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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:	A41B	13/005
	A41B	2300/00
	A41B	2400/00
	A41B	2500/00
	A41D	1/02
	A41D	13/002, 13/02
	A41D	15/04
	A41D	17/02
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions New:	A41D	1/089
	A41D	15/007
	A41D	2400/70
Definitions Modified:	A41B	Subclass
	A41B	1/00, 1/06, 1/08, 1/18
	A41B	7/00
	A41B	9/06, 9/10, 9/12
	A41B	11/00
	A41B	13/00, 13/005, 13/08
	A41B	2400/36
	A41D	Subclass
	A41D	1/02, 1/04, 1/18
	A41D	3/00
	A41D	7/00, 7/001, 7/005
	A41D	10/00
	A41D	11/00
	A41D	13/0007, 13/002, 13/015, 13/02, 13/1254, 13/1281
	A41D	15/04
	A41D	17/02
	A41D	19/0055
	A41D	27/12, 27/13
	A41D	31/00, 31/02, 31/325
	A41D	2300/33

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)

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- 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 A41B - SHIRTS; UNDERWEAR; BABY LINEN; HANDKERCHIEFS**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u>	<u>Title</u> <u>“CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to#</u>
M	A41B13/005	1	{Babies overalls, e.g. bodysuits or bib overalls}	
M	A41B2300/00	0	Details of shirts, underwear, baby linen or handkerchiefs not provided for in other groups of this subclass	
M	A41B2400/00	0	Functions or special features of shirts, underwear, baby linen or handkerchiefs not provided for in other groups of this subclass	
M	A41B2500/00	0	Materials for shirts, underwear, baby linen or handkerchiefs not provided for in other groups of this subclass	

SUBCLASS A41D - OUTERWEAR; PROTECTIVE GARMENTS; ACCESSORIES

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u>	<u>Title</u> <u>“CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to#</u>
M	A41D 1/02	1	Jackets	
M	A41D 13/002	1	with controlled internal environment	
M	A41D 13/02	1	Overalls {, e.g. bodysuits or bib overalls} (sweating suits A61H 36/00)	
M	A41D 15/04	1	Garments convertible into other articles	
M	A41D 17/02	1	Leggings {, i.e. worn over lower body garments for protecting the garment underneath}	

*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.

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- 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 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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2. A. DEFINITIONS (i.e. new)

Insert the following new definitions.

A41D1/089

References

Informative references

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

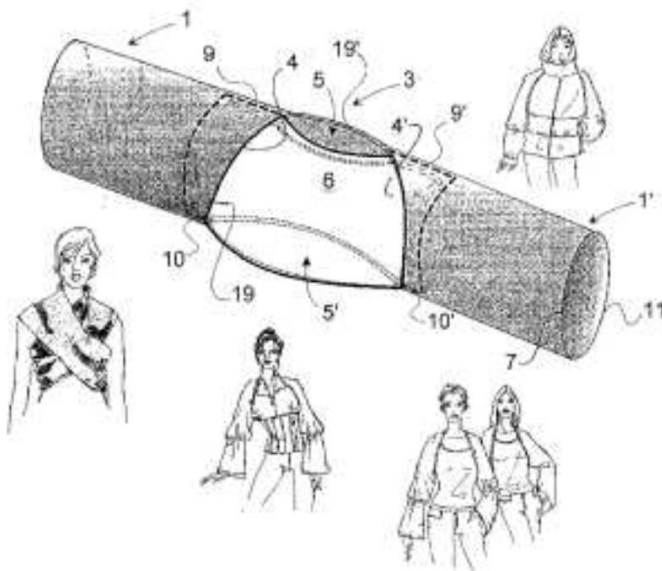
Bathing drawers or trunks	A41D7/005
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A41D15/007

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative example of subject matter classified in this group.



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A41D2400/70

Definition statement

This place covers:

A part of the garment is removable from the garment itself.

Special rules of classification

If the garment has a feature which aids in removability from the wearer, classify in A41D2400/44.

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2. A. DEFINITIONS (i.e. modified)

A41B

Definition statement

Insert: In the “Definition statement” section the following new text under the existing paragraph.

In particular, the following subjects are classified as follows:

- Button-down shirts or formal dress shirts are classified in A41B 1/00.
- Undershirts are classified in A41B9/06.
- Chemises, e.g. slips with shoulder straps worn beneath a dress, are classified in A41B 9/06; slips that only cover the lower body are classified in A41B 9/10.
- Bodices, e.g. baby onesies, are classified in A41B 13/08.
- Overalls, e.g. coveralls or bodysuits for baby, are classified in A41B 13/005.

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

Machines, appliances or methods are classified as inventive information in A41H and non-trivial technical and useful information with regard to the article of apparel may be discretionarily classified as additional information in A41B - A41F.

Limiting references

Delete: The entire existing “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:

Outerwear, dressing-gowns, bathing costumes and pyjamas	A41D
Jackets, e.g. dress jackets or sport coats	A41D 1/02
Waistcoats, vests, jerseys, sweaters and t-shirts	A41D 1/04
Blouses, e.g. women’s tops	A41D 1/18

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Overalls, e.g. coveralls or Bodysuits (for adult)	A41D 13/02
Leggings, e.g. chaps	A41D 17/02

Special rules of classification

Delete: The entire existing “Special rules of classification” section.

Insert: The following new “Glossary of terms” section.

Glossary of terms

In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

Dressing-gown	A loose gown worn while making one's toilet or when in dishabille.
Shirt	An upper body garment having a collar and an opening at the front which is fastened closed via fastening elements (e.g. buttons) disposed adjacent the opening, also referred to as a men's dress shirt, button-up shirt or button-down shirt
Chemise	Undergarment with shoulder strap worn beneath dress or the like, also referred to as slip
Bodices	Baby garment usually with sleeves but leaving the legs uncovered and fastening means at the crotch, also referred to as a onesie
Jacket	Lightweight long-sleeve garment typically having a collar and lapel extending below the front sides of the collar providing a central opening between the lapels, also referred to as a dress jacket or sport coat
Waistcoat	Upper body garment without sleeves also referred to as a vest in American English
Vest	T-shirt or casual top with or without sleeves
Jersey	Knitted garment with or without sleeves, also referred to as a sweater in American English
Sweater	Garment typically worn for playing team sports, also referred to as a jersey in American English
Blouse	Shirt having features specific to women, also referred to as a women's top
Overalls	A one-piece garment having an upper body portion (e.g. short or long sleeve top, bib secured by shoulder straps, etc.) and lower body portion (e.g. pants, shorts, etc.), also referred to as coveralls or bodysuits
Leggings	Lower body overgarment with or without seats for protecting a garment worn underneath, also referred to as chaps

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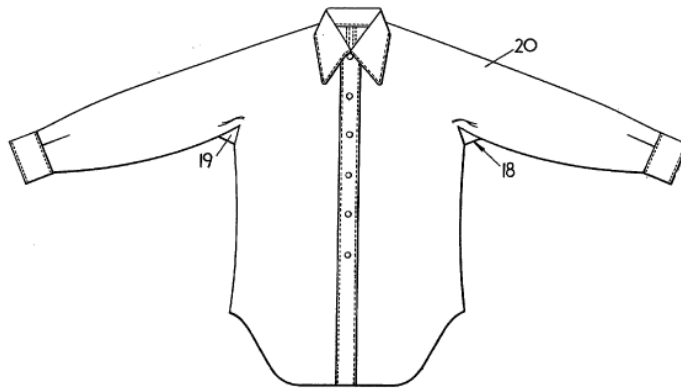
A41B1/00

Definition statement

Insert: In the “Definition statement” section, the following text as the first statement in the section.

Shirt with buttons and a collar, i.e. men’s dress shirt.

Replace: In the “Definition statement” section the existing image with the following updated image.



Insert: The following new “References/Informative references” section.

References Informative references

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

T shirts	A41D1/04
Blouses	A41D1/18
Outerwear jackets	A41D3/00

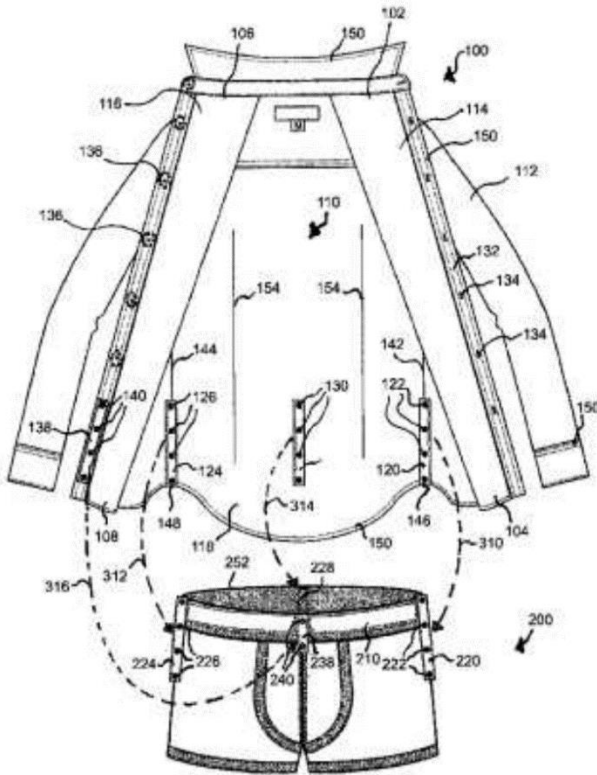
A41B1/06

Definition statement

Replace: All of the existing images in the Definition statement section with the following updated image.

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A41B1/18

Definition statement

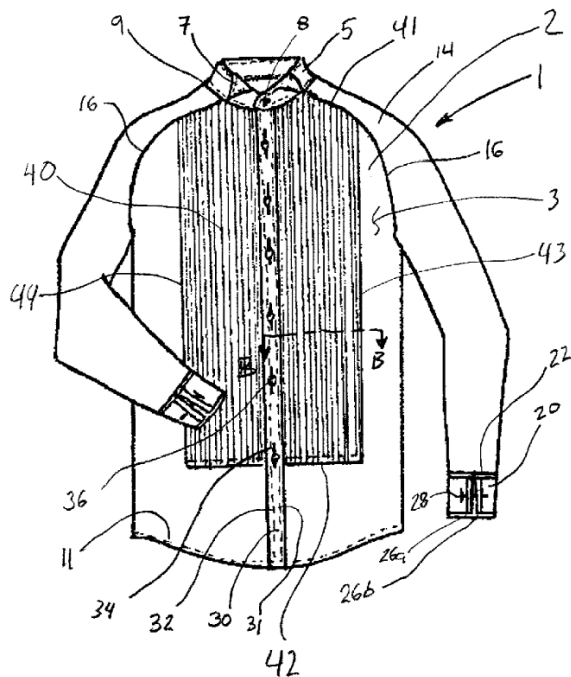
Insert: As the first sentence in the existing "Definition statement" section, the following new sentence.

Shirt-fronts and details of shirt-fronts, i.e. fastening of front inserts.

Replace: All of the existing images in the "Definition statement" section with the following one updated image.

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References

Limiting references

Delete: The entire existing “References/Limiting references” section.

Special rules of classification

Delete: The entire existing “Special rules of classification” section.

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

This group covers shirts with front inserts, whereas shirts per se are classified in A41B1/02.

A41B7/00

Limiting references

Insert: In the existing “Limiting references” table the following three new references.

Shirts	A41B1/00
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Collars	A41B3/00
Cuff links	A44B5/00

Delete: The following reference from the existing “Limiting references” table.

Fixation of watches on clothing	G04B37/1433
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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:

Fixation of watches on clothing	G04B37/1433
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A41B9/06

Definition statement

Insert: In the existing “Definition statement” section the following new text as the first statement in the section.

An undershirt is an upper body garment worn underneath a shirt. A chemise is an undergarment/slip with shoulder straps worn beneath a dress or the like.

Replace: The existing image with the following updated image.



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Insert: The following new References/Informative references section.

References
Informative references

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

Button down shirts	A41B1/00
Petticoats, e.g. lower body slips	A41B9/10
T shirts	A41D1/04
Blouses	A41D1/18
Pyjamas	A41D10/00

Definition statement

A41B9/10

Insert: In the existing “Definition statement” section the following new text as the first statements in the section.

Slips/underskirts that only cover the lower body.

A skirt or dress worn under a garment usually to shape the garment worn thereover (e.g. lift the skirt or dress to create a bell-shape) or provide warmth.

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

Slips that also cover the upper body or hang from the shoulders are covered by A41B9/06.

A41B9/12

Definition statement

Insert: In the “Definition statement” section the following new text as the first two new statements in the section.

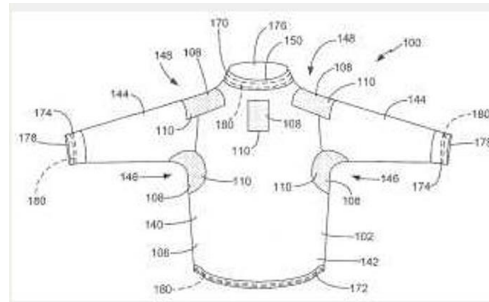
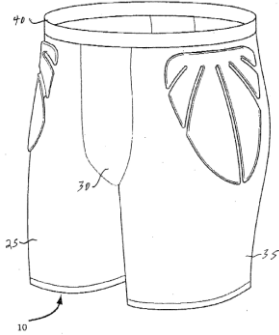
Textile protective undergarments.

Underwear having integral odor/sweat protection means.

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Replace: In the “Definition statement” section the two existing images with the following two updated images.



Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

This group does not cover absorbent devices.

Separate under-arm shields for underwear or outerwear, usually for absorbing sweat, are to be classified in group A41D 27/13.

Underwear having shock protecting means are to be classified in group A41B 9/12 and also in group A41D 13/05; i.e. A41D 13/0506 if protection is for the hip.

Limiting references

Insert: The following new reference in the existing “Limiting references” table.

Absorbent pads for external or internal application to the body and supporting or fastening means therefor	A61F 13/15
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Delete: The following existing references from the “Limiting references” table.

Absorbent pads for breast / torso	A61F 13/14
Absorbent pads attaching to the body	A61F 13/82
Additives (for odour) of absorbent pads	A61F 2013/8408
Body deodorants	A61Q 15/00
Textiles containing perfume or deodorants	D06M 13/005

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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:

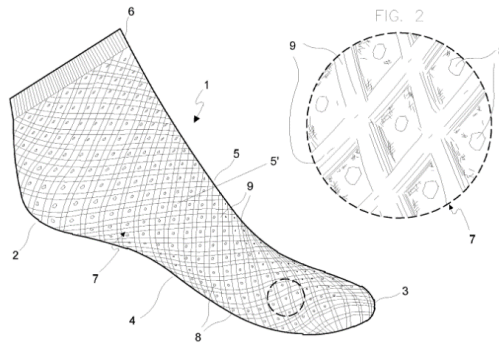
Absorbent pads for breast / torso	A61F 13/14
Absorbent pads attaching to the body	A61F 13/82
Additives (for odour) of absorbent pads	A61F 2013/8408
Body deodorants	A61Q 15/00
Textiles containing perfume or deodorants	D06M 13/005

Delete: The entire existing “Special rules of classification” section.

A41B11/00

Definition statement

Replace: The existing image in the “Definition statement” section with the updated image below.



Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

The term sock as used in this subclass (see Glossary) has a distinct meaning from the one used in group A43B17/00, where sock means an insole to be put in a shoe to make it fit better.

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Limiting references

Delete: ALL of the existing references in the “Limiting references” table except for the following reference (leave the reference in the table).

Compression elastic stockings for curative purposes	A61F13/08
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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:

Sporting garments with embedded elastic bands (but no compression therapeutic effect)	A41D31/18
Insoles, inside shoes (also called socks)	A43B17/00
Orthopaedic devices for feet	A61F5/0111
Bandages for feet	A61F13/064
Massage by own weight	A61H7/003
Devices for stimulating reflex points acupuncture, shiatsu	A61H39/04
Knitting stocking	D04B1/26

Glossary of terms

Replace: In the “Glossary of terms” table the existing meaning with the updated meaning shown below (in the second column).

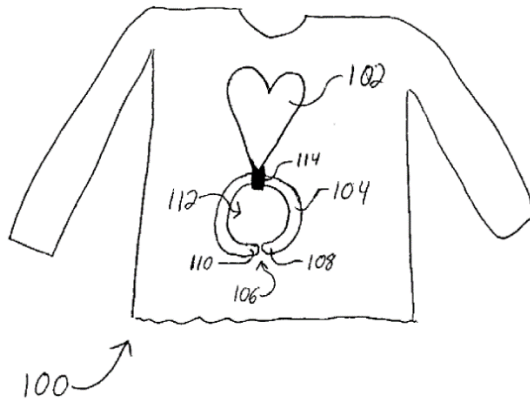
Sock	A short stocking covering the foot and usually reaching to the calf of the leg; half-hose.
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A41B13/00**Definition statement**

Replace: The existing image in the “Definition statement” section with the updated image shown below.

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Limiting references

Insert: The following two new references in the existing “Limiting references” table.

Patients' garments specially adapted for babies	A41D13/1272
Absorbent pads, e.g. sanitary towels, swabs or tampons for external or internal application to the body	A61F13/15

Insert: The following new “Informative references” section.

Informative references

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

Children's Clothing	A41D11/00
Nursery furniture, devices for guiding / supporting children	A47D13/08
Devices for preventing children from falling out of bed, restraining devices	A47D15/005

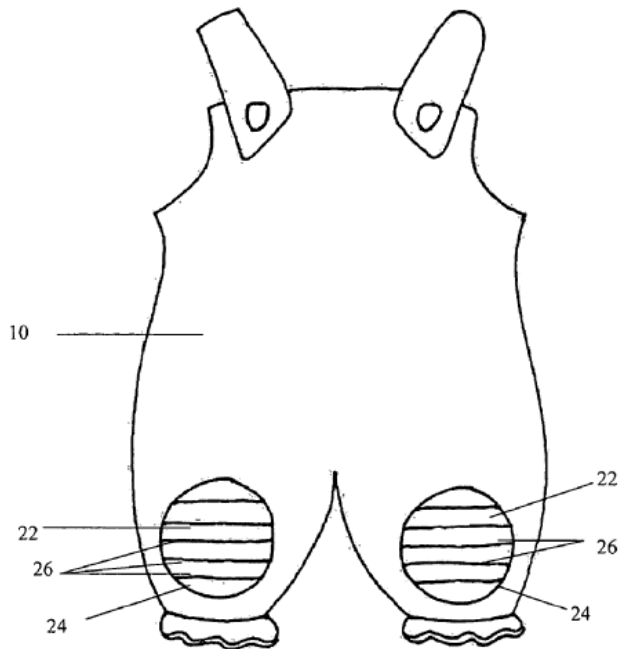
[A41B13/005](#)

Definition statement

Insert: The following new image next to the existing image.

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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:

Adult overalls	A41D13/02
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A41B13/08

Definition statement

Insert: The following text as the first statement in the “Definition statement” section.

Baby garment usually with sleeves but leaving the legs uncovered and fastening means at the crotch.

A41B2400/36

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

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Relationships with other classification places

This place does not cover:

Containers for holding perfume which are to be classified in group [A45D 34/00](#).

Holders for air deodorants which are to be classified in group [A61L 9/12](#).

Body deodorants which are to be classified in group [A61Q 15/00](#).

Perfumes encapsulated in a carrier which are to be classified in group [C11D 3/505](#).

Perfumes released by thermal or chemical activation which are to be classified in group [C11D 3/507](#).

Textiles containing perfume or deodorants which are to be classified in group [D06M 13/005](#).

Limiting references

Delete: The entire "Limiting references" section.

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A41D

Insert: The following new "Definition statement" section.

Definition statement

This place covers:

Outerwear covers athletic garments, jackets, trousers, shorts, skirts, maternity clothing, overgarments (overcoats, capes),_dressing-gowns, bathing costumes, and pyjamas.

In particular, the following subjects are classified as follows:

- Jackets, e.g. dress jackets or sport coats, are classified in A41D 1/02
- Waistcoats, vests, jerseys, sweaters and T-shirts are classified in A41D 1/04
- For blouse, e.g. women's top, classify in A41D 1/18
- For overalls, e.g. coveralls or bodysuits for adult, classify in A41D 13/02
- For leggings, e.g. chaps, classify in A41D 17/02

Insert: The following new "Relationships with other classification places" section.

Relationships with other classification places

This subclass covers outerwear and protective garments. It is known that some therapeutic devices can be worn by the patient and even be integrated into garments. Despite that, therapeutic devices per se are covered by the relevant subclasses of class A61.

Outerwear does not cover shirts (i.e. button down shirts with a collar) A41B1/00, hosiery A41B11/00, baby linen A41B13/00 and handkerchiefs A41B15/00.

Garments fastenings and suspenders are classified in A41F.

Machines, appliances or methods are classified as inventive information in A41H and non-trivial technical information with regard to the article of apparel may be discretionarily classified as additional information in A41B - A41F.

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Informative references

Insert: The following five new references in the existing “Informative references” table.

Overalls, e.g. coveralls or bodysuits (for babies)	A41B13/005
Button down shirt or formal dress shirt	A41B1/00
Chemise, e.g. slips with shoulder straps worn beneath a dress	A41B 9/06
Chemise, e.g. slips that only cover the lower body	A41B 9/10
Bodices, e.g. baby onesies	A41B13/08

Special rules of classification

Delete: The existing “Special rules of classification” section.

Glossary of terms

Insert: The following new terms in the existing “Glossary of terms” table.

Jacket	lightweight long-sleeve garment typically having a collar and lapel extending below the front sides of the collar providing a central opening between the lapels, also referred to as a dress jacket or sport coat
Waistcoat	upper body garment without sleeves also referred to as a vest in American English
Vest	T-shirt or casual top with or without sleeves
Jersey	knitted garment with or without sleeves, also referred to as a sweater in American English
Sweater	garment typically worn for playing team sports, also referred to as a jersey in American English
Blouse	shirt having features specific to women, also referred to as a women’s top
Overalls	a one-piece garment having an upper body portion (e.g. short or long sleeve top, bib secured by shoulder straps, etc.) and lower body portion (e.g. pants, shorts, etc.), also referred to as coveralls or bodysuits
Leggings	lower body overgarment with or without seats for protecting a garment worn underneath, also referred to as chaps
Shirt	an upper body garment having a collar and an opening at the front which is fastened closed via fastening elements (e.g. buttons) disposed adjacent the opening, also referred to as a men’s dress shirt, button-up shirt or button-down shirt

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Chemise	undergarment with shoulder strap worn beneath dress or the like, also referred to as a slip
Bodices	baby garment usually with sleeves but leaving the legs uncovered and fastening means at the crotch, also referred to as a onesie

A41D1/02**Definition statement**

Insert: The following text as the first two statements in the “Definition statement” section.

Lightweight long-sleeve garment typically having a collar and lapel extending below the front sides of the collar providing a central opening between the lapels.

Suit jackets.

Insert: The following new “Informative references” section.

Informative references

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

Overgarment jackets/coats, e.g. anoraks, parkas, short-length zip-up jackets, etc.	A41D 3/00
Overcoats, e.g. trench coats, pea coats	A41D 3/02

A41D1/04**Definition statement**

Insert: The following new text as the first statement in the “Definition statement” section.

T-shirts, vests with or without sleeves, jerseys and sweaters.

Informative references

Insert: The following new references in the existing “Informative references” table.

Button down shirts	A41B 1/00
Undershirts	A41B 9/06
Blouses	A41D 1/18
Outerwear vests	A41D3/00

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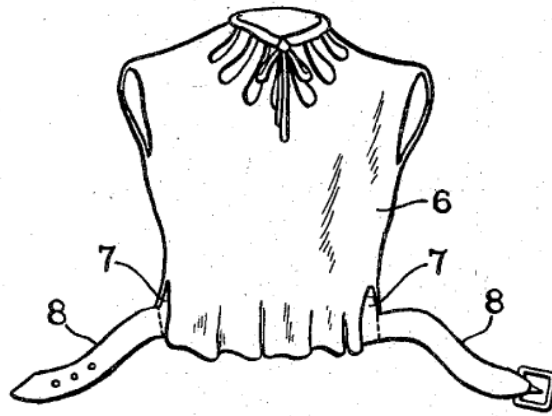
A41D1/18

Definition statement

Insert: The following new text as the first statement in the existing “Definition statement” section.

Upper body garments with features specifically meant for women.

Replace: The existing second image (of the woman) with the updated image below.



Informative references

Insert: The following reference in the existing “Informative references” table.

Vests (e.g. T-shirts, casual tops) in general	A41D 1/04
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Delete: The existing “Special rules of classification” section.

A41D3/00

Definition statement

Insert: The following new text as the very first statement in the “Definition statement” section.

Outer jackets.

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Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

According to the Warning after the subclass title, the nature of the references in this subclass has not been determined as yet. Therefore, when classifying in A41D 3/00, fur garments should also be classified in A41D 5/00, until counter notice.

Informative references

Insert: The following new references in the existing “Informative references” table.

Suit jackets	A41D1/02
Non-outerwear vests	A41D1/04
Garments for children	A41D11/00
Professional, industrial or sporting protective garments	A41D13/00

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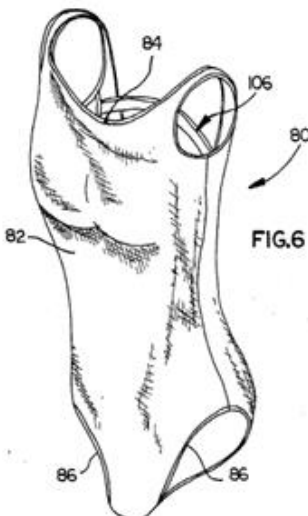
Replace: The text in the existing “Special rules of classification” section with the following updated text.

References A41D 5/00, A41D 11/00 and A41D 13/00 are non-limiting in the group A41D 3/00. CPC will be updated/corrected once this inconsistency is resolved in IPC.

A41D7/00

Definition statement

Insert: The following new image below the existing image.



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Delete: The following text located below the existing image.

Figure 1.

A41D7/001

Definition statement

Insert: The following new text as the first statement in the “Definition statement” section.

Swimwear having an insert, attachment or feature which enables floating or prevents sinking, such as a buoyant foam element.

Insert: The following new “Limiting references” section.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Life-saving equipment in water

B63C9/08

A41D7/005

Insert: The following two new “References” sections: “Limiting references” and “Informative references”.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Non-sinkable swim-suits, drawers or trunks
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A41D7/001

Informative references

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

Shorts

A41D1/089

A41D10/00

Definition statement

Insert: The following new text as the first statement in the existing “Definition statement” section.

Sleeping-bags with the shape of a garment used as pyjamas for adults.

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Special rules of classification

Delete: The entire existing “Special rules of classification” section.

Insert: The following new section: “Relationships with other classification places”.

Relationships with other classification places

Always consider classification of sleeping-bags in group [A47G 9/08](#).

Insert: The following new “References/Informative references” section.

References

Informative references

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

Sleeping-bags with the shape of a garment used as pyjamas for babies	A41B13/06
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A41D13/0007

Insert: The following new “Limiting references” section.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Safety harnesses	A62B 35/00
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Informative references

Replace: The invalid reference “B67D 17/30” in the “Informative references” table with the following updated reference.

B64D 17/30

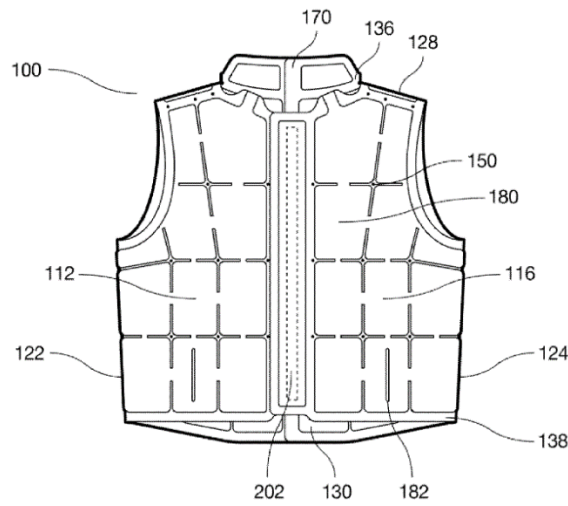
A41D13/002

Definition statement

Replace: The existing image in the “Definition statement” section with the following new image.

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Special rules of classification

Delete: The entire “Special rules of classification” section.

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

- Every time there's any kind of ventilation classify in [A41D27/28](#).
- When ventilation is done transversally (perpendicular) to the fabric: classify only in [A41D27/28](#).
- When ventilation is done parallel to the fabric (i.e. with channels): classify in [A41D31/14](#) in addition to [A41D27/28](#).
- When ventilation is also used to regulate inside conditions (temperature, humidity etc.): to be classified as additional information in [A41D13/002](#).
- When there are sweat handling or wicking properties, (i.e. sweat transport in ventilation channels): to be classified as additional information in [A41D31/12](#) or [A41D31/125](#).

A41D13/015

Definition statement

Replace: The text in the existing “Definition statement” section with the following updated text.

Shock-absorbing means in general, i.e. pads.

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Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

If the shock-absorbing is relevant per se, it should also be classified in [A41D13/015](#).

Protection of body parts not included in the subgroups of [A41D13/05](#) and protection for several body parts in the same garment, are classified in [A41D13/05](#).

Limiting 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:

Cycling pants (with saddle reinforcements and padding)	A41D1/084
Protecting only a particular body part	A41D13/05
Materials of protective garments with shock absorbing means	A41D31/28

Replace: The existing “Special rules of classification” section with the following updated section.

Reference A41D 13/05 is non-limiting in the subgroup A41D 13/015. CPC will be updated/corrected once this inconsistency is resolved in IPC.

A41D13/02

Definition statement

Insert: The following new text as the first statement in the existing “Definition statement” section.

One-piece garments having an upper body portion (e.g. short or long sleeve top, bib secured by shoulder straps, etc.) and a lower body portion (e.g. pants, shorts, etc.).

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Special rules of classification

Delete: The entire “Special rules of classification” section.

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

Sportive garments with embedded elastic bands but no compression are classified in groups A41D 13/0015 or A41D 31/18 or A41D 31/185.

Informative references

Insert: The following new references in the existing “Informative references” table.

Informative references

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

Baby overalls	A41B13/005
Patient suits	A41D13/1263
Drop-seat openings (donning facilities).	A41D 2400/44
Compression tights, elastic garments with curative purposes	A61F 13/08

A41D13/1254

Insert: The following new “Limiting references” section.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Hip shock-absorbing pads	A41D13/0506
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Informative references

Replace: The two existing references in the “Informative references” table with the following one new reference.

Devices worn by the patient for reception of bodily fluids	A61F 5/44
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A41D13/1281

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

When the special means for medical monitoring are relevant per se, consider classification in A61B 5/00.

Informative references

Delete: The following three existing references from the “Informative references” table.

Detecting for diagnostic purposes	A61B 5/00
Tenebrescent material (change wavelength)(darken or bleach) i.e. crystals lenses	C09K 9/00
Measuring temperature upon physical/ chemical changes, change of colour	G01K 11/12

Insert: The following two updated references in the “Informative references” table.

Tenebrescent material (darkening or bleaching due to change of wavelengths) i.e. crystals lenses	C09K 9/00
Measuring temperature upon physical/ chemical changes, change of colour	G01K 11/12

Special rules of classification

Delete: The entire existing “Special rules of classification” section.

A41D15/04**Informative references**

Delete: The following existing reference from the “Informative references” table.

Parking covers for cycles	B60J19/00
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Insert: The following new reference in the “Informative references” table.

For travelling or camp articles	A45F 4/00
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A41D17/02

Definition statement

Delete: In the “Definition statement” section, the following two lines of text.

Rain protectors for legs.

Illustrative example:

Insert: In the “Definition statement” section, the following two new lines of text.

Lower body over garments with or without seats for protecting a garment worn underneath, also referred to as chaps.

Illustrative examples:

Informative references

Insert: The following new reference in the existing “Informative references” table.

Raincoats with leg protecting means	A41D 3/06
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Special rules of classification

Delete: The entire existing “Special rules of classification” section.

Glossary of terms

Replace: In the “Glossary of terms” section the definition for the term “Legging” as shown below.

Legging	Lower body overgarment with or without seats for protecting a garment worn underneath, also referred to as chaps
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A41D19/0055

Informative references

Replace: The invalid reference “**C08K33/22**” in the existing “Informative references” table with “**C08K 2201/01**” as shown in the updated reference below.

Magnet detectable rubber gloves	C08K 2201/01, C08L 21/00
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A41D27/12

Definition statement

Insert: The following two statements as the first two statements in the “Definition statement” section.

Protection of interior of clothing, usually for absorbing sweat.

Protection of exterior of clothing, i.e. patches avoiding wear and tear.

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

Mending of garments by adhesive or adhesive patches is classified as additional invention in group A41H27/00.

Exterior protections on arm to use as handkerchief are classified in groups A41D27/12 and A41B15/00.

Protection for e.g. from impacts for a particular body part, are classified in A41D13/05, knee protectors are classified in A41D13/065.

Informative references

Delete: The following reference from the existing “Informative references” table.

Bibs for babies/children	A41B 13/10
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Insert: The following new references in the existing “Informative references” table.

Protecting exterior front part from getting dirty for children/babies	A41B13/10
Protecting exterior front part from getting dirty for adults	A41D13/04
Protection of trousers from rain, soiling with leggings	A41D17/02
Protectors of neckties	A41D25/00

Special rules of classification

Delete: The entire “Special rules of classification” section.

[A41D27/13](#)

Definition statement

Insert: The following new text as the first statement in the “Definition statement” section.

Separate under-arm shields for underwear or outerwear, usually for absorbing sweat.

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

Textile protective undergarments and underwear having integral sweat/odor protection means are to be classified in [A41B 9/12](#).

Informative references

Delete: The following two references from the existing “Informative references” table.

Protective undergarments when protection done by textile only	A41B 9/12
Additives (for odour) of absorbent pads	A61F13/15H8

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Special rules of classification

Delete: The entire existing “Special rules of classification” section.

A41D 31/00

Definition statement

Delete: The entire existing “Definition statement” section.

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

When the material aspects such as compositions used and/or construction (layered, woven, non-woven, knitted, etc.) are inventive and the structure of the garment per se is not inventive, classify in the respective material scheme(s) (e.g. D03D, D04H, B32B, etc.) and use D10B 2501/00, B32B2437/00, D04B1/24 and/or subgroups thereof to designate the use or application of the material in articles of apparel.

Insert: The following new “Special rules of classification” section.

Special rules of classification

For classification in A41D 31/00, the garment’s structural configuration (e.g. shape of the trouser, configuration of pocket(s), etc.) must be inventive and thus, be classified elsewhere in A41D 1/00 - A41D 29/00 as well. The material serves to impart a particular function to the garment (e.g. permit a raincoat to be water-resistant or impermeable, prevent electric shock in industrial protective garments, etc.).

A41D31/02

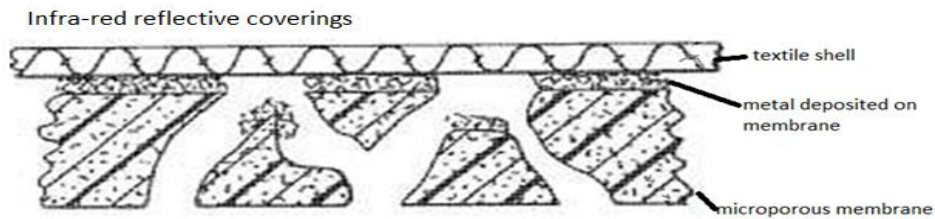
Definition statement

Delete: The first statement (shown below) from the “Definition statement” section.

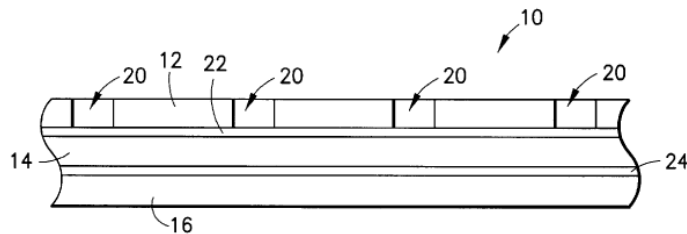
Waterproof/breathable material construction for non-protective garments, i.e. Gore-Tex.

Delete: The following existing text and image in the “Definitions statement” section.

Figure 1.



Insert: The following new image in the existing “Definition statement” section.



Limiting references

Insert: In the existing “Limiting references” table the following new reference.

Characterised by special function or use	A41D31/04
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Delete: From the existing “Limiting references” table ALL of the following seven references.

Laminated products with one fibrous layer	B32B5/24
Two or more fibrous layers	B32B5/26
Layered products, next to fibrous layer	B32B27/12
Laminating processes	B32B38/12
Double or multi-ply fabrics	D03D11/00
Treating fabrics with fluorine	D06M15/277
Producing multi-layer textile fabrics	D06M17/00

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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:

Laminated products with one fibrous layer	B32B5/24
Two or more fibrous layers	B32B5/26
Layered products, next to fibrous layer	B32B27/12
Laminating processes	B32B38/12
Double or multi-ply fabrics	D03D11/00
Treating fabrics with fluorine	D06M15/277
Producing multi-layer textile fabrics	D06M17/00

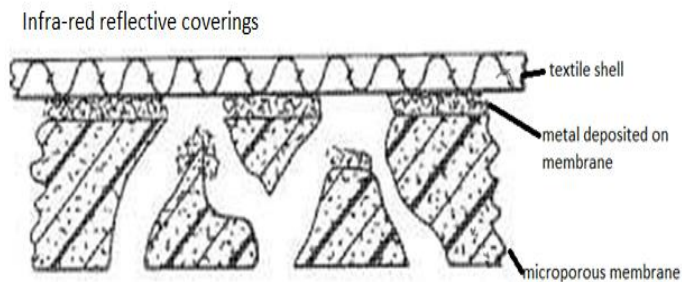
A41D31/325

Definition statement

Delete: The following text from the “Definition statement” section.

Figure 1.

Insert: Under the existing image, the following new image in the “Definition statement” section.



A41D2300/33

Insert: The following new “Relationships with other classification places” section.

Relationships with other classification places

This place does not cover drawstrings inside pants which are to be classified in group [A41F 9/025](#).

Delete: The entire “References/Limiting references” section.

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2. B. DEFINITIONS QUICK FIX

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Location of change</u> (e.g., section title)	<u>Existing reference symbol or text</u>	<u>Action; New symbol; New text</u>
A41B 1/08	Definition Statement	Constructional details of shirts such as sleeves, pockets and seams but may also be used for accessories which can be attached to shirts.	<u>Replace</u> the <u>first</u> paragraph in the “Definition Statement” section with the following updated text. Constructional details of shirts such as sleeves, pockets and seams that may also be used for accessories which can be attached to shirts.
A41D 11/00	Informative References	Height measuring A61B 5/1072 Babies' nappies or holders therefore A61F 13/15	Insert the following <u>new</u> reference in the existing “Informative references” table. Baby Linen A41B13/00

NOTES:

- The table above is used for corrections or modifications to existing definitions, e.g. delete an entire definition or part thereof; propose new wording or modify wording of a section, change the symbol the definition is associated with, change or delete a reference symbol, etc.
- Do not delete (F) symbol definitions.