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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: | G04B | 13/026 |
| | G04B | 37/221 |
| Warnings Deleted: | G04B | 13/02, 13/026 |
| | G04B | 37/22, 37/221 |

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 G04B - MECHANICALLY-DRIVEN CLOCKS OR WATCHES; MECHANICAL PARTS OF CLOCKS OR WATCHES IN GENERAL; TIME PIECES USING THE POSITION OF THE SUN, MOON OR STARS

| <u>Type*</u> | <u>Symbol</u> | <u>Indent Level</u> <u>Number of</u> <u>dots (e.g. 0, 1,</u> <u>2)</u> | <u>Title</u> <u>“CPC only” text should normally be</u> <u>enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u> | <u>Transferred to#</u> |
|--------------|---------------|---|---|------------------------|
| D | G04B13/026 | 2 | { Assembly and manufacture (assembly and manufacture of springs G04B1/145; machines and tools for the manufacture of chain wheels for clocks G04D3/00; component parts and manufacture of the escape wheel G04B15/14; steel alloys C22C33/00 - C22C38/00; manufacture of pinions from synthetic material B29; non-ferrous alloys C22C; pinions manufactured by milling and planing B23F)} | <no transfer> |
| D | G04B37/221 | 2 | {Wear resistant cases} | <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.

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- 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.
- 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 G04B - MECHANICALLY-DRIVEN CLOCKS OR WATCHES; MECHANICAL PARTS OF CLOCKS OR WATCHES IN GENERAL; TIME PIECES USING THE POSITION OF THE SUN, MOON OR STARS

| <u>Type*</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Old Warning notice</u> | <u>New/Modified Warning</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| D | G04B 13/02 | Groups G04B13/02, G04B13/021, G04B13/022, G04B13/023, G04B13/025, G04B13/027 and G04B13/028 are incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group G04B 13/026. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | |
| D | G04B13/026 | Group G04B 13/026 is no longer used for the classification of documents as of May 1, 2022. The content of this group is being reclassified into groups G04B 13/02, G04B 13/021, G04B 13/022, G04B 13/023, G04B 13/025, G04B 13/027 and G04B 13/028. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | |
| D | G04B37/22 | Groups G04B37/22, G04B37/223, G04B37/225, G04B37/226 and G04B37/228 are incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group G04B37/221. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | |
| D | G04B37/221 | Group G04B 37/221 is no longer used for the classification of documents as of May 1, 2022. The content of this group is being reclassified into groups G04B 37/22, G04B 37/223, G04B 37/225, G04B 37/226 and G04B 37/228. All groups listed in this Warning should be considered in order to perform a complete search. | |

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

| <u>CPC</u> | <u>IPC</u> | <u>Action*</u> |
|------------|------------|----------------|
| G04B13/026 | | DELETE |
| G04B37/221 | | 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.