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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 1527

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

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Subclass</u> | <u>Group(s)</u> |
|---|-----------------|---|
| SCHEME: | | |
| Symbols Deleted: | A63B | 69/004, 69/203, 69/205, 69/206 |
| Warnings Deleted: | A63B | 69/004, 69/20, 69/203, 69/205, 69/206, 69/215, 69/22, 69/222, 69/224, 69/24, 69/244, 69/26, 69/28, 69/30, 69/305, 69/32, 69/322, 69/34 |
| | A63B | 2244/10, 2244/102, 2244/104, 2244/106, 2244/108 |
| DEFINITIONS: | | |
| Definitions Deleted: (no frozen (F) symbol definitions should be deleted) | A63B | 69/004 |

No other subclasses/groups are impacted by this Notice of Changes.

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

1. CLASSIFICATION 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. DEFINITIONS

- 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 A63B - APPARATUS FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING, GYMNASTICS, SWIMMING, CLIMBING, OR FENCING; BALL GAMES; TRAINING EQUIPMENT

| <u>Type*</u> | <u>Symbol</u> | <u>Indent Level</u> <u>Number of dots</u> <u>(e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u> | <u>Title</u> <u>“CPC only” text should normally be</u> <u>enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u> | <u>Transferred to#</u> |
|--------------|---------------|---|--|------------------------|
| D | A 63B69/004 | 1 | {for the martial arts, e.g. karate, judo (A 63B69/20, A 63B69/34 take precedence)} | <no transfer> |
| D | A 63B69/203 | 2 | {Punching balls, i.e. mainly designed to be hit at resonant frequency} | <no transfer> |
| D | A 63B69/205 | 3 | {hanging downwards} | <no transfer> |
| D | A 63B69/206 | 3 | {mounted by using attachments at opposite points} | <no transfer> |

*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.

NOTES:

- **No {curly brackets} are used for titles in CPC only subclasses, 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} are 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.
- “Transferred to” column must 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.

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- For finalization 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 A63B - APPARATUS FOR PHYSICAL TRAINING, GYMNASTICS, SWIMMING, CLIMBING, OR FENCING; BALL GAMES; TRAINING EQUIPMENT

| <u>Type*</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Old Warning notice</u> | <u>New/Modified Warning</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| D | A63B69/004 | Group A63B 69/004 is no longer used for the classification of documents as of August 1, 2022. The content of this group is being reclassified into groups A63B 69/20, A63B 69/215, A63B 69/22, A63B 69/222, A63B 69/224, A63B 69/24, A63B 69/244, A63B 69/26, A63B 69/28, A63B 69/30, A63B 69/305, A63B 69/32, A63B 69/322, A63B 69/34, A63B 2244/10, A63B 2244/102, A63B 2244/104, A63B 2244/106 and A63B 2244/108. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/20 | Group A63B 69/20 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/203, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. Group A63B 69/20 is also impacted by reclassification into groups A63B 69/22, A63B 69/222, A63B 69/24, A63B 69/244, A63B 2244/10, A63B 2244/102, A63B 2244/104, A63B 2244/106 and A63B 2244/108. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/203 | Group A63B 69/203 is no longer used for the classification of documents as of August 1, 2022. The content of this group is being reclassified into groups A63B 69/20, A63B 69/22, A63B 69/222, A63B 69/24, A63B 69/244, A63B 2244/10, A63B 2244/102, A63B 2244/104, A63B 2244/106 and A63B 2244/108. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/205 | Group A63B 69/205 is no longer used for the classification of documents as of August 1, 2022. The content of this group is being reclassified into groups A63B 69/222 and A63B 69/244. Groups A63B 69/205, A63B 69/222 and A63B 69/244 should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/206 | Group A63B 69/206 is no longer used for the classification of documents as of August 1, 2022. The content of this group is being reclassified into groups A63B 69/28 and A63B | Delete the entire Warning. |

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| | | 69/30. Groups A63B 69/206, A63B 69/28 and A63B 69/30 should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | |
| D | A63B69/215 | Group A63B 69/215 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/22 | Group A63B 69/22 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/20, A63B 69/203, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/222 | Group A63B 69/222 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/20, A63B 69/203, A63B 69/205, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/224 | Group A63B 69/224 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/24 | Group A63B 69/24 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/20, A63B 69/203, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. Group A63B 69/24 is also impacted by reclassification into group A63B 69/244. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/244 | Group A63B 69/244 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/20, A63B 69/203, A63B 69/205, A63B 69/24, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/26 | Group A63B 69/26 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |

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| D | A63B69/28 | Group A63B 69/28 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/206, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/30 | Group A63B 69/30 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/206, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/305 | Group A63B 69/305 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/32 | Group A63B 69/32 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. Group A63B 69/32 is also impacted by reclassification into group A63B 69/322. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/322 | Group A63B 69/322 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/32, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B69/34 | Group A63B 69/34 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004 and A63B 2244/10. Group A63B 69/34 is also impacted by reclassification into groups A63B 69/20, A63B 69/215, A63B 69/22, A63B 69/222, A63B 69/224, A63B 69/24, A63B 69/244, A63B 69/26, A63B 69/28, A63B 69/30, A63B 69/305, A63B 69/32, A63B 69/322, A63B 2244/10, A63B 2244/102, A63B 2244/104, A63B 2244/106 and A63B 2244/108. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B2244/10 | Group A63B 2244/10 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/20, A63B 69/203 and A63B 69/34. Group A63B 2244/10 is also impacted by reclassification into groups A63B | Delete the entire Warning. |

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| | | 69/20, A63B 69/215, A63B 69/22, A63B 69/222, A63B 69/224, A63B 69/24, A63B 69/244, A63B 69/26, A63B 69/28, A63B 69/30, A63B 69/305, A63B 69/32, A63B 69/322, A63B 69/34, A63B 2244/102, A63B 2244/104, A63B 2244/106 and A63B 2244/108. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | |
| D | A63B2244/102 | Group A63B 2244/102 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/20, A63B 69/203, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B2244/104 | Group A63B 2244/104 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/20, A63B 69/203, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B2244/106 | Group A63B 2244/106 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/20, A63B 69/203, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |
| D | A63B2244/108 | Group A63B 2244/108 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from groups A63B 69/004, A63B 69/20, A63B 69/203, A63B 69/34 and A63B 2244/10. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | Delete the entire Warning. |

*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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2. B. DEFINITIONS QUICK FIX

| <u>Symbol</u> | <u>Location of change</u> (e.g., section title) | <u>Existing reference symbol or text</u> | <u>Action; New symbol; New text</u> |
|---------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| A 63B 69/004 | | | Delete the entire Definition. |

NOTES:

- 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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4. CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

| <u>CPC</u> | <u>IPC</u> | <u>Action*</u> |
|--------------|------------|----------------|
| A 63B 69/004 | | DELETE |
| A 63B 69/203 | | DELETE |
| A 63B 69/205 | | DELETE |
| A 63B 69/206 | | 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.