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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 786

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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> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>SCHEME:</b>        |                 |                 |
| Titles Changed:       | B09C            | Subclass        |
|                       | B09C            | 1/06            |
|                       | B09C            | 1/08            |
| Warnings Modified:    | B09C            | Subclass        |
| <b>DEFINITIONS:</b>   |                 |                 |
| Definitions Modified: | B09C            | Subclass        |
|                       | B09C            | 1/06            |
|                       | B09C            | 1/08            |

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 B09C -- RECLAMATION OF CONTAMINATED SOIL (gatherers for removing stone or the like from the soil A01B 43/00; sterilising soil by steam A01G 11/00; processes for making harmful chemical substances harmless or less harmful by effecting chemical change in the substance A62D 3/00; separation in general B01D; cleaning beaches E01H 12/00; removing undesirable matter, e.g. rubbish, from the land E01H 15/00)**

| <u>Type*</u> | <u>Symbol</u> | <u>Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u> | <u>Title</u><br><u>“CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>  | <u>Transferred to#</u> |
|--------------|---------------|---|---|------------------------|
| M            | B09C          | 0   | RECLAMATION OF CONTAMINATED SOIL (gatherers for removing stone or the like from the soil A01B 43/00; sterilising soil by steam A01G 11/00; removing undesirable matter, e.g. rubbish, from the land E01H 15/00) |                        |
| M            | B09C<br>1/06  | 1   | thermally   |                        |
| M            | B09C<br>1/08  | 1   | chemically  |                        |

\*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”.

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- 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 finalisation 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(s)

**SUBCLASS B09C -- RECLAMATION OF CONTAMINATED SOIL (gatherers for removing stone or the like from the soil A01B 43/00; sterilising soil by steam A01G 11/00; processes for making harmful chemical substances harmless or less harmful by effecting chemical change in the substance A62D 3/00; separation in general B01D; cleaning beaches E01H 12/00; removing undesirable matter, e.g. rubbish, from the land E01H 15/00)**

| <u>Type*</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Old Warning</u>  | <u>New/Modified Warning</u>   |
|--------------|-----------------|---|---|
| M            | B09C            | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following IPC groups are not in the CPC scheme. The subject matter for these IPC groups is classified in the following CPC groups:<br/>B09C1/04 covered by B09C 1/02</li> <li>In this subclass non-limiting references (in the sense of paragraph 39 of the Guide to the IPC) may still be displayed in the scheme.</li> </ol> | <p><b>Replace</b> the old warning with the following warning:</p> <p>The following IPC groups are not in the CPC scheme. The subject matter for these IPC groups is classified in the following CPC groups:<br/>B09C1/04 covered by B09C 1/02</p> |

\*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><br>(e.g., section title) | <u>Existing reference symbol or text</u>     | <u>Action; New symbol; New text</u>   |
|---------------|--|--|---|
| B09C          | Limiting reference                                 |  | <b>Delete</b> the following references:<br><br>processes for making harmful chemical substances harmless or less harmful by effecting chemical change in the substance A62D 3/00<br><br>separation in general B01D<br><br>cleaning beaches E01H 12/00 |
| B09C          | Informative references                             |  | <b>Insert</b> the following references:<br><br>processes for making harmful chemical substances harmless or less harmful by effecting chemical change in the substance A62D 3/00<br><br>cleaning beaches E01H 12/00                                   |
| B09C 1/06     | Limiting reference                                 | Incinerators for contaminated soil F23G 7/14 | <b>Delete</b> the entire Limiting references table  |
| B09C 1/06     | Informative reference                              |  | <b>Insert</b> new Informative references section and the following reference:<br><br>Incinerators for contaminated soil F23G 7/14   |

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|              |                       |  |   |
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|              |                       |  |   |
| B09C<br>1/08 | Limiting<br>reference | Chemical means for combating<br>harmful chemical agents<br>A62D 3/00 | <b>Delete</b> the entire Limiting<br>references table |

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.