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PROTECTION AGAINST X-RADIATION, GAMMA RADIATION, CORPUSCULAR RADIATION OR PARTICLE BOMBARDMENT; TREATING RADIOACTIVELY CONTAMINATED MATERIAL; DECONTAMINATION ARRANGEMENTS THEREFOR (radiation protection by pharmaceutical means A61K7/40; in cosmonautic vehicles B64G; combined with a reactor G21C11/00; combined with X-ray tubes H01J35/16; combined with X-ray apparatus H05G1/02)

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Shielding providing protection against ionising radiation, i.e. against x-radiation, gamma radiation, corpuscular radiation or particle bombardment; devices and methods to treat radioactively contaminated materials.

References relevant to classification in this subclass

This subclass/group does not cover:

Radiation protection by pharmaceutical means	A61K 7/40
Use of cosmetics or similar toilet preparations already classified as such in A61K 8/00 when brought into direct contact with the skin (i.e. topical preparations) for affording protection against X-rays or other harmful rays	A61Q 17/04
Radiation protection in cosmonautic vehicles	B64G 1/56
Shielding structurally associated with a reactor	G21C 11/00
Vessels, containers or shields associated with X-ray tubes	H01J 35/16
X-ray producing apparatus involving X-ray tubes; constructional details thereof; control thereof; circuits thereof	H05G 1/00 , H05G 1/02 , H05G 1/30
Apparatus or processes for producing X-rays, not involving X-ray tubes, e.g.	H05G 2/00

involving generation of a plasma	
Screening of electronic apparatus or components against electromagnetic fields	H05K 9/00

Apparatus for radiation diagnosis, e.g. combined with radiation therapy equipment; application or adaptation of safety means thereof	A61B 6/10
Applying radioactive material to the body; shielding of fluid reservoirs therefor, e.g. syringe shielding	A61M 36/08

Informative references

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

Applying radioactive material to, or placing it within, the body	A61M 36/00
Safety devices combined with or specially adapted for manipulators	B25J 19/00
Radiation protection in cosmonautic vehicles	B64G
Radiation protection combined with a nuclear reactor	G21C 11/00
Radiation protection combined with X-ray tubes	H01J 35/16
X-ray technique in general	H05G
Radiation protection combined with X-ray apparatus	H05G 1/02

Special rules of classification within this subclass

Classification of both important (invention) information and additional

information is obligatory.

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Shielding characterised by the composition of the materials

Definition statement:

This subclass/group covers:

Shielding characterised by the specific material or composition chosen for obtaining the protection against ionising radiation.

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Shielding characterised by its physical form, e.g. granules, or shape of the material

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Both the physical form of the shielding and the physical form of the shielding material or composition used to make the shielding. The subgroups only cover the physical form of the shielding itself. [G21F 1/00](#) covers the material compositions, i.e. the choice of materials, [G21F 3/00](#) the shape that such composition takes.

Informative references

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

Protective clothing or garments in general	A41D 13/00
Radiation protection in radiation diagnosis apparatus, e.g. combined with radiation therapy equipment	A61B 6/107

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Transportable or portable shielded containers

Definition statement:

This subclass/group covers:

Details of transportable containers for materials or structures emitting ionising radiation.

Informative references

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

Radiation protection in radiation diagnosis apparatus, e.g. combined with radiation therapy equipment	A61B 6/107
Vehicles adapted for load transportation, to carry or to comprise special loads or objects	B60P
Containers for contents presenting particular transport or storage problems	B65D 81/00
Shock absorbers per se	F16F
Storage racks within reactor storage pool	G21C 19/07

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Shielded cells or rooms (chambers provided with manipulating devices in general B25J)

Informative references

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

Chambers provided with manipulating devices in general	B25J 21/00
Glove-boxes in general	B25J 21/02
Control or regulating systems in general	G05B

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**Treating radioactively contaminated material;
Decontamination arrangements therefor [N: In this main group, from 01-01-2003 onwards, new documents are**

classified according to the ECLA Reform approach, i.e. "invention information" is identified with ECLA classification symbols, e.g. G21F9/06, while "additional information" is identified with Indexing Code symbols, e.g. G21F9/06]

Definition statement

This subclass/group covers:

Treatment of radioactively contaminated material and all decontamination arrangements therefor as well as the decontamination of contaminated objects, apparatus and clothes and the decontamination of surfaces.

References relevant to classification in this group

This subclass/group does not cover:

Reprocessing of nuclear fuel	G21C 19/42
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Informative references

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

Separating different isotopes of the same chemical element	B01D 59/00
Reclamation of contaminated soil	B09C 1/00
Ingredients generally applicable to manufacture of glasses, glazes, or vitreous enamels	C03C 1/00
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Materials for absorbing liquids to remove pollution	C09K 3/32
Detergent compositions based essentially on surface-active compounds; Use of these compounds as a detergent	C11D 1/00
Decommissioning	G21D 1/00

Synonyms and Keywords

In patent documents the following abbreviations are often used:

HLW	High Level Waste
MLW	Medium Level Waste
LLW	Low Level Waste