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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>DEFINITIONS:</b>		
Definitions Modified:	A61L	Subclass
	A61L	24/00, 33/00
	F24F	8/00

**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(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 (modified)

### A61L

#### Definition statement

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

*This place covers:*

Apparatus or methods specifically adapted for use in treating air either:

- by destroying noxious microorganisms within the air,
- by removing microorganisms from the air,
- by otherwise rendering air aseptic,
- by removing unwanted odor constituents from air, or
- by covering up unwanted odor constituents, or potential constituents, by adding scent to air.

Apparatus or methods of general applicability for use in destroying noxious microorganisms on or otherwise rendering completely aseptic articles or materials, e.g. destroying bacteria or fungus.

Apparatus or methods that are not covered as a whole in another subclass and are specially adapted for use in destroying noxious microorganisms on or otherwise rendering completely aseptic specific articles, e.g. contact lenses, or specific materials, e.g. refuse.

Materials that are specially adapted for devices that are to be affixed to, placed on, placed within, or cover either:

- portions of the surfaces of human bodies having sores, e.g. blisters, boils, or wounds, e.g. cuts, abrasions, for extended periods of time, i.e. at least several minutes, but frequently for days, during their healing process to absorb fluids from, protect, or medicate them, e.g. poultices,
- naturally occurring cavities of or passageways within human bodies to absorb bodily discharges or other fluids from bodies, e.g. urine, protect, or medicate them, e.g. sanitary towels, tampons, or
- incisions or openings in human bodies formed during surgery.

Chemical compounds or compositions that are used in conjunction with, or compose a portion of, the above type of specially adaptive devices or their materials and increase their effectiveness by:

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- enhancing their ability to heal or treat sores, wounds, surgical incisions, or surgical openings,
- changing in some manner the absorbability of the devices or materials, or
- otherwise influencing their operation, e.g. prolongs useful life, of the devices or materials.

Materials specially adapted to be used in devices that:

- join together the edges of wounds, surgical incisions, or surgical openings, e.g. sutures, or
- form a tissue mass by compressively encircling the mass and holding it, e.g. ligatures.

Adhesives specially adapted for surgical uses.

Materials specially adapted for forming devices used as substitutes for a part of the body that is missing or non-functional or materials specially adapted for coating these devices, e.g. skin grafts.

Materials specially adapted to be used in:

- surgical construction of artificial excretory openings from colons or
- devices that travel up colons to inspect, clean, or treat them.

Materials specially adapted for use within the structure of hollow flexible tubes that are intended to be:

- inserted into human bodies to put in or take out fluids, e.g. cannulae, catheters,
- used to open up or close blood vessels, passageways, or body cavities, or
- passed inside of blood vessels, passageways, or body cavities for diagnostic or treatment purposes, e.g. endoscopes.

Materials specially adapted to be used for other surgical uses or devices, e.g. stents, materials for adhesion prevention.

Materials specially adapted for use as antithrombogenic treatments for at least one of the above type of devices or materials or the chemical compounds or compositions that form, or compose a portion of, these antithrombogenic treatments.

Specially adapted components or steps for at least one of the above types of apparatus, methods, or devices.

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Auxiliary appliances or accessories specially adapted for use with at least one of the above types of apparatus or devices, e.g. devices for testing effectiveness of sterilization.

## References

### **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:*

Replace: The text in the seventh row of the Application-oriented references table with the following updated text.

Air conditioning systems or room units, including air purification or sterilisation means	F24F 3/16, F24F 8/20
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## Special rules of classification

Replace: The text in the last paragraph of the Special rules of classification section with the following updated text.

When classifying in groups [A61L 2/00](#) - [A61L 12/00](#), it is desirable to add the Indexing symbols of group [A61L 2101/00](#), relating to the chemical composition of materials used in disinfecting, sterilising or deodorising.

## Glossary of terms

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

Replace: The text in the Glossary of terms table with the following updated text.

Antithrombogenic	A substance, composition, or material that prevents or reduces coagulation, clotting, depositing, or precipitation of blood, plasma protein, or a component of blood, e.g. anticoagulant.
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**Glossary of terms**

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

Replace: The text in the fourth row of the Glossary of terms table with the following updated text.

Haemostatic compositions	Antihemorrhagic (antihemorrhagic) compositions that promote haemostasis (stop bleeding).
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**References**

***Informative references***

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

Replace: The text and symbol in the second row of the Informative references table with the following updated text and symbol.

Dialysis systems; Artificial kidneys; Blood oxygenators	<a href="#">A61M 1/14</a>
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**References**

***Informative references***

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

Replace: The text in the first row of the Informative references table with the following updated text.

Disinfection, sterilisation or deodorisation of air in general	<a href="#">A61L 9/00</a>
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Insert: The following new Glossary of terms section and table.

**Glossary of terms**

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

Self-contained air purifier	Apparatus with all its air purifying elements, e.g. filters or fans, arranged in a common casing.
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