

A61Q

SPECIFIC USE OF COSMETICS OR SIMILAR TOILETRY PREPARATIONS

Definition statement

This place covers:

- Cosmetic compositions having one or more ingredient(s) classified in [A61K 8/00](#), i.e. ingredients considered to belong to the core of the invention (*).
- Only principal use(s) linked to the inventive effect (**). A patent document, i.e. claims, description and examples are pertinent to classify principal and eventually additional use(s) (**). (**).

Relationships with other classification places

- Cosmetics or similar toiletry preparations should be further classified in subclass [A61K 8/00](#), i.e. definition of chemical ingredients and physical form of the preparations which is defined as the core of the invention (*).
- Uses concerning further soap bars or cleaning methods (washing or hard cleaning compositions) are classified in [C11D](#).
- Compositions which can be used in a therapeutic treatment should be further classified in [A61P](#) and also in [A61K 31/00](#) - [A61K 51/00](#) if they are defined by their ingredients or in [A61K 9/00](#) if they are defined by their physical form.
- Use of a composition as food or dietary supplement is further classified in [A23L](#).

References

Informative references

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

Artificial eyelash or hair	A41G 5/00
Artificial nails	A45D 31/00
Artificial skin	A61F 2/105 , A61L 27/60
Preparations for dentistry	A61K 6/00
Medicinal preparation characterised by physical form	A61K 9/00
Deodorisation of air	A61L 9/00
Therapeutic activity	A61P 17/00
Compounds per se	C01 , C07 , C08 , C12N
Essential oils or perfumes per-se	C11B 9/00
Bar soap	C11D 17/0047
Dyeing of wool	D06P 3/14

Special rules of classification

The last place rule is not applicable in this subclass.

This subclass is always combined with the subclass [A61K 8/00](#) and can be further classified in [A61K 2800/00](#) and/or [A61Q](#).

Properties of cosmetic compositions or active ingredients thereof or formulation aids used therein and process related aspects	A61K 2800/00 and subgroups
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Special rules of classification

The Indexing symbols of this scheme are to be used mainly with classification [A61K 8/00](#) and [A61Q](#) and is considered to be obligatory supplementary classification of subject matter already classified in [A61K 8/00](#) and [A61Q](#) if applicable.

Compositions or compounds characterised by specific properties	A61Q
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This subclass is considered as additional information (**), i.e. obligatory supplementary classification of subject matter already classified in [A61K 8/00](#) and [A61Q](#) if applicable. This subclass concerns cosmetic uses which are indicated as eventual application(s) for the composition, see Example II.

Example I: general cosmetic use.

Some patent documents are concerned with general formulation problems like viscosity or specific preparations (i.e. suspensions or gels), i.e. no specific cosmetic use is thus foreseen. In those cases, classification is made in [A61Q 19/00](#).

Example II: principal or additional use(s).

A skin moisturising composition which is further used in a anti-ageing preparation or as lip cream, would be classified in [A61Q 19/00](#) and as additional information in [A61Q 19/08](#) or [A61Q 19/001](#).

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If the active is a new sunscreen and an anti-ageing preparation which contains this new compound is exemplified, it should be classified in [A61Q 17/04](#) and as additional information in [A61Q 19/08](#).

If the active is a compound to condition the hair and a shampoo or a colouring composition (non-permanent hair dyeing containing direct dyes) is exemplified, it should be classified in [A61Q 5/12](#) and as additional information [A61Q 5/02](#) and [A61Q 5/065](#).

Glossary of terms

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

(*) Core of the invention	Compounds in the composition or specific form (example: emulsion, foam) linked to the effect aimed. This means that not all compounds present in a composition are classified. To classify a document, the claims, the description and the examples have to be checked. Only specific components, i.e. those present in the exemplified compositions, are classified not a general concept or a general formula.
(**) Principal use vs. additional use	The principal use is linked to the effect intended in the document and is classified in A61Q . In the claims or examples further uses or types of compositions are often described which should be classified in A61Q . For example: a mixture of compounds is directed to an anti-aging purpose (A61Q 19/08) which is further introduced in sunscreen composition (A61Q 17/04).

A61Q 1/00**Make-up preparations; Body powders; Preparations for removing make-up****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Preparations which are intended to be topically applied to adorn, groom, absorb or to remove unwanted skin preparations.

A61Q 1/02**Preparations containing skin colorants, e.g. pigments (preparations in powder form [A61Q 1/12](#))****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Foundation ("fond de teint") .

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

Foundations (i.e."fond de teint")	A61Q 1/12
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A61Q 1/04**for lips****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Lips gloss.

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

Preparations for the lips, e.g. lip gloss	A61Q 19/001
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A61Q 1/08**for cheeks, e.g. rouge****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Preparations for the cheeks, e.g. blush.

A61Q 1/10**for eyes, e.g. eyeliner, mascara****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Preparations for eye lashes, eye brows or eye shadows.

A61Q 1/12**Face or body powders for grooming, adorning or absorbing****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Foundations powders; Compact powders.

A61Q 3/00**Manicure or pedicure preparations****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Preparations which are topically applied to artificial or natural nails of the hands or feet for adorning, treating, fortifying, removing nail cuticles, or removing unwanted nail preparations.

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

Artificial nails are classified in per se	A45D 31/00
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Special rules of classificationCompositions for the in situ formation of artificial nails should be classified in [A61K 8/02](#) together with the appropriate Indexing Code under [A61K 2800/00](#).**A61Q 3/02****Nail coatings****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Nail coatings, nail enamels, nail gloss.

A61Q 5/00**Preparations for care of the hair****Definition statement***This place covers:*

Preparations applied to the hair or scalp for for grooming, adorning, protecting, or otherwise treating.

A61Q 5/02

Preparations for cleaning the hair

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations for cleansing the hair, e.g. shampoo.

Special rules of classification

Conditioning shampoos should be classified in [A61Q 5/02](#) and also in [A61Q 5/12](#).

A61Q 5/04

Preparations for permanent waving or straightening the hair

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations for relaxing or curling the hair

A61Q 5/065

{Preparations for temporary colouring the hair, e.g. direct dyes}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations containing only direct dyes without the addition of any oxidation dye.

Special rules of classification

Hair dye compositions containing a direct dye and an oxidising agent, "lightening compositions" ("compositions éclaircissante") should be classified in [A61Q 5/065](#) together with the Indexing Code [A61K 2800/434](#).

A61Q 5/08

Preparations for bleaching the hair

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations for removing dyes from the hair.

A61Q 5/10

Preparations for permanently dyeing the hair

Definition statement

This place covers:

Repigmentation of hair; Decorative depot; White hair dyeing ("Canitie").

References

Informative references

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

Dyeing of wool	D06P 3/14
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Special rules of classification

Hair dye compositions containing an oxidation dye and further a direct dye should be classified in [A61Q 5/10](#).

A61Q 5/12

Preparations containing hair conditioners

Special rules of classification

Conditioning shampoos should be classified in [A61Q 5/12](#) and also in [A61Q 5/02](#).

A61Q 7/02

Preparations for inhibiting or slowing hair growth

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations against hirsutism.

A61Q 9/00

Preparations for removing hair or for aiding hair removal

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations which are applied topically to induce hair removal or to assist in the easier removal of hair.

References

Informative references

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

After shaves	A61Q 19/002
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A61Q 9/02

Shaving preparations

Definition statement

This place covers:

Pre-shaving preparations.

A61Q 9/04

Depilatories

Definition statement

This place covers:

Epilation and depilation preparations.

A61Q 11/00

Preparations for care of the teeth, of the oral cavity or of dentures; Dentifrices, e.g. toothpastes; Mouth rinses

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations for maintaining hygiene of the mouth and teeth and for enhancing the appearance of the teeth, e.g. compositions for whitening or bleaching teeth.

References

Informative references

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

Dentistry, apparatus and method for oral or dental hygiene	A61C
Preparations for dentistry	A61K 6/00
Abrasives per se	C09K 3/14

A61Q 13/00

Formulations or additives for perfume preparations (essential oils or perfumes per se [C11B 9/00](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations containing perfume and additives to improve the longevity or intensity or to stabilize a perfuming compound, e.g. aromatherapy.

A61Q 15/00

Anti-perspirants or body deodorants (deodorisation of air [A61L 9/00](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations which are topically applied to the body to inhibit or decrease perspiration or to neutralize, by other than a masking effect,, the odor caused by perspiration or to neutralize perspiration odor by action on a microorganism.

A61Q 17/00

Barrier preparations; Preparations brought into direct contact with the skin for affording protection against external influences, e.g. sunlight, X-rays or other harmful rays, corrosive materials, bacteria or insect stings

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations which are topically applied to the skin to prevent or decrease the harmful effects of the environment, e.g. chemical irritants.

References

Informative references

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

For treating wounds, ulcers, burns, scars, keloids, or the like	A61P 17/02
Chemical means for combating harmful chemical agents	A62D 3/00

A61Q 17/005

{Antimicrobial preparations}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations which are topically applied to the skin to eliminate or decrease the presence of microorganisms on the body, e.g. hand disinfection products.

Special rules of classification

Antimicrobial washing compositions should be classified in [A61Q 17/005](#) together with [A61Q 19/10](#).

A61Q 17/02

containing insect repellants

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations which are topically applied to the skin to eliminate or repel the presence of insects on or around the body, e.g. anti-lice compositions.

A61Q 17/04

Topical preparations for affording protection against sunlight or other radiation; Topical sun tanning preparations

Definition statement

This place covers:

Compositions comprising ultraviolet filters for protection of skin and hair;

Protection against IR, X-Rays or other radiation.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Cosmetic post-treatment of sun damage	A61Q 19/004
Preparations for treating ageing of skin and hair due to free radical action	A61Q 19/08

Informative references

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

Compositions for chemically tanning the skin e.g. containing dihydroxyacetone	A61Q 19/04
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Special rules of classification

Preparations for treating skin and hair damage due to free radical action from external sources, e.g. sun damage, should be classified in [A61Q 17/04](#) together with the Indexing Code [A61K 2800/522](#)

A61Q 19/00

Preparations for care of the skin

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations for improving the barrier function; Preparations to treat wrinkles which have not been originated by aging, e.g. due to lack of sebum, e.g. moisturising.

References

Informative references

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

Preparations to treat wrinkles which have been originated by ageing	A61Q 19/08
Artificial skin	A61F 2/105 , A61L 27/60
Anti-acne compositions	A61P 17/10

Special rules of classification

Peeling and exfoliating compositions should be classified in [A61Q 19/00](#) together with the Indexing Code [A61K 2800/28](#).

A61Q 19/001

{Preparations for care of the lips}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Compositions for care of the lips which comprise no skin colorant.

References

Informative references

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

Lip care compositions comprising colorants	A61Q 19/04 , A61Q 19/06 .
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A61Q 19/004

{Aftersun preparations}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Cosmetic post-treatment of sun damages.

References

Informative references

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

Barrier preparations, e.g. for preventing or avoiding sun damages	A61Q 17/04
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A61Q 19/005

{Preparations for sensitive skin}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Baby care products; Products for application around the eyes or in the genital area, e.g. compositions for treating "regions périnéofessières" e.g. compositions for treating perino anal regions and buttocks.

References

Informative references

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

Medical preparations for treatment of the urogenital system	A61K 9/0034
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A61Q 19/02

for chemically bleaching or whitening the skin

Definition statement

This place covers:

Compositions against blotchiness or mottling; Preparations for treating age spots.

Special rules of classification

Tattoo removing compositions should be classified in

[A61Q 19/02](#) together with the appropriate Indexing Code under [A61K 2800/00](#).

A61Q 19/04

for chemically tanning the skin (topical sun or radiation screening or tanning preparations [A61Q 17/04](#))

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations for changing the skin colour.

A61Q 19/06

for countering cellulitis

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparations for reducing the appearance of cellulite, i.e., dimpled fat deposits under the skin, e.g. slimming compositions.

A61Q 19/08

Anti-ageing preparations

Definition statement

This place covers:

Preparation to treat wrinkles (all types of wrinkles); Preparations for treating skin and hair ageing due to free radical action.

References**Informative references**

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

Preparations for treating age spots	A61Q 19/02
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Special rules of classification

Preparations for treating ageing of skin and hair due to free radical action should be classified in [A61Q 19/08](#) together with the Indexing Code [A61K 2800/522](#).

A61Q 19/10

Washing or bathing preparations

Definition statement

This place covers:

Cleansing compositions; Scrubbing compositions e.g. exfoliation products.

References**Informative references**

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

Soap bars	C11D 17/0047
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Special rules of classification

Scrubbing compositions should be classified in [A61Q 19/00](#) .

A61Q 90/00

Cosmetics or similar toiletry preparations for specific uses not provided for in other groups of this subclass

Special rules of classification

No document should be classified in this subgroup.