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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 677

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The following classification changes will be effected by this Notice of Changes:

Action	<u>Subclass</u>	Group(s)	
SCHEME:			
Symbols Deleted:	H04R	25/608	
	H04R	2225/63	
Symbols New:	H04R	25/603	
·	H04R	25/607	
	H04R	25/609	
	H04R	25/659	
	H04R	2225/0213	
	H04R	2225/0216	
	H04R	2225/57	
Titles Changed:	H04R	25/00	
The changes	H04R	25/30	
	H04R	25/453	
	H04R	25/48	
	H04R	25/554	
	H04R	25/556	
	H04R	25/558	
	H04R	25/60	
	H04R	25/602	
	H04R	25/604	
	H04R	25/652	
	H04R	25/658	
	H04R	25/75	
	H04R	2225/021	
	H04R	2225/51	
	H04R	2225/61	
Warnings New:	H04R	25/556	
vv attitigs thew:	H04R H04R	25/60	
	H04R	25/603	
	H04R	25/607	
	H04R	25/609	
	H04R	25/652	
	H04R	25/659	
	H04R	2225/021	

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Action	<u>Subclass</u>	Group(s)
	H04R	2225/0213
	H04R	2225/0216
	H04R	2225/57
	H04R	2225/61
Notes New:	H04R	25/65
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Deleted: (no frozen (F) symbol definitions should be deleted)	H04R	25/608
,	H04R	2225/63
Definitions New:	H04R	25/609
Definitions Modified:	H04R	25/00
	H04R	25/556
	H04R	25/558
	H04R	25/60
	H04R	25/602
	H04R	25/65
	H04R	25/652
_	H04R	2225/61

The following subclasses/groups are also impacted by this Notice of Changes (indicate subclasses/groups outside of the project scope, such as those listed in the CRL): $\rm H04R1/1016,\,H04R1/1041$

This Notice of Changes includes the following [Check the ones included]:

1. CLA	ASSIFICATION 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. DEI	FINITIONS
	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 H04R - LOUDSPEAKERS, MICROPHONES, GRAMOPHONE PICK-UPS OR LIKE ACOUSTIC ELECTROMECHANICAL TRANSDUCERS; DEAF-AID SETS; PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS

Type*	Symbol	Indent Level Number of	<u>Title</u> (new or modified)	Transferred to#
		<u>Number of</u> <u>dots (e.g. 0, 1, </u>	"CPC only" text should normally be	
		2)	enclosed in {curly brackets}**	
M	H04R 25/00	0	Deaf-aid sets {, i.e. electro-acoustic or	
IVI	1104K 25/00		electro-mechanical hearing aids; Electric	
			tinnitus maskers providing an auditory	
			perception (electrical stimulation of auditory	
			nerves to promote the auditory function	
			A61N 1/36038; optical stimulation of	
			auditory nerves to promote the auditory	
			function A61N 5/0622)}	
M	H04R 25/30	1	{Monitoring or testing of hearing aids, e.g.	
			functioning, settings, battery power}	
M	H04R 25/453	2	{electronically}	
M	H04R 25/48	1	{using constructional means for obtaining a	
			desired frequency response (H04R 25/652	
			takes precedence)}	
M	H04R 25/554	2	{using a wireless connection, e.g. between	
			microphone and amplifier or using Tcoils}	
С	H04R25/556	2	{External connectors, e.g. plugs or modules	H04R25/556
			(H04R25/607 takes precedence)}	H04R25/607
M	H04R 25/558	2	{Remote control, e.g. of amplification,	
			frequency}	
C	H04R 25/60	1	{Mounting or interconnection of hearing aid	H04R25/60
			parts, e.g. inside tips, housings or to ossicles	H04R25/603
			(ear wax retarders, e.g. mounting thereof	H04R25/607
			H04R 25/654)}	H04R25/609
				H04R2225/57
M	H04R 25/602	2	{of batteries}	
N	H04R 25/603	2	{of mechanical or electronic switches or	
	**************************************		control elements}	
M	H04R 25/604	2 3	{of acoustic or vibrational transducers}	
U	H04R 25/606	3	{acting directly on the eardrum, the ossicles	
			or the skull, e.g. mastoid, tooth, maxillary or	
			mandibular bone, or mechanically stimulating	
NT	H04R 25/607	2	the cochlea, e.g. at the oval window} {of earhooks}	
N D	H04R 25/607 H04R 25/608	2	{Or earnooks} {Apparatus or processes specially adapted for	<administrative td="" transfer<=""></administrative>
ע	пи4к 23/008		mounting, assembling or interconnecting	to H04R25/60>
			hearing aid parts inside tips, moulds or	10 H04K23/00>
			housings}	
N	H04R 25/609	2	{of circuitry (of electronic switches or control	
14	110+1X 43/007		elements H04R25/603)}	
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Type*	Symbol	Indent Level	<u>Title</u>	Transferred to [#]
		Number of	(new or modified)	
		dots (e.g. 0, 1,	"CPC only" text should normally be	
**	770 4D 07/57	<u>2)</u>	enclosed in {curly brackets}**	
U	H04R 25/65	1	{Housing parts, e.g. shells, tips or moulds, or	
	YY0.4D, 0.7.(570		their manufacture}	**************************************
C	H04R 25/652	2	{Ear tips; Ear moulds (hybrid ear moulds or	H04R25/652
			post-processing thereof for their	H04R25/659
	YY0.4D, 0.7.(5.7.)		customisation H04R25/659)}	**************************************
C	H04R 25/658	2	{Manufacture of housing parts}	H04R25/658
	110 ID 07 (570			H04R25/659
N	H04R 25/659	3	{Post-processing of hybrid ear moulds for	
**	**************************************		customisation, e.g. in-situ curing}	
U	H04R 2225/00	0	Details of deaf aids covered by H04R25/00,	
	**************************************		not provided for in any of its subgroups	**************************************
C	H04R 2225/021	1	Behind the ear [BTE] hearing aids	H04R2225/021
				H04R2225/0213
				H04R2225/0216
				H04R25/607
N	H04R 2225/0213	2	Constructional details of soulcable and shoul	
IN I	H04R 2225/0213	2	Constructional details of earhooks, e.g. shape,	
N	HOAD 2225/0216	2	material	
N	H04R 2225/0216	2	BTE hearing aids having a receiver in the ear mould	
M	H04R 2225/51	1	Aspects of antennas or their circuitry in or for	
IVI	HU4R 2223/31	1	hearing aids	
U	H04R 2225/55	1	Communication between hearing aids and	
	HU4K 2223/33	1	external devices via a network for	
			data exchange	
N	H04R 2225/57	1	Aspects of electrical interconnection between	
IN	ΠU4 N ΔΔΔ3/3/	1	hearing aid parts	
С	H04R 2225/61	1	Aspects relating to mechanical or electronic	H04R2225/61,
	1104N 222J/01	1	switches or control elements, e.g. functioning	H04R22/603
D	H04R 2225/63	1	Aspects relating to ear hooks or their	<administrative td="" transfer<=""></administrative>
ן ע	ΠU4N ΔΔΔ3/03	1	connection to the hearing aid housing or ear	to H04R2225/0213>
			mould	to 1104K2223/0213>
			Hould	

*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; T= 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.

- **No {curly brackets} are used for titles in CPC only <u>subclasses</u>, 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} <u>are</u> 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.

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- "Transferred to" column <u>must</u> 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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B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning notice(s)

SUBCLASS H04R - LOUDSPEAKERS, MICROPHONES, GRAMOPHONE PICK-UPS OR LIKE ACOUSTIC ELECTROMECHANICAL TRANSDUCERS; DEAF-AID SETS; PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS

Type*	<u>Location</u>	Old Warning notice	New/Modified Warning notice
N	H04R 25/556		Group H04R 25/556 is impacted by reclassification into group H04R 25/607. Groups H04R 25/556 and H04R 25/607 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	H04R 25/60		Group H04R 25/60 is impacted by reclassification into groups H04R 25/603, H04R 25/607, H04R 25/609, and H04R 2225/57. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	H04R 25/603		Group H04R 25/603 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups H04R 25/60 and H04R 2225/61. Groups H04R 25/60, H04R 2225/61, and H04R 25/603 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	H04R 25/607		Group H04R 25/607 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups H04R 25/556, H04R 25/60, and H04R 2225/021. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	H04R 25/609		Group H04R 25/609 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group H04R 25/60. Groups H04R 25/60 and H04R 25/609 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	H04R 25/652		Group H04R 25/652 is impacted by reclassification into group H04R 25/659. Groups H04R 25/652 and H04R 25/659 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	H04R 25/659		Group H04R 25/659 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups H04R 25/652 and H04R 25/658. Groups H04R 25/652, H04R 25/658, and H04R 25/659 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	H04R 2225/021		Group H04R 2225/021 is impacted by reclassification into groups H04R 2225/0213, H04R 2225/0216, and H04R 25/607. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	H04R 2225/0213		Group H04R 2225/0213 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group H04R 2225/021. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	H04R 2225/0216		Group H04R 2225/0216 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group H04R 2225/021. Groups H04R 2225/021 and H04R 2225/0216 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	H04R 2225/57		Group H04R 2225/57 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group H04R 25/60. Groups H04R 25/60 and H04R 2225/57 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

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Type*	Location	Old Warning notice	New/Modified Warning notice
N	H04R 2225/61		Group H04R 2225/61 is impacted by reclassification into group H04R 25/603. Groups H04R 2225/61 and H04R 25/603 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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C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)

SUBCLASS H04R - LOUDSPEAKERS, MICROPHONES, GRAMOPHONE PICK-UPS OR LIKE ACOUSTIC ELECTROMECHANICAL TRANSDUCERS; DEAF-AID SETS; PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS

Type*	Location	Old Note	New/Modified Note
N	H04R 25/65		Housing parts for mechanical mounting or
		interconnection of hearing aid parts covered by	
			H04R25/60 are to be classified in H04R25/60

^{*}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.

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2. A. DEFINITIONS (new)

Insert: The following new Definition.

H04R 25/609

Definition statement

This place covers:

Interconnection or mounting of electrical aspects of implantable hearing aid transducers

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

of electronic switches or control elements	H04R25/603
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2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

H04R 2225/61

References

<u>Delete</u>: The entire Limiting references section.

Informative references

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

<u>Insert</u>: The following two new references in the Informative references section.

Electronic input selection or mixing based on input signal analysis, e.g. mixing or selection between microphone and telecoil or between microphones with different directivity characteristics (H04R25/407 takes precedence)	H04R 25/43	
Signal processing in hearing aids to enhance the speech intelligibility	H04R 2225/43	

H04R 25/00

Definition statement

This place covers:

<u>Replace</u>: In the Definition statement, the first bullet statement "Electroacoustic…perception" with the following.

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Electro-acoustic or electro-mechanical hearing aids

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Replace: The symbol A61N1/36036 with A61N1/36038.

<u>Insert</u>: The following new reference in the Limiting references table.

Optical stimulation of auditory nerves to promote the auditory function	A61N 5/0622
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Informative references

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

Replace: The existing Informative references table with the following.

Ornaments for ears	A44C7/00
Earphones measuring physiological sounds, e.g. heartrate, breathing, pulse	A61B5/02
Non-electric hearing aids	A61F11/008
Devices or methods enabling ear patients to replace direct auditory perception	A61F11/04
Internal protective devices for the ears, e.g. earplugs	A61F11/08
Structural combination of hearing aids with spectacle frames	G02C11/06
Teaching or communicating with deaf persons	G09B21/009
Directing sound using electrical steering of transducer arrays, e.g. beam steering	G10K11/34

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Coding or decoding of speech or audio signal, using source filter models or psychoacoustic analysis	G10L19/00
Processing of speech signals	G10L21/00
Automatic gain control in audio amplifiers	H03G3/3005
Telephone sets for the hearing impaired	H04M1/2475
Mobile telephones for the hearing impaired	H04M1/72591
Constructions of transducers per se	H04R9/00 - H04R23/00
Amplifying systems for the deaf	H04R27/02
Monitoring arrangements; Testing arrangements in general	H04R29/00

Special rules of classification

Replace: The last bullet in the Special rules of classification section with the following.

Further details are covered by Indexing groups H04R2225/31, H04R2225/33, H04R2410/07, H04R2430/03, H04R2460/03, H04R2460/13 and H04R2460/17. Classification is obligatory.

Glossary of terms

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

<u>Replace</u>: The first row of text in the Glossary of terms table "Deaf aid…hearing aid, auditory prosthesis" with the following text.

Electro-acoustic or electro-mechanical	hearing aids acting indirectly, e.g. acoustically, or directly on the ear drum, mastoid, ossicles or cochlea and providing an
hearing aids	auditory perception

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H04R 25/556

References

<u>Insert</u>: The following new Limiting references section.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Earhooks	H04R25/607
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Special rules of classification

Replace: The symbol H04R2225/63 with H04R2225/0213.

Connection between the BTE housing and the earmould via an earhook is not to be classified here but in H04R25/60 in combination with H04R2225/0213.

H04R 25/558

References

Informative references

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

Insert: The following two new references in the Informative references table.

Remote control in general	G05F
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Hi-Fi systems or audio/video combinations H04B 1/202

H04R 25/602

References

Informative references

<u>Insert</u>: The following new reference in the Informative references table.

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

Batteries in general	H01M2/02
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H04R 25/652

References

<u>Insert</u>: The following new Limiting references section.

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Hybrid ear moulds or post-processing thereof for their	H04R25/659
customisation	

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2. B. DEFINITIONS QUICK FIX

<u>Symbol</u>	Location of change	Existing reference symbol or text	Action; New symbol; New text
	(e.g., section title)		
H04R25/60	Definition Under "Special rules of classification"	Further detail is covered by Indexing Code subgroups H04R 2225/49, H04R 2225/59, H04R 2225/61, H04R 2225/63 and H04R 2225/67. Classification is obligatory.	Change to: Further detail is covered by Indexing Code subgroups H04R 2225/0213, H04R 2225/49, H04R 2225/59, H04R 2225/61, and H04R 2225/67. Classification is obligatory.
H04R25/608	Definition		Delete entire definition
H04R25/65	Informative reference	Hearing aid ear hooks H04R2225/63	Delete the reference
H04R2225/63	Definition		Delete entire definition

- 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.

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3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

Type*	From CPC Symbol (existing)	To CPC Symbol(s)
С	H04R25/556	H04R25/556
		H04R25/607
C	H04R25/60	H04R25/60
		H04R25/603
		H04R25/607
		H04R25/609
		H04R2225/57
D	H04R25/608	<administrative td="" to<="" transfer=""></administrative>
		H04R25/60>
С	H04R25/652	H04R25/652
		H04R25/659
С	H04R25/658	H04R25/658
		H04R25/659
С	H04R2225/021	H04R2225/021
		H04R2225/0213
		H04R2225/0216
		H04R25/607
С	H04R2225/61	H04R25/603
		H04R2225/61
D	H04R2225/63	<administrative td="" to<="" transfer=""></administrative>
		H04R2225/0213>

^{*} 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.

- 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.
- 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 ("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)

CPC	<u>IPC</u>	Action*
H04R25/603	H04R25/00	NEW
H04R25/607	H04R25/00	NEW
H04R25/608		DELETE
H04R25/609	H04R25/00	NEW
H04R25/659	H04R25/00	NEW
H04R2225/0213	CPCONLY	NEW
H04R2225/0216	CPCONLY	NEW
H04R2225/57	CPCONLY	NEW
H04R2225/63		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.

T and M symbols are not included in the CICL table above unless a change to the existing IPC is desired.

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5. CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

Definitions references impacted by this revision project

Location of reference to be changed	Referenced subclass or group to be changed	Section of definition	Action; New reference symbol; New text
H04R 1/1016		Informative references	Add new reference: Hybrid ear moulds for customisation H04R 25/659
H04R 1/1041		Informative references	Add new reference: Mounting or interconnection of switches or control elements in hearing aids H04R 25/603
H04R 1/1041	H04R 2225/61	Informative references	Replace the existing text with the following: Aspects relating to switches or control elements for hearing aids, e.g. functioning H04R 2225/61

- The CRL tables above are used for changes to locations <u>outside</u> of the project scope. Changes to references in scheme
 titles or definitions <u>inside</u> the project scope will be reflected in the "scheme change" template or one of the "definition"
 templates.
- In addition to other changes proposed in the tables above, in the column titled "Referenced subclass or group to be changed," <u>referenced</u> D symbols should indicate an action of "delete" or should indicate a replacement symbol and <u>referenced</u> F symbols should indicate a replacement symbol.
- When a reference is deleted, text related to that reference will also be deleted unless other references or a range of references associated with the same text remain.