G07F
COIN-FREED OR LIKE APPARATUS (coin sorting G07D 3/00; coin testing G07D 5/00; {handling coins or paper currencies apart from payment activated apparatus G07D; payment architectures, schemes or protocols G06Q 20/00})

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G07F 1/00
Coin inlet arrangements; Coins specially adapted to operate coin-freed mechanisms (coins in general A44C)

Definition statement
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G07F 1/06
Coins specially adapted to operate coin-freed mechanisms

References
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This place does not cover:

| Coins as such | A44C |
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| Coin recognition | G07D |

Synonyms and Keywords
In patent documents the following expressions/ words are often used:
tokens, jetons, Münzähnliche Objekten.

**G07F 3/00**

{Coin testing or sorting means or arrangements for coin-freed apparatus (apparatus for testing coins for use apart from coin-freed apparatus G07D)}

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**Special rules of classification**

This main group and its subgroups were deleted in IPC as of IPC6.

This group should not be used anymore as its contents and pertinent documents should be reclassified in G07D 5/00.

**G07F 5/00**

Coin-actuated mechanisms; Interlocks

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

All devices (mechanical) or circuits (electrical) specific for actuating the dispensing action or operation of a coin-freed or vending device.

**Special rules of classification**

General coin recognition classified in G07D.

**G07F 5/18**

specially adapted for controlling several coin-freed apparatus from one place (interlocks per se G07F 5/26)

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

All central devices for the central control of a network of dispensers or the control of multiple vending systems from a common payment control unit.

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G07F 5/24

with change-giving (coin-changing mechanisms per se G07D)

Definition statement

This place covers:
Vending machines with dispensing of a set of coins as change when the sum paid in exceeds the required price for an article to be dispensed. This set of coins being established according to a rule of giving change.

References

Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Dispensing of unused coins | G07F 9/04 |
| Counting of coins inserted  | G07F 9/08 |
| Coin changing mechanisms as such, independently of its use within a dispensing or vending device | G07D |

G07F 5/26

Interlocks, e.g. for locking the doors of compartments other than that to be used

Definition statement

This place covers:
The control of opening of one single door within a group of compartments.

References

Limiting references
This place does not cover:

| Locking arrangements for doors of lockers | G07F 17/12 |

G07F 7/00

Mechanisms actuated by objects other than coins to free or to actuate vending, hiring, coin or paper currency dispensing or refunding apparatus {{handling coins or paper currencies apart from coin-freed or like apparatus G07D; complete banking systems G07F 19/00}}

Definition statement

This place covers:
Details of HOW you pay by anything having money value except coins, banknotes or other physical currency. In particular payments by cards or devices representing, permitting or granting access to an account.

The term "mechanisms actuated by objects other than coins" is to be read as "payment activated by cards and objects or tokens, other than coins, representing value or the right to access and account"
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Glossary of terms
In this place, the following terms or expressions are used with the meaning indicated:

The terminology used in the title is to be read as "payment (other than coins) activated" thus activated by any form of payment and in G07F 7/00 "by any token except coins, in particular by cards".

G07F 7/02
by keys or other credit registering devices {{for producing a coded signal for use together with coded identity cards G07F 7/10}}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Cards which are person independent, e.g. a telephone card.

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<td>Mechanisms actuated by keys or other credit registering devices for producing a coded signal for use together with coded identity cards</td>
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G07F 7/04
by paper currency

Definition statement
This place covers:
Vending machines and dispensers in which a banknote is input and serves as payment means.
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G07F 7/06

by returnable containers {, i.e. reverse vending systems in which a user is rewarded for returning a container that serves as a token of value}, e.g. bottles

Definition statement

This place covers:

Objects serve as a token of value. Money or payment is given back as reward of the recycling or returning of the object. Returnable containers include also syringes.

G07F 7/0609

{by fluid containers, e.g. bottles, cups, gas containers}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Recycling of bottles and cups, and getting a reward or refund.

G07F 7/0618

{by carts}

Definition statement

This place covers:

The use of a trolley or cart is made dependent on the (temporary) payment of a token or coin which is given back to the payer when trolley or cart is returned or locked back in/to a storage zone.

Special rules of classification

If the trolley serves as a registration and/or a portable scanner, classified in G07G 1/0081.

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents the following words are often use:
trolley, chariot, shopping basket
**G07F 7/069**

*by box-like containers, e.g. videocassettes, books*

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Objects having a box-like form, such as videocassettes, CD boxes, books, etc. are recognized on return / recycling and give right of a payment or access to similar object.

**Synonyms and Keywords**

*In patent documents the following words are often used:*

Reverse vending system.

**G07F 7/08**

*by coded identity card or credit card {or other personal identification means (without personal verification means G07F 7/02)}*

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Cards which are used independently of their owner's identity.

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Mechanisms actuated by cards or other personal identification means without personal verification means | G07F 7/02 |

**Special rules of classification**

If the identity of the owner of the card is characterizing the payment done by means of the token or card, classify in G07F 7/10, e.g. a PIN is required to use the rights defined by the card.

**G07F 7/10**

*together with a coded signal {, e.g. in the form of personal identification information, like personal identification number [PIN] or biometric data}*

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Cards for which the identity of the owner of the card is characterizing and required for the payment done by means of the token or card.

The identity of the owner of the token or payment card is verified biometrically or using a PIN.

**References**

**Informative references**

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

| Controlled computer access | G06F 21/00 |
Identity verification for access

**Special rules of classification**

If the identity of the owner of the card is NOT characterizing the payment done by means of the token or card and the card serves for payment by itself, classify in **G07F 7/08**.

**G07F 7/1016**

{Devices or methods for securing the PIN and other transaction-data, e.g. by encryption (arrangements for secret communication, see **H04L 9/00**)}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Cards with means for encrypting data required and essential to the payment, e.g. PIN.

**References**

*Informative references*

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

- Arrangements for secret communication

**Special rules of classification**

Same subject-matter when being only part or step in a payment protocol and not limited to the card used and its features need a classification in **G06Q 20/00**.

**G07F 7/12**

**Card verification**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Verification of the card based on constructive or software features.

**G07F 9/00**

**Details other than those peculiar to special kinds or types of apparatus (coin inlet arrangements **G07F 1/00**; coin testing arrangements **G07F 3/00**; coin-actuated mechanisms, interlocks **G07F 5/00**)**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Details of vending and dispensing of dispensers in general and not specific to the type of article dispensed or the storage arrangement of the dispenser, whereby the payment occurs by means of coins or any other objects or tokens representing value or a right to access an account such as cards.
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Special rules of classification

Details specific to a certain type of dispenser should be classified under the pertinent subgroups in the range G07F 11/00 - G07F 17/00.

G07F 9/003

{displaying the inserted coins}

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G07F 9/02

Devices for alarm or indication, e.g. when empty; Advertising arrangements in coin-freed apparatus (alarms or warning devices indicating the interruption of flow to be metered G07F 15/10)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Features defining the features relating to data display and presentation, to monitoring the stock, to the checking of minimum age requirements to have right to access the articles, to the centralized control of a number of vending machines or other aspects not specific to a particular type of vending machine.

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**G07F 9/04**

**Means for returning surplus or unused coins**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Vending machine accepts payment and returns any excess or unrecognized coins.

**References**

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**G07F 9/06**

**Coin boxes**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Coin boxes within vending machines or other payment activated machines.

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**Special rules of classification**

Coin-like tokens specific to a purpose should be classified in **G07F 1/06** (and also the eventual purpose or object paid for).

**G07F 9/08**

**Counting total of coins inserted**

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Counting within the dispenser of a number of coins inserted for payment.

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Counting of coins in general

G07F 9/10
Casings {or parts thereof}, e.g. with means for heating or cooling

Definition statement
This place covers:
Housings of vending machines with temperature or internal environmental condition control.

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:
Dispensers for food requiring heating or cold serving

Special rules of classification
Means for temperature and environment control (e.g. humidity) within a vending machine or dispenser are classified in G07F 9/105.

G07F 9/105
{Heating or cooling means, for temperature and humidity control, for the conditioning of articles and their storage (dispensers for food articles requiring a processing by temperature treatment or conditioning before they are ready for dispensing G07F 17/0064)}

Definition statement
This place covers:
Means for temperature and environment control (e.g. humidity) within a vending machine or dispenser.

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:
Dispensers for food requiring heating or cold serving

G07F 11/00
Coin-freed apparatus for dispensing, or the like, discrete articles

Definition statement
This place covers:
The term "coin-freed" is to be read as "payment activated".
Arrangements for insuring that only one single article may be dispensed at a time from the storage zones and/or the delivery means of a dispenser of objects.
References

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<td>Industrial article storage and conveying or commissioning systems</td>
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Special rules of classification

The term "coin-freed" is to be read as "payment activated" thus activated by any form of payment and in G07F 11/00 by any token including coins, or in particular by cards.

G07F 11/02

from non-movable magazines

Definition statement

This place covers:

Storage of articles in fixed receptacles not provided in any of the other (sub)groups in G07F 11/00-G07F 11/68.

G07F 11/04

in which magazines the articles are stored one vertically above the other

Definition statement

This place covers:

Arrangements for storage of articles piled one above the other and not fitting in the principle of any of the hierarchically dependent subgroups.

Special rules of classification

Flexible articles such as newspapers classified in G07F 11/045 and/or in G07F 11/14 as such piles are often topmost dispensed.

G07F 11/045

{for sheet shaped or pliable articles}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Storage and dispensing of flexible articles such as newspapers or towels, blankets.

Special rules of classification

Cards may be classified here only if their flexibility is used or essential to the storage or dispensing principle.

Articles stored as a pile of which the topmost is dispensed need also a class in G07F 11/14.
G07F 11/06

supported individually on pivotally-mounted flaps or shelves

Definition statement

This place covers:
Storage of the articles is done on flaps or shelves which function as a support for the article as non-moving elements but only till the article needs to be dispensed at which moment the flap pivots to let free the article into a delivery zone.

G07F 11/08

arranged in two columns in staggered relationship

Definition statement

This place covers:
Storage of articles as a zigzag arrangement within one single column.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Storage of articles in two separate columns which both dispense the article into a common outlet delivery zone | G07F 11/10 |

G07F 11/10

two or more magazines having a common delivery chute

Definition statement

This place covers:
Storage of articles in two separate columns which both dispense the article into a common outlet delivery zone.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Storage of articles as a zigzag arrangement within one single column | G07F 11/08 |

G07F 11/12

with means for automatically changing to reserve stacks

Definition statement

This place covers:
Storage in a first column and use of the second column only when first is exhausted.
G07F 11/14

with means for raising the stack of articles to permit delivery of the topmost

Definition statement

This place covers:
Storage of articles as a pile which needs to be raised or lifted to dispense one single article from the top, (eventual by pusher).

Special rules of classification

Newspapers and flexible articles are also classified in G07F 11/045 if the flexibility of the article is essential for the storage or dispensing or delivery principle.

G07F 11/16

Delivery means

Definition statement

This place covers:
Specifically for delivery means independently of any particular storage method. Delivery means not fitting in any of G07F 11/18-G07F 11/26

Special rules of classification

This group is used also for delivery means in dispensers with movable storage containers if these do not serve for the direct delivery of the article by their functioning itself.

G07F 11/36

in which the magazines are of helical or spiral form

Definition statement

This place covers:
Storage in or along a spiralling or helical path.

G07F 11/44

in which magazines the articles are stored in bulk

Definition statement

This place covers:
Storage from a hopper with dosing of the quantity to be dispensed.

Special rules of classification

May also require a class in G07F 13/00 or G07F 15/00 if type of article dispensed is powder or granular or liquid.
**G07F 11/64**
in which the articles are individually suspended from stationary supports

**Definition statement**

This place covers:
Storage of articles hanging one by one or suspended along supports such as rails.

**G07F 11/68**
in which the articles are torn or severed from strips or sheets

**Definition statement**

This place covers:
Storage along a strip of articles and severing one of the articles, blister-pack.

**G07F 11/70**
in which the articles are formed in the apparatus from components, blanks, or material constituents

**Definition statement**

This place covers:
Storage and articles which are stored as components which need to be combined for dispensing, or which serve only as required for the use of another article even if not dispensed from same dispenser, e.g. bun dispensing for a food vending machine.

**Special rules of classification**

Additionally to the concept classified in this group, the fitting class in the storage or delivery method or means in a separate G07F 11/00 entry is required.

**G07F 11/72**
Auxiliary equipment, e.g. for lighting cigars, opening bottles

**Definition statement**

This place covers:
Storage and dispensing of articles which are supplementary to a main article dispensed, e.g. lighter or matches for a cigarette vending machine, bottle opener for drink bottle vendor.

**Special rules of classification**

Cups dispensed with a drink should be classified according to the type of drink and in G07F 13/10.

**G07F 13/00**
Coin-freed apparatus for controlling dispensing or fluids, semiliquids or granular material from reservoirs

**Definition statement**

This place covers:
The term "coin-freed" is to be read as "payment activated".
Dispensing a quantity of a liquid such as water or oil, if not provided for the definition of any of the dependent groups.

References

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Special rules of classification

Fuel dispensing systems at petrol stations in G07F 13/025. Drinks in G07F 13/065 except hot drinks such as coffee, in G07F 13/10 (as mostly a cup is also dispensed if required).

Glossary of terms

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

The term “coin-freed” is to be read as “payment activated” thus activated by any form of payment and in G07F 13/00 “by any token including coins, or in particular by cards”.

G07F 13/025

{wherein the volume is determined during delivery}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Fuel dispensing systems at petrol stations

G07F 13/065

{for drink preparation}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Dispensing a mix of products mostly fluids to deliver a drink. Can also be a powder mixed into a drink for creating a liquid drink.

Special rules of classification

For hot drinks classify in G07F 13/10, as mostly also a cup or container may be proposed.

G07F 13/08

in the form of a spray

Special rules of classification

Needs also a class in G07F 17/18 if for cosmetic beauty products.
G07F 13/10

with associated dispensing of containers, e.g. cups or other articles (dispensing discrete articles per se G07F 11/00)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Hot drinks or drinks where also a cup is delivered.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Dispensing discrete articles per se | G07F 11/00 |

Special rules of classification

If no cup or container is dispensed, classify in G07F 13/065 if a mix of products is required for the drink creation. If a liquid as such is dispensed e.g. drinking water, classify in G07F 13/025.

G07F 15/00

Coin-freed apparatus with meter-controlled dispensing of liquid, gas or electricity (tariff-metering apparatus in general G01D 4/00)

Definition statement

This place covers:

The term "coin-freed" is to be read as "payment activated".

Payment activated access to facilities such as public services, e.g. gas, electricity, water for housing.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

| Tariff-metering apparatus in general | G01D 4/00 |

Glossary of terms

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

The term "coin-freed" is to be read as "payment activated" thus activated by any form of payment and in G07F 15/00 "by any token including coins, or in particular by cards".

G07F 15/003

{for electricity}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Payment activated dispensing of electricity or charging of electricity into an object or apparatus.
References

Informative references

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**G07F 17/00**

Coin-freed apparatus for hiring articles; Coin-freed facilities or services

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

The term "coin-freed" is to be read as "payment activated".

Payment activated access to various services and specific types of objects independently of their manner of storage or delivery arrangements.

**References**

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**Glossary of terms**

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The term "coin-freed" is to be read as "payment activated" thus activated by any form of payment and in **G07F 17/00** "by any token including coins, or in particular by cards".

**G07F 17/10**

*for means for safe-keeping of property, left temporarily, e.g. by fastening the property*

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Payment for temporary keeping and locking of objects such as bicycles.
G07F 17/14
for fastenings for doors (of containers for safe keeping G07F 17/12); for turnstiles

Definition statement
This place covers:
Payment activated access granting e.g. opening of doors (WCs).

References
Limiting references
This place does not cover:

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<th>Interlocks</th>
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<td>Coin-freed arrangements for fastenings for doors of containers for safe keeping, e.g. lockers</td>
<td>G07F 17/12</td>
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Informative references
Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

| Deposit receptacles with appliances for preventing unauthorised removal | A47G 29/14 |

G07F 17/16
for devices exhibiting advertisements, announcements, pictures or the like

Definition statement
This place covers:
Payment-activated access to content and generating and dispensing of on-request created content carriers such as DVDs with on request or customized recorded matter, e.g. a coin-freed machine for selling/hiring CDs or DVDs.

G07F 17/18
for washing or drying persons

Definition statement
This place covers:
Payment activated dispensing of any article required for personal hygiene of user or animal, such as cosmetics or towels.

Special rules of classification
Towels are also classified according to the principle of storage e.g. from a roll (G07F 11/68).

Towels and articles required for washing and drying anything less than a living being such as a person or animal, classify in G07F 17/20.
**G07F 17/20**

for washing or drying articles, e.g. clothes, motor cars

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*
Payment activated dispensing of any article required for washing or drying of anything else than a living being such human or animal.

**Special rules of classification**

Towels and articles required for washing and drying anything less than a living being such as a person or animal, classify in G07F 17/18.

**G07F 17/24**

for parking meters (devices for checking parking time G07C 1/30)

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*
Payment for use of parking facilities.

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Devices for checking parking time                                      | G07C 1/30 |

**Informative references**

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

| Measuring parking time                                                | G07B 15/02 |

**G07F 17/26**

for printing, stamping, franking, typing or teleprinting apparatus (ticket printing or the like apparatus G07F 17/42)

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*
Paying for (remotely) printed matter such as greeting cards.

**References**

**Limiting references**

*This place does not cover:*

| Recording of content on carriers, e.g. CDs, DVDs                      | G07F 17/16 |
| Ticket printing or the like apparatus                                 | G07F 17/42 |
**G07F 17/32**

for games, toys, sports or amusements, {e.g. casino games, online gambling or betting (game play without financial reward A63F)}

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

Gaming systems, or aspects thereof, which provide a financial reward, such as gambling, (Internet) betting and casino games. These aspects may relate to hardware, software, data processing, payments, security and game play specifics within the field of gaming systems providing financial rewards.

**References**

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<td>A63F 1/00- A63F 11/00</td>
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<td>Random number generators per se</td>
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**Special rules of classification**

A document concerning a gaming system which provides a financial reward must always be classified in at least one of the classes G07F 17/32 - G07F 17/42 according to the functional feature(s) it discloses.

Furthermore, one or more of the classes G07F 17/32 - G07F 17/42 may optionally be assigned regarding the type of game that the document discloses.

**G07F 17/34**

depending on the stopping of moving members {in a mechanical slot machine}, e.g. "fruit" machines

**Definition statement**

This place covers:

Mechanical slot machines

**Special rules of classification**

A document concerning a mechanical slot machine must additionally be classified in at least one of the classes G07F 17/32 - G07F 17/42 according to the functional feature(s) it discloses.
**G07F 17/40**

for devices for accepting orders, advertisements, or the like

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Booking, making reservations and remote ordering.

**G07F 17/42**

for ticket printing or like apparatus {, e.g. apparatus for dispensing of printed paper tickets or payment cards}

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Payment activated access to printed matter such as paper tickets and payment cards.

**Special rules of classification**

The system for storage and dispensing should be classified if pertinent in **G07F 11/00**.

**G07F 19/00**

Complete banking systems; Coded card-freed arrangements adapted for dispensing or receiving monies or the like and posting such transactions to existing accounts, e.g. automatic teller machines (data processing equipment for bank accounting **G06Q 40/02** {; mechanisms in general actuated by objects other than coins **G07F 7/00**; handling coins or paper currencies apart from payment activated apparatus **G07D**})

**Definition statement**

*This place covers:*

Automatic Banking machines (ATM) or complete banking networks.

**References**

**Limiting references**

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<td>G06Q 40/00</td>
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G07F 19/20
{Automatic teller machines [ATMs]}

Definition statement
This place covers:
ATM (Automatic Transaction Machines) and Banking Terminals.

References
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The subgroups in G07F will be good additions to the register and vending machine areas of 235 since the construction features and applications of the coin operated machines are not specified in class 235.