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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>
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Modified:	G10D	SUBCLASS

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)

2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

G10D

Definition statement

Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following modified text.

General design of stringed musical instruments, e.g. bowed or rubbed string instruments, plucked or strummed string instruments or zithers.

Details of, or accessories for, stringed musical instruments, e.g. slide-bars.

General design of wind-actuated musical instruments, e.g. air reed wind instruments, beating-reed wind instruments, lip-reed wind instruments or free-reed wind instruments.

Details of, or accessories for, wind musical instruments.

Accordions, concertinas or the like; Keyboards therefor.

General design of percussion musical instruments.

Details of, or accessories for, percussion musical instruments.

Combinations of different musical instruments.

Aeolian harps or singing-flame musical instruments.

Musical instruments not otherwise provided for.

Insert: The following new Relationships with other classification places section.

Relationships with other classification places

This subclass does not cover pianos, harpsichords, spinets or similar stringed musical instruments with keyboards that cause the strings to be struck or plucked, which are covered by subclass G10C.

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References***Limiting references***

Insert: The following four new rows into the existing Limiting references table.

Automatic percussion musical instruments	G10F 1/08
Automatic wind musical instruments	G10F 1/12
Automatic stringed musical instruments other than pianofortes	G10F 1/16
Whistles	G10K 5/00

Replace: The text of the existing table row for G10H with modified text so that the row reads as follows.

Electroponic musical instruments in which tones are generated by electromechanical means	G10H
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Informative references

Delete: The following three rows from the Informative references table.

Surgical sutures using catgut	A61L 17/08
Strings for tennis raquets	A63B 51/02
Bells	G10K 1/00

Special rules of classification

Replace: The text of the Special rules of classification section with the following modified text.

In this subclass, common rule of classification is applied. Subject matter that is characterised by aspects covered by more than one of groups [G10D 1/00](#) - [G10D 9/00](#), [G10D 13/00](#), should be classified in each of those groups.

In this subclass, the specific types of musical instruments are covered in group [G10D 1/00](#), [G10D 7/00](#) or [G10D 13/01](#), while aspects relevant to the

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arrangements thereof or the accessories therefor are covered in group [G10D 3/00](#), [G10D 9/00](#) or [G10D 13/10](#).

When classification is made in groups [G10D 1/02](#), [G10D 1/04](#) and [G10D 1/14](#), further classifications should be made in group [G10D 1/12](#), whenever considered useful.

Glossary of terms

Delete: The following two rows as the first two rows in the Glossary of terms table.

Wind (musical) instrument	A musical instrument in which sound is produced by the vibration of air, typically by the player blowing into the instrument.
Zither	In this subclass, the term "zither" refers to a stringed musical instrument with a resonator and without a neck, whose strings are stretched parallel to a surface of the resonator, and played manually.

Insert: The following two rows as the last two rows in the Glossary of terms table.

Wind (musical) instrument	A musical instrument in which sound is produced by the vibration of air, typically by the player blowing into the instrument.
Zither	In this subclass, the term "zither" refers to a stringed musical instrument with a resonator and without a neck, whose strings are stretched parallel to a surface of the resonator, and played manually.