

## A61Q

### SPECIFIC USE OF COSMETICS OR SIMILAR TOILET 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 toilet 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

##### Limiting references

*This place does not cover:*

Artificial eyelash or hair	<a href="#">A41G 5/00</a>
Artificial nails	<a href="#">A45D 31/00</a>
Artificial skin	<a href="#">A61F 2/105</a> , <a href="#">A61L 27/60</a>
Preparations for dentistry	<a href="#">A61K 6/00</a>
Deodorisation of air	<a href="#">A61L 9/00</a>
Drugs for dermatological disorders	<a href="#">A61P 17/00</a>
Chemical compounds as such	<a href="#">C01</a> - <a href="#">C09</a>
Essential oils or perfumes per-se	<a href="#">C11B 9/00</a>
Bar soap	<a href="#">C11D 17/0047</a>
Dyeing of wool	<a href="#">D06P 3/14</a>

##### 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:*

Make-up compositions	<a href="#">A61Q 1/00</a> (ex: mascara in <a href="#">A61Q 1/10</a> )
Manicure and pedicure preparations	<a href="#">A61Q 3/00</a> (ex: nail coating in <a href="#">A61Q 3/02</a> )
Preparations for care of the hair	<a href="#">A61Q 5/00</a> (ex: permanent hair dye in <a href="#">A61Q 5/10</a> )

Preparations affecting hair growth	<a href="#">A61Q 7/00</a>
Preparations for removing hair	<a href="#">A61Q 9/00</a> (ex: depilatories in <a href="#">A61Q 9/04</a> )
Preparations for the care of teeth	<a href="#">A61Q 11/00</a> (ex: Toothpaste or mouthwash)
Formulations or additives for perfume preparations	<a href="#">A61Q 13/00</a>
Antiperspirants or body deodorants	<a href="#">A61Q 15/00</a>
Barrier preparations, i.e. sunscreens	<a href="#">A61Q 17/00</a> (ex: sunscreen preparation in <a href="#">A61Q 17/04</a> )
Preparations for the care of the skin	<a href="#">A61Q 19/00</a> (ex: anti-ageing preparations in <a href="#">A61Q 19/08</a> )
Cosmetics or similar toilet preparations for specific uses not provided for in other groups or subclass.	<a href="#">A61Q 90/00</a> (this subclass should be empty; general cosmetic uses are classified in <a href="#">A61Q 19/00</a> );example I

### Informative references

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

Medicinal preparation characterised by physical form	<a href="#">A61K 9/00</a>
Deodorisation of air	<a href="#">A61L 9/00</a>
Therapeutic activity	<a href="#">A61P 17/00</a>
Essential oils or perfumes per-se	<a href="#">C11B 9/00</a>
Dyeing of wool	<a href="#">D06P 3/14</a>

### 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 [A61K2201/00](#) and/or [A61Q](#).

Compositions or compounds characterised by specific properties	<a href="#">A61K2201/00</a> and subgroups (ex: peeling preparations in <a href="#">A61K2201/08</a> )
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The Indexing Codes 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	<a href="#">A61Q</a>
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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 case 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](#).

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 <a href="#">A61Q</a> .In the claims or examples further uses or types of compositions are often described which should be classified in <a href="#">A61Q</a> .For example: a mixture of compounds is directed to an anti-aging purpose ( <a href="#">A61Q 19/08</a> ) which is further introduced in sunscreen composition ( <a href="#">A61Q 17/04</a> ).

## 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")	<a href="#">A61Q 1/12</a>
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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	<a href="#">A61Q 19/001</a>
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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	<a href="#">A45D 31/00</a>
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#### Special rules of classification

Compositions for the in situ formation of artificial nails should be classified in [A61K 8/02](#) together with the Indexing Code **A61K2201/131**.

## 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 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 **A61K2201/023**.

**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	<a href="#">D06P 3/14</a>
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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	<a href="#">A61Q 19/002</a>
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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	<a href="#">A61C</a>
Preparations for dentistry	<a href="#">A61K 6/00</a>
Abrasives per se	<a href="#">C09K 3/14</a>

**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 (chemical means for combating harmful chemical agents [A62D 3/00](#))**

**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	<a href="#">A61P 17/02</a>
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## 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	<a href="#">A61Q 19/004</a>
Preparations for treating ageing of skin and hair due to free radical action	<a href="#">A61Q 19/08</a>
Indexing Code	<b>A61K2201/062</b>

**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	<a href="#">A61Q 19/04</a>
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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 **A61K2201/062**

**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	<a href="#">A61Q 19/08</a>
Artificial skin	<a href="#">A61F 2/105</a> , <a href="#">A61L 27/60</a>
Anti-acne compositions	<a href="#">A61P 17/10</a>

**Special rules of classification**

Peeling and exfoliating compositions should be classified in [A61Q 19/00](#) together with the Indexing Code **A61K2201/08**.

**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	<a href="#">A61Q 19/04</a> , <a href="#">A61Q 19/06</a> .
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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	<a href="#">A61Q 17/04</a>
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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	<a href="#">A61K 9/0034</a>
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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.

**References****Informative references**

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

Tattoo removing compositions	<a href="#">A61Q 19/02</a>
Indexing Code	<b>A61K2201/125</b>

**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	<a href="#">A61Q 19/02</a>
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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 **A61K2201/062**.

**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	<a href="#">C11D 17/0047</a>
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**Special rules of classification**

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

**A61Q 90/00**

**Cosmetics or similar toilet 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.