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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:	B29C	subclass
Scheme Notes to be modified:	B29C	subclass
	B29C	subclass (note under the Guidance Heading covering B29C31/00 – B29C37/00)

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 B29C- SHAPING OR JOINING OF PLASTICS; SHAPING OF SUBSTANCES IN A PLASTIC STATE, IN GENERAL; AFTER-TREATMENT OF THE SHAPED PRODUCTS, e.g. REPAIRING

<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>
M	B29C	0	SHAPING OR JOINING OF PLASTICS; SHAPING OF MATERIAL IN A PLASTIC STATE, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR; AFTER-TREATMENT OF THE SHAPED PRODUCTS, e.g. REPAIRING (making preforms B29B11/00; making laminated products by combining previously unconnected layers which become one product whose layers will remain together B32B37/00 - B32B41/00)	

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

SUBCLASS B29C- SHAPING OR JOINING OF PLASTICS; SHAPING OF SUBSTANCES IN A PLASTIC STATE, IN GENERAL; AFTER-TREATMENT OF THE SHAPED PRODUCTS, e.g. REPAIRING

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
M	B29C	<p>1. Attention is drawn to Note (3) following the title of class B29.</p> <p>2. In this subclass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • repairing of articles made from plastics or substances in a plastic state, e.g. of articles shaped or produced by using techniques covered by this subclass or subclass B29D, is classified in group B29C73/00; • component parts, details, accessories or auxiliary operations which are applicable to more than one moulding technique a reclassified in groups B29C 31/00 - B29C37/00; • component parts, details, accessories or auxiliary operations which are only of use for one specific shaping technique a reclassified only in the relevant subgroups of groups B29C39/00 - B29C71/00 	<p>1. This subclass <u>covers</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shaping or joining of plastics; • shaping of material in a plastic state when a specific material is not identified; • shaping of material in a plastic state, not otherwise provided for. <p>2. This subclass <u>does not cover</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working of plastics sheet material in a manner analogous to the working of paper, which is covered by class B31; • shaping of materials provided for elsewhere, e.g. of metal, clay or foodstuffs. <p>3. Attention is drawn to Note (3) following the title of class B29.</p> <p>4. In this subclass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • repairing of articles made from plastics or materials in a plastic state, e.g. of articles shaped or produced by using techniques covered by this subclass or subclass B29D, is classified in group B29C73/00; • component parts, details, accessories or auxiliary operations which are applicable to more than one moulding technique are classified in groups B29C31/00 - B29C37/00; • component parts, details, accessories or auxiliary operations which are only applicable or only of use for one specific shaping technique are classified only in the relevant subgroups of groups B29C39/00 -B29C71/00.

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<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Note</u>	<u>New/Modified Note</u>
			5. In this subclass, it is desirable to add the indexing codes of subclasses B29K and B29L .
M	B29C (Note under the Guidance Heading covering B29C31/00 – B29C37/00)	Attention is drawn to Note (3) following the subclass title	{ Attention is drawn to Note (4) following the subclass title. }

*N = new note, M = modified note, D = deleted note

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