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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 561

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

Action	Subclass	Group(s)
SCHEME:		
Symbols deleted:	A45D	2027/006
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Modified:	A61B	90/70
	A61F	13/20

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 Notice(s)

☐   C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)

☐   D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)

2.   DEFINITIONS (New or Modified)
☒   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.   ☐   CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

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1.   CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

   A.   New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)

SUBCLASS A45D - HAIRDRESSING OR SHAVING EQUIPMENT; MANICURING OR OTHER COSMETIC TREATMENT (wigs, toupees, or the like A41G3/00, A41G5/00; hairdressers' chairs A47C1/04; hair cutting appliances, razors B26B)

Type*	Symbol	Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)	Title (new or modified) "CPC only" text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**	Transferred to#
E	A45D 27/003	1	{Devices for softening beards, e.g. face steamers (shaving masks A45D 27/42)}	
D	A45D2027/006	1	{Devices for softening beards, e.g. face steamers}	<administrative transfer to A45D27/003>

*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; E= 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).
- For U groups, the minimum requirement is to include the U group located immediately prior to the N group or N group array, in order to show the N group hierarchy and improve the readability and understanding of the scheme. 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 except "D" which requires only a symbol.
- #"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>" or "<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>" when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be "invention information", unless otherwise indicated, and to 2000 series groups is assumed to be "additional information".

2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

A61B 90/70

References

Limiting references

Delete: The entire **Limiting references** section and table.

Informative references

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

Delete: The following row from the **Informative references** table:

RFID tags	B08B

Insert: The following five <u>new</u> rows into the **Informative references** table:

Endoscopes with cleaning features	A61B 1/121
Cleaning of dental devices	A61C 19/002
Cleaning of fluid or tube connectors	A61M 39/16
Cleaning in General	B08B
Cleaning by methods involving presence of liquid or steam	B08B 3/00

A61F 13/20

Definition statement

This place covers:

Delete: The term "era plugs" in the Definition statement.

Replace with: The term "ear plugs" in the Definition statement.

References

Limiting references

Delete: The entire **Limiting references** section and table.

Insert: The following new **Informative references** section and table.

Informative references

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

A wound opening is not considered as a natural opening and articles related to wound healing	A61F 13/00-A61F 13/14
The swabs for cleaning wounds or absorbing wound liquids during surgery	A61F 13/36, A61F 13/38

3.   REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

Type*	From CPC Symbol (existing)	To CPC Symbol(s)
D	A45D 2027/006	<administrative transfer to A45D 27/003>

* 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; D = deleted entries.

NOTES:
- Only C, D, F and Q type entries are included in the table above.
- When multiple symbols are included in the "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>" or "<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>" when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
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4. CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

CPC	**IPC**	**Action***
A45D 2027/006	A45D 27/00	DELETE

*Action column:
- For an (N) or (Q) entry, provide an IPC symbol and complete the Action column with "NEW."
- For an existing CPC main trunk entry or indexing entry where the existing IPC symbol needs to be changed, provide an updated IPC symbol and complete the Action column with "UPDATED."
- For a (D) CPC entry or indexing entry complete the Action column with "DELETE." IPC symbol does not need to be included in the IPC column.
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry which is positioned within the main trunk scheme (breakdown code) provide an IPC symbol and complete the action column with "NEW".
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry positioned at the end of the CPC scheme (orthogonal code), with no IPC equivalent, complete the IPC column with "CPCONLY" and complete the action column with "NEW".

NOTES:
- F symbols are not included in the CICL table above.
- E and M symbols are not included in the CICL table above unless a change to the existing IPC is desired.