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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 1925

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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>
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions New:	A61L	2/10, 2103/75
Definitions Modified:	A61L	2/00, 2/28

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. A. DEFINITIONS (new)

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Definition statement

This place covers:

Processes or apparatus for disinfection or sterilisation using ultraviolet [UV] radiation, comprising ultraviolet A (315-400 nm), ultraviolet B (280-315 nm) or ultraviolet C (100-280 nm) ranges used alone or in combination with each other.

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Definition statement

This place covers:

Disinfection or sterilisation of floors, walls and rooms in general.

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2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

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Definition statement

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

Disinfection or sterilisation of materials or objects in general, i.e. where the nature of the target material or object is not relevant or not specified; processes or apparatus therefor.

Apparatus using programmed or automatic operation.

Devices to indicate that sterilisation is complete or effective.

References

Application-oriented references

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

Disinfection, sterilisation or deodorisation of air	A61L9/00
Disinfection or sterilisation methods specially adapted for refuse	A61L11/00
Methods or apparatus for disinfecting or sterilising contact lenses	A61L12/00
Sterilising foods, foodstuffs or non-alcoholic beverages	A23B
Preservation of foods or foodstuffs, in general	A23B2/00
Preservation of milk or milk preparations	A23B11/10
Devices specially adapted for cleaning or disinfecting shavers or razors	A45D27/46
Sterilisation of packages or package contents in association with packaging	B65B55/02
Sterilising, aseptic filling and closing of bottles	B67C7/0073
Treatment of water, waste water or sewage by ultraviolet light	C02F1/32

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Pasteurisation, sterilisation, preservation, purification, clarification or ageing of alcoholic beverages	C12H1/00
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Informative references

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

Preservation of bodies of humans or animals or plants or parts thereof	A01N
Cleaning devices specially adapted for dental instruments	A61C19/002
Blood transfusion apparatus	A61M1/02
Processes for making harmful chemical substances harmless or less harmful	A62D3/00
Cleaning in general	B08B
Preparation of ozone	C01B13/10
Biocidal agents for non-fibrous material added to pulp	D21H21/36
Sanitary doorknobs or handles, e.g. comprising a disinfectant	E05B1/0069

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References

Insert: The following new Application-oriented references section.

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:

Measuring or testing with condition measuring or sensing means for enzymology or microbiology	C12M1/34
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Informative references

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

Testing for sterility conditions involving viable microorganisms	C12Q1/22
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