Relationships with other …	Relationships with other classification places - Spraying or atomising in general; applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces, in general B05F - Treating of textile materials by liquids, gases or vapours D06B	Relationships with other classification places • Spraying or atomising in general; applying liquids or other fluent materials to surfaces, in general B05. • Treating of textile materials by liquids, gases or vapours D06B.
C04B2235/3222	Informative references	C04B25/44 and subgroups	C04B35/44
C04B2235/3287	Informative references	C09K11/74E	C09K11/74
C04B2235/3445	Limiting references	C04B235/34H	C04B2235/349
C04B2237/592	Special rules	Special rules of classification Electrodes that do not seem to have the function of bonding two substrates are not regarded as interlayer. If these electrodes are discontinuous, not covering the whole substrate they are coated on, as is usually the case, they therefore do not receive the symbol M04B237/62B.	Special rules of classification Electrodes that do not seem to have the function of bonding two substrates are not regarded as interlayer. If these electrodes are discontinuous, not covering the whole substrate they are coated on, as is usually the case, they therefore do not receive the symbol C04B2237/62.
C04B2237/595	Limiting references	M04B237/62B	Delete the entire reference row
C04B2237/595	Special rules	M04B237/62B	C04B2237/62
C07K1/06	Special rules	Special rules of classification Multiple classification if a plurality of protecting groups is claimed.	Special rules of classification

		Please avoid, where possible, classification in the head group C07K/06, C07K 1/003, C07K 1/006 take precedence.	Multiple classification if a plurality of protecting groups is claimed. Please avoid, where possible, classification in group C07K1/06. C07K 1/003, C07K 1/006 take precedence.
C08G65/40	Limiting references	Polythioether-ethers C08G75/15	Polythioether-ethers C08G75/12
C08J5/2293	Informative references	Processes specially adapted for manufacturing semi-permeable membranes for separation processes or apparatus B01D67/0087, B01D 71/00	Processes specially adapted for manufacturing semi-permeable membranes for separation processes or apparatus B01D67/00, B01D 71/00
C10K	References out of a residual place	Plants with an integrated combined cycle, having more than one engine delivering power externally to the plant 01K23/06	Plants with an integrated combined cycle, having more than one engine delivering power externally to the plant F01K23/00
C10L10/04	Informative references	Thermal non-catalytic cracking, in the absence of hydrogen, of hydrocarbon oils: preventing or removing incrustation C10G 9/12, C09G16/00	Thermal non-catalytic cracking, in the absence of hydrogen, of hydrocarbon oils: preventing or removing incrustation C10G 9/12
C12M37/04	Informative references	Seals for laboratory containers B01L3/00B4	Seals for laboratory containers B01L3/565
C12M41/00	Informative references	Controlling or regulating in general G05N	Controlling or regulating in general G05
C12N7/00	Informative references	Further aspects of (viral) vaccines A61K2039/00	Delete the entire reference row.
C12N15/85	Special rules of classification	C12N 15/8509 is to be combined with codes in the A01K 2267/00 series to indicate the particular purpose of the produced animal model. A01K 67/027-A01K 67/60 is to be given if the animal has actually been generated. In these cases, (a) code(s) in the A01K 2217/00 range are to be used to further define the vector and animal. With respect to the use of codes in the C12N 2830/00 range	C12N 15/8509 is to be combined with codes in the A01K 2267/00 series to indicate the particular purpose of the produced animal model. A01K 67/027 - A01K 67/60 is to be given if the animal has actually been generated. In these cases, (a) code(s) in the A01K 2217/00 range are to be used to further define the vector and animal. With respect to the use of codes in the C12N

		in combination with C12N 15/8509 classes, A01K 2217/203 takes precedence over C12N 2830/001 and C12N 2830/007, and A01K 2217/206 takes precedence over C12N 2830/008. The C12N 2830/001-C12N 2830/008 codes are only to be given when the invention actually resides in these elements. C12N27xx/xxx43 (where x is an integer from 0 to 9) codes are to be given to combine viral taxonomy with vector use in generating genetically modified animals.	2830/00 range in combination with C12N 15/8509 classes, A01K 2217/203 takes precedence over C12N 2830/001 and C12N 2830/007, and A01K 2217/206 takes precedence over C12N 2830/008. The C12N 2830/001 - C12N 2830/008 codes are only to be given when the invention actually resides in these elements. When classifying the viral taxonomy of the vector used to generate genetically modified animals, apply one of the codes from C12N2710/00043 - C12N2795/18143 that fulfills the following two criteria i) the CPC title for the indexing codes in this range is "viral genome or elements thereof as genetic vector" and ii) the subgroup to the indexing codes in this range ends in 43. For example, an animal genetically modified by a dsRNA virus would be classified with C12N2710/00043. An animal genetically modified by a Rhabdoviridae vector would be classified as C12N2760/20043.
C13B10/003	Relationships with other classification places	Relationships with other classification places a chemical compound that has also the function of preserving will be classified in C13B 10/003 and C13B13/006	Relationships with other classification places A chemical compound that has also the function of preserving will be classified in C13B 10/003 and C13B10/006.
C22B21/00	Definition statement	Definition statement This place covers: Preliminary treatment of aluminium raw materials (C22B 21/0007). Obtaining aluminium by wet processes (C22B 21/0015 - C22B 21/003). Obtaining aluminium by other processes (C22B 21/0038 - C22B 21/0076, C22B 21/02 and C22B 21/04).	Definition statement This place covers: Preliminary treatment of aluminium raw materials (C22B 21/0007). Obtaining aluminium by wet processes (C22B 21/0015). Obtaining aluminium by other processes (C22B 21/0038, C22B 21/02 and C22B 21/04). Melting, remelting and refining (C22B 21/0084, C22B 21/06).

		Melting, remelting and refining (C22B 21/0084 and C22B21/00J2, C22B 21/06 - C22B 21/068).	
C22B26/00	Definition statement	Definition statement This place covers: Extractive metallurgy of the above metals (C22B26/02 - C22B 26/22).	Definition statement This place covers: Extractive metallurgy of the above metals (C22B26/00 - C22B 26/22).
C23C28/00	Special rules of classification	Special rules of classification Classes are given to well disclosed coatings. Classes are given for all and every aspects/features present in the multi-layered coating being classified, in order to enable an easy cross-searching. • Multi-layered coatings where all layers are made of a metallic material, as defined in the glossary above, are classified in C23C 28/02 and subgroups. • Multi-layered coatings where all layers are made of an inorganic non-metallic material, as defined in the glossary above, are classified in C23C 28/04 and subgroups. • Multi-layered coatings comprising a mixture of metallic and non-metallic layers as defined in the glossary above, are classified in C23C28/06 and subgroups. • Multi-layered coatings comprising alternating layers following a pattern and/or a periodic or defined repetition are classified additionally in C23C28/08 and subgroups. • Coatings characterized by a main coating and an adhesion (sub)-layer are not to be classified in C23C 28/00, even if said adhesion layer is deposited using a different	Special rules of classification • Classes are given to well disclosed coatings. Classes are given for all and every aspect/feature present in the multi-layered coating being classified, in order to enable an easy cross-searching. • Multi-layered coatings where all layers are made of a metallic material, as defined in the glossary above, are classified in C23C 28/02. • Multi-layered coatings where all layers are made of an inorganic non-metallic material, as defined in the glossary above, are classified in C23C 28/04. • Multi-layered coatings comprising a mixture of metallic and non-metallic layers as defined in the glossary above, are classified in C23C28/30. • Multi-layered coatings comprising alternating layers following a pattern or a periodic or defined repetition are classified additionally in C23C28/40. • Coatings characterized by a main coating and an adhesion (sub)-layer

		method as the method used for the main coating, but according to the method used for the main coating, e.g. for a PVD method in C23C 14/024, for a CVD method in C23C 16/0272. • Multi-layered coatings that cannot be classified in any one of the single groups C23C 28/02, C23C 28/04 or C23C28/06 and their subgroups, but still fall within the definition statement of the main group are to be classified in C23C 28/00.	are not to be classified in C23C 28/00, even if said adhesion layer is deposited using a different method as the method used for the main coating, but according to the method used for the main coating, e.g. for a PVD method in C23C 14/024, for a CVD method in C23C 16/0272. • Multi-layered coatings that cannot be classified in any one of the single groups C23C 28/02, C23C 28/04 or C23C28/30, but still fall within the definition statement of the main group are to be classified in C23C 28/00.
C25C3/125	Informative references	Electrodes used for heating by electrical discharge, electrodes mainly consisting of carbon, self-baking type (e.g. Söderberg anodes) H01B7/09	Electrodes used for heating by electrical discharge, electrodes mainly consisting of carbon, self-baking type (e.g. Söderberg anodes) H05B7/09
D05C13/02	Informative references	Applications of devices for metering predetermined lengths of running material B54H61/00	Applications of devices for metering predetermined lengths of running material B65H61/00
D06M23/08	Informative references	Nanotechnology in general Y01N	Nanotechnology in general B82
G01N33/50	Special rules of classification	Special rules of classification In subgroups G01N 33/50 - G01N 33/98 classification is made according to the most relevant feature rather than according to the last place rule. Thus an immunoassay for a hormone, in which there is sufficient disclosure of the immunoassay technique used, would be classified in G01N 33/53,	Special rules of classification In subgroups G01N 33/50 - G01N 33/98, classification is made according to the most relevant feature rather than according to the last place rule. Thus, an immunoassay for a hormone, in which there is sufficient disclosure of the immunoassay technique used, would be classified in G01N

		or the most relevant subgroup thereof, as well as in G01N 33/74. In subgroups G01N 33/50 - G01N 33/98 the allocation of additional symbols from the range G01N 2333/00 - G01N 2800/7095, where possible, is considered mandatory. Some extra guidance on the use of these additional symbols:- Additional information symbols are used in this field to refine the classification, especially in subgroups where a detailed subdivision is not available. A typical example is the subgroup G01N 33/6893 which encompasses protein biomarkers for diseases not provided for elsewhere, thus clearly a rather broadly defined subgroup. In order to further refine the classification of documents in this subgroup, typically additional symbols from the G01N 2800/00 series are allocated. Of course symbols from this series are also used in other subgroups where diseases are concerned. Similarly additional information symbols from the entire range above are applied to any subgroup to further refine the classification. Normally this would apply more to subgroups with a broader definition. If a specific subgroup already exists in the main trunk the use of additional symbols is not necessary. For example, a document describes a method for detecting a hormone. Classification will be in G01N 33/74 only as allocation of an additional symbol for hormones (G01N 2333/575) does not add value (merely duplication). However, if the document were to disclose the hormone to be insulin, classification would be in G01N 33/74 and additionally G01N	33/53, or the most relevant subgroup thereof, as well as in G01N 33/74. In subgroups G01N 33/50 - G01N 33/98, the allocation of additional symbols from the range G01N 2333/00 - G01N 2800/7095, where possible, is considered mandatory. Some extra guidance on the use of these additional symbols: Additional information symbols are used in this field to refine the classification, especially in subgroups where a detailed subdivision is not available. A typical example is the subgroup G01N 33/6893 which encompasses protein biomarkers for diseases not provided for elsewhere, thus clearly a rather broadly defined subgroup. In order to further refine the classification of documents in this subgroup, typically additional symbols from the G01N 2800/00 series are allocated. Symbols from this series are also used in other subgroups where diseases are concerned. Similarly, additional information symbols from the entire range above are applied to any subgroup to further refine the classification. Normally, this would apply more to subgroups with a broader definition. If a specific subgroup already exists in the main trunk, the use of additional symbols is not necessary. For example, a document describes a method for detecting a hormone. Classification will be in G01N 33/74 only as allocation of an additional symbol for hormones (G01N 2333/575) does not add value (merely duplication).

		2333/62 for insulins. The additional symbol has added value in this case (see also "Special Rules" section under subclass G01N 33/566. Further symbols from the immunoassay line would also be possible if sufficient detail was present. Special case - many possible alternatives (laundry lists). Documents often disclose lists of alternatives, especially in the area of biomarkers for diseases. Regularly these lists run into the tens and occasionally into the hundreds of different alternatives. As the value of such disclosures is debatable, it doesn't make sense trying to allocate additional symbols to each and every alternative. How are the G01N2000/00 series symbols to be allocated in such cases? Often claimed lists can be grouped into families of proteins/diseases etc. If a list can be grouped into five or less families, classify on the basis of the families. If this is not possible then the description/examples should be consulted. If there are worked examples of five or less members of the list, classify on the basis of the worked examples. If after all it is not possible to limit the list to five or less symbols, then the added value is lost and classification is made in the most appropriate place in the main trunk only.	However, if the document were to disclose the hormone to be insulin, classification would be in G01N 33/74 and additionally G01N 2333/62 for insulins. The additional symbol has added value in this case (see also "Special Rules" section under subclass G01N 33/566. Further symbols from the immunoassay line would also be possible if sufficient detail was present. Special case - many possible alternatives (laundry lists). Documents often disclose lists of alternatives, especially in the area of biomarkers for diseases. Regularly, these lists run into the tens and occasionally into the hundreds of different alternatives. As the value of such disclosures is debatable, it doesn't make sense trying to allocate additional symbols to each and every alternative. Often claimed lists can be grouped into families of proteins/diseases. If a list can be grouped into five or less families, classify on the basis of the families. If this is not possible, then the description/examples should be consulted. If there are worked examples of five or less members of the list, classify on the basis of the worked examples. If after all it is not possible to limit the list to five or less symbols, then the added value is lost and classification is made in the most appropriate place in the main trunk only.

G03F	Special rules of classification	Special rules of classification The following IPC groups are not used in the internal ECLA classification system. Subject-matter covered by these groups is classified in the following ECLA groups: G03F3/08 covered by H04N 1/46 G03F7/207 " G03F 7/20 G03F7/23 " G03F 7/22 G03F9/02 " G03F 9/00	<u>Delete</u> the entire special rules of classification section.
G03F7/0002	Limiting references	Patternwise deposition of biomolecules A61K 9/00, B01J, B01L/00	Patternwise deposition of biomolecules A61K 9/00, B01J
G03F9/70	Limiting references	Illumination system adjustment, alignment during assembly of illumination system and regular adjustment G03F7/20T14	Illumination system adjustment, alignment during assembly of illumination system and regular adjustment G03F7/70141
G03F9/70	Limiting references	Beam registration in direct write photolithography G03F7/20T18	Beam registration in direct write photolithography G03F7/70383
G03F9/70	Limiting references	Alignment of original or workpiece in charged particle beam lithography H01J37/317B27	Alignment of original or workpiece in charged particle-beam lithography H01J37/3174
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