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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>
SCHEME:		
Symbols New:	A63C	9/0053
	A63C	9/0057
Title Changed:	A63C	9/005
Warnings New:	A63C	9/00, 9/005, 9/0053, 9/0057
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions New:	A63C	9/005
Definitions Modified:	A63C	9/00, 2009/008

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)

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1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)

SUBCLASS A63C – SKATES; SKIS; ROLLER SKATES; DESIGN OR LAYOUT OF COURTS, RINKS OR THE LIKE

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u>	<u>Title</u> <u>“CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to[#]</u>
C	A63C 9/00	0	Ski bindings	A63C 9/00, A63C 9/005
C	A63C 9/005	1	{ with means for adjusting the position of a shoe holder or of the complete binding relative to the ski }	A63C 9/005, A63C 9/0053, A63C 9/0057
N	A63C 9/0053	2	{ for length adjustment }	
N	A63C 9/0057	2	{ for height adjustment }	

*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).
- U groups: it is obligatory to display the required “anchor” symbol (U group), i.e. the entry immediately preceding a new group or an array of new groups to be created (in case new groups are not clearly subgroups of C-type groups). 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.
- “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>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be the source allocation type, unless otherwise indicated.
- Administrative transfer to 2000/Y series groups is assumed to be “additional information”.
- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD>, <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or < administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“Transferred to”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “Transferred to” column for such cases.
- For finalisation projects, the deleted “F” symbols should have <no transfer> in the “Transferred to” column.
- For more details about the types of scheme change, see CPC Guide.

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New, Modified or Deleted Warning(s)

SUBCLASS A63C – SKATES; SKIS; ROLLER SKATES; DESIGN OR LAYOUT OF COURTS, RINKS OR THE LIKE

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Warning</u>	<u>New/Modified Warning</u>
N	A63C 9/00		Group A63C9/00 is impacted by reclassification into group A63C9/005. Groups A63C9/00 and A63C9/005 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A63C 9/005		Group A63C9/005 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A63C9/00. Group A63C9/005 is also impacted by reclassification into groups A63C9/0053 and A63C9/0057. Groups A63C9/00, A63C9/005, A63C9/0053 and A63C9/0057 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A63C 9/0053		Group A63C9/0053 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A63C9/005. Groups A63C9/005 and A63C9/0053 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A63C 9/0057		Group A63C9/0057 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A63C9/005. Groups A63C9/005 and A63C9/0057 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

*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.

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2. A. DEFINITIONS (new)

Insert the following new Definition:

A63C 9/005

Definition statement

This place covers:

Ski bindings with means for adjusting the position of a shoe holder or of the complete binding relative to the ski.

Special rules of classification

This place also covers ski bindings with means for adjusting the position of a shoe holder or of the complete binding relative to the ski, provided that a binding element sliding along a rail is provided. In this case, double classification into A63C 9/005 and A63C 2009/008 may apply.

If a ski binding is provided with means for adjusting the position both in length and height, double classification into sub-groups A63C 9/0053 and A63C 9/0057 is required.

Any type of adjustment other than in length or height requires classification into A63C 9/005. Classification into A63C 9/005 may apply either alone, or in addition to classification into sub-groups A63C 9/0053 and A63C 9/0057.

2. A. Definitions (modified)

A63C 9/00

Delete the entire References and Limiting references sections.

Special rules of classification

Delete the following sentence from the Special rules of classification section:

Bindings adjustable in length or height in A63C 9/005.

Insert the following two paragraphs as the last two paragraphs in the Special rules of classification section:

Arrangements for positional adjustment of the bindings or the shoe holder thereof relative to the ski are found in A63C 9/005 and its sub-groups.

Bindings designed for snowboards are classified in A63C 10/00 and/or its sub-groups. Bindings that are suitable for both skis and snowboards are classified in the main groups and/or sub-groups of both A63C 9/00 and A63C 10/00.

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A63C 2009/008

Insert the following new Definition statement:

Definition statement

This place covers:

Ski bindings with a binding element sliding along a rail during use or setting.

References

Delete the entire existing Limiting references section.

Insert the following new Informative references section:

Informative references

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

Ski bindings; Systems preventing accumulation of forces on the binding when the ski is bending	A63C 9/007
Ski safety bindings; Adjustment of the toe or heel holders; Indicators therefor	A63C 9/0805

Insert the following new Special rules of classification section:

Special rules of classification

If the ski binding, comprising an element sliding along a rail, also comprises means for adjusting the position of a shoe holder or of the complete binding relative to the ski, double classification into A63C 9/005 and A63C 2009/008 may apply. These means may be provided additionally to the element sliding along a rail or may comprise the element sliding along a rail.

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3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

<u>Type*</u>	<u>From CPC Symbol (existing)</u>	<u>To CPC Symbol(s)</u>
C	A63C 9/00	A63C 9/00, A63C 9/005
C	A63C 9/005	A63C 9/005, A63C 9/0053, A63C 9/0057

* 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; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed.

NOTES:

- Only C, D, F, and Q type entries are included in the table above.
- When multiple symbols are included in the “To” column, do not use ranges of symbols.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: “< administrative transfer to XX>”, “<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>”, or “<administrative transfer to XX, YY, ...and ZZ simultaneously>” when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
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- If needed, instructions for allocation type should be indicated within the angle brackets using the abbreviations “ADD” or “INV”: <administrative transfer to XX ADD>, <administrative transfer to XX INV>, or < administrative transfer to XX ADD, YY INV, ... and ZZ ADD simultaneously>.
- In certain situations, the “D” entries of 2000-series or Y-series groups may not require a destination (“To”) symbol, however it is required to specify “<no transfer>” in the “To” column for such cases.
- RCL is not needed for finalisation projects.

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4. CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

<u>CPC</u>	<u>IPC</u>	<u>Action*</u>
A63C 9/0053	A63C 9/00	NEW
A63C 9/0057	A63C 9/00	NEW

*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.