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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>
<b>Symbols deleted:</b>	A47C	25/00, 25/02
<b>Title wording change:</b>	A47C	subclass
	A47C	23/00, 23/002
	A47C	31/08
<b>Scheme Warning Notices to be modified:</b>	A47C	subclass
	A47C	25/00
<b>Definition change:</b>	A47C	23/00

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 A47C – CHAIRS (seats specially adapted for vehicles B60N2/00); SOFAS; BEDS (upholstery in general B68G)**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u>	<u>Title (new or modified) “CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to#</u>
M	A47C		CHAIRS (seats specially adapted for vehicles B60N2/00); SOFAS; BEDS (upholstery in general B68G)	
E	A47C23/00	0	Spring mattresses with rigid frame or forming part of the bedstead, e.g. box springs; Divan bases; Slatted bed bases	
M	A47C23/002	1	{ with separate resilient support elements, e.g. elastomeric springs arranged in a two-dimensional matrix pattern }	
D	A47C25/00	0	<i>Unframed spring units</i>	<administrative transfer to A47C23/00 and A47C27/06 simultaneously>
D	A47C25/02	1	<i>without additional connecting means between the springs</i>	<administrative transfer to A47C23/00 and A47C27/06 simultaneously>
E	A47C27/06	2	Spring inlays	
M	A47C31/08	1	Mattress hand-straps { ; hand-grips or the like }	

\*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.

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- 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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B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning notice(s)

**SUBCLASS A47C - CHAIRS (seats specially adapted for vehicles B60N2/00); SOFAS; BEDS (upholstery in general B68G)**

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Warning notice</u>	<u>New/Modified Warning notice</u>
M	A47C		<b>Delete</b> only the following text from the existing warning:  A47C 1/038 covered by A47C 1/0355
D	A47C25/00	This group and its subgroup are no longer used for classification of new documents as from October 1, 2012.  The backfile is being continuously reclassified to groups A47C23/00, 47C27/06 and subgroups thereof.	

\*N = new warning, M = modified warning, D = deleted warning

NOTE: The "Location" column only requires the symbol PRIOR to the location of the warning. No further directions such as "before" or "after" are required.

## 2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

### A47C

Delete: From the existing **Limiting references** table the following rows:

Seats for surgeons or dentists... A61B90/60  
Upholstery in general...B68G  
Jointing of furniture...F16B12/00  
Testing of furniture, e.g. seats or mattresses...G01M99/001  
Production of mattresses or cushions by moulding... B29L2031/751  
Production of seats by moulding... B29L2031/771  
Production of upholstery by moulding... B29L2031/58

Replace: The existing **Limiting references** heading and preamble with the following heading and preamble:

#### **Application-oriented references**

*Examples of places where the subject matter of this group is covered when specially adapted, used for a particular purpose, or incorporated in a larger system:*

Insert: The following new section:

#### **Informative References**

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

Upholstery in general	<a href="#">B68G</a>
Jointing of furniture	<a href="#">F16B12/00</a>
Testing of furniture, e.g. seats or mattresses	<a href="#">G01M99/001</a>
Production of mattresses or cushions by moulding	<a href="#">B29L2031/751</a>
Production of seats by moulding	<a href="#">B29L2031/771</a>
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## **A47C23/00**

Replace: The existing ***Limiting references*** heading and preamble with the following heading and preamble:

### **Informative references**

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3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

<u>Type*</u>	<u>From CPC Symbol (existing)</u>	<u>To CPC Symbol(s)</u>
D	A47C25/00	<administrative transfer to A47C23/00 and A47C27/06 simultaneously>
D	A47C25/02	<administrative transfer to A47C23/00 and A47C27/06 simultaneously>

\* 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, 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)

<u>CPC</u>	<u>IPC</u>	<u>Action*</u>
A47C25/00		DELETE
A47C25/02		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.