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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 1654

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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:	A61B	7/00
	A61J	SUBCLASS
	A61J	1/035
	B04B	3/04
	H01L	21/76838

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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2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

A61B 7/00

Definition statement

Replace: The existing Definition statement text with the following revised text:

Any instrument allowing detection of a sound generated within the body.

Special rules of classification

Replace: The existing Special rules of classification text with the following revised text:

- Stethoscopes, i.e. devices allowing to listen to the sound, are classified in groups [A61B 7/02](#) - [A61B 7/045](#);
- Devices where sound patterns are only displayed and no listening takes place, are classified in groups [A61B7/00](#) - [A61B7/006](#).

A61J

Relationships with other classification places

Replace: The existing Relationships with other classification places text with the following revised text:

When used with animals:

If an apparatus, device, or method is usable for both humans and animals for the same purpose and in the same manner, and it is otherwise proper for this subclass, classification is made only in groups [A61J 1/00](#) - [A61J 19/00](#).

Similar apparatus, devices or methods to those covered by groups [A61J 1/00](#) - [A61J 19/00](#) that are usable exclusively for animals, or are used in animals in a different manner or for different purposes than for humans, are classified in groups [A61D 1/00](#) - [A61D 99/00](#).

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Baby comforters, food and toys:

Devices that may be interesting to a baby (e.g., they have a specific shape such as an animal that the baby may manipulate) and are intended to serve to relieve a physical craving, irritation or inflammation of the baby are covered by groups [A61J 9/00](#), [A61J 11/00](#) and [A61J 17/00](#).

Devices that are primarily intended to be played with by a baby to entertain it, but might also incidentally emotionally calm it (e.g., stuffed bear at bedtime), are covered by groups [A63H 1/00](#) - [A63H 37/00](#).

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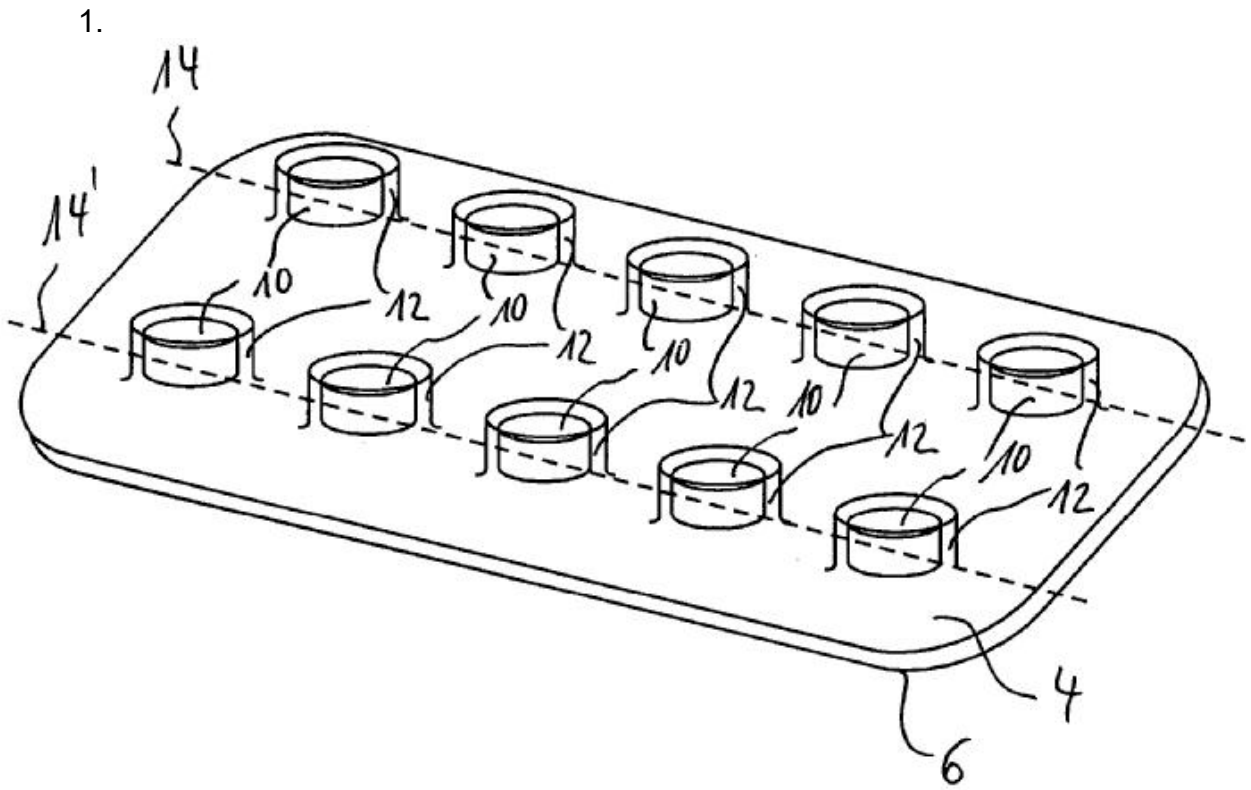
Definition statement

Replace: The Definition statement text so that it appears as follows. Images should remain as they are.

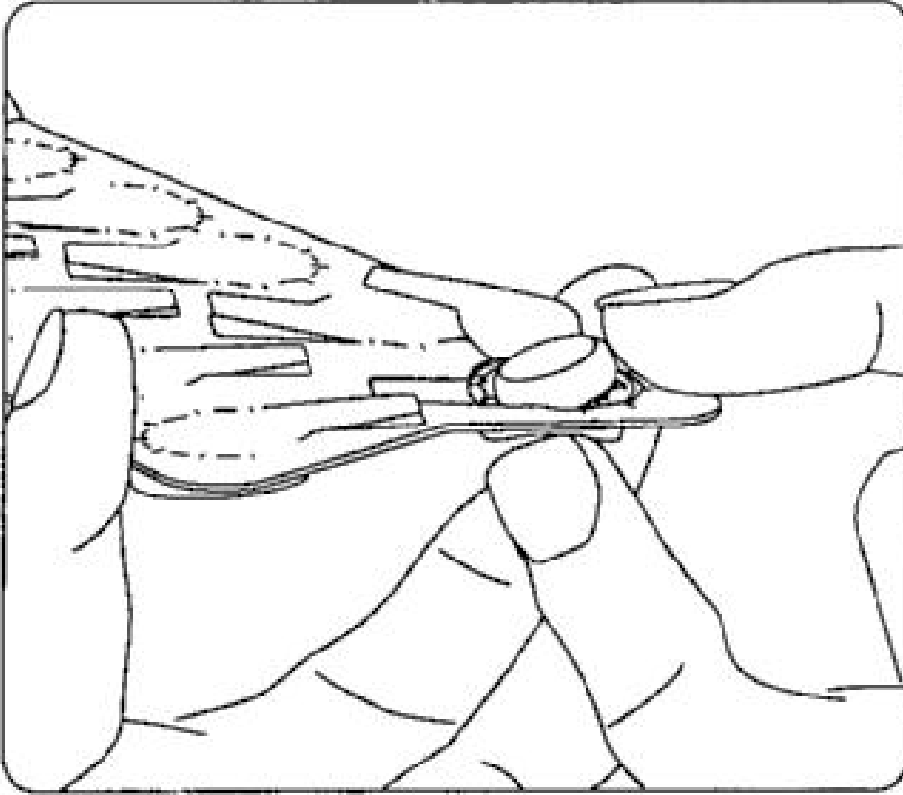
Containers enclosing pharmaceuticals to be taken orally between two opposed sheets or blanks which are joined, wherein one of both sheets or blanks comprise recessed compartments to accommodate said pharmaceuticals, and wherein the pharmaceutical is released by pressing it through the backing sheet or blank.

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in this place:

Examples of blister-type containers



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References

Application-oriented references

Replace: The existing Application-oriented references table with the following revised table:

Blisters for inhalers	A61M 15/00 , B65D 75/36
Multilayered films	B32B 1/00 - B32B 43/00

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B04B 3/04

References

Limiting references

Replace: The existing Limiting references with the following revised table:

Aspects relating to details not relating to	B04B 1/2008, B04B 1/2016
The sifting or filtering part of the bowl	B04B 1/20

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References

Special rules of classification

Replace: The existing Special rules of classification text with the following revised text:

Information peculiar to single-step processes should also be classified in the corresponding group(s), e.g.

- [H01L 21/02041](#) for cleaning;
- [H01L 21/02697](#), [H01L 21/283](#) - [H01L 21/288](#) and [H01L 21/3105](#) for the formation of conductive layers;
- [H01L 21/3213](#) for etching;
- [H01L 21/027](#), [H01L 21/033](#) and [H01L 21/32139](#) for masking;
- [H01L 21/321](#) for planarising, etc.