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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 248

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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>
Title wording change:	A47L	15/50
Modified Definition:	A47L	15/50

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. DEFINITIONS (Full definition template)
 - B. 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 A47L - DOMESTIC WASHING OR CLEANING (brushes A46B; cleaning quantities of bottles or of other hollow articles of one kind B08B9/00; laundry D06F); SUCTION CLEANERS IN GENERAL (cleaning in general B08)

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u>	<u>Title (new or modified)</u> <u>“CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to#</u>
U	A47L15/488	3	{Connections of the tub with the ambient air, e.g. air intake or venting arrangements}	
M	A47L15/50	2	Racks {; Baskets}	

*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”.

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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>
A47L15/50	Definition Statement	Racks which do not fit in any of the sub-classes.	<u>DELETE:</u> The <u>entire</u> Definition statement section.
A47L15/50	Relationships with other classification places	If appropriate multiple classification, as provided for in the subgroups, should be given e.g. folding cutlery basket, A47L15/503 and A47L15/502 should be given.	<u>DELETE:</u> The <u>entire</u> Relationships section.
A47L15/50	Informative references (1 st row)	Racks (Japanese F-term) 3B082/FF00	<u>DELETE:</u> The <u>first</u> row in the Informative references table.
A47L15/50	Special rules of classification	When subclass(es) are assigned, the main class i.e. A47L15/50 should NOT routinely be additionally assigned unless a particular extra feature relating to racks that is not covered by the subgroup(es) is mentioned.	<u>REPLACE</u> with the following: If appropriate, multiple classification, as provided for in the subgroups, should be given, e.g. folding cutlery basket, A47L15/503 and A47L15/502 .

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.