

ECLA**EUROPEAN CLASSIFICATION****D04H**

MAKING TEXTILE FABRICS, e.g. FROM FIBRES OR FILAMENTARY MATERIAL (weaving D03; knitting D04B; braiding [N: and lace-making] D04C; net-making [N: and making knotted carpets] D04G; sewing D05B; tufting D05C, [N: e.g. D05C15/04]; finishing non-woven fabrics D06); **FABRICS MADE BY SUCH PROCESSES OR APPARATUS, e.g. FELTS, NON-WOVEN FABRICS; COTTON-WOOL; WADDING** [N: Non-woven fabrics from staple fibres, filaments or yarns, bonded with at least one web-like material during their consolidation] (non-woven fabrics having an intermediate or external layer of a different kind, e.g. of woven fabric, B32B; [N: manufacturing hats A42C; filtering material B01D39/00; making board or the like from wood fibre B27N; producing shaped articles from mixtures containing fibres B28B1/52; making layered products from solid layers, at least one of which contains synthetic resin as an essential component B32B27/00; making or treating glass wool and mineral wool C03B37/00; compounding ingredients used as fillers for mortars and the like C04B14/38, C04B16/06, C04B20/00F; sintering plastics particles C08J9/24; manufacturing by extrusion of synthetic filaments and fibres in general D01D; paper D21C to D21H; making shaped articles from liquid suspensions of cellulose fibres D21J])

[N: **WARNING** [N1104]

1. Documents of the complete subclass D04H including all subgroups are in the process of being reorganised to the new groups corresponding to the IPC 2012.01 classification scheme defined below.

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Notes

1. In this subclass, the following expression is used with the meaning indicated:

- "non-woven fabrics" means fabrics formed wholly or partly of textile material by processes comprising operations other than the weaving, knitting, braiding, lacing, or knotting of yarns, threads, or filaments for which provision is made in other subclasses of Section D. This expression includes felts, cotton-wool, and wadding.

2. In this subclass:

- some of the non-woven fabrics can also be regarded as "layered products" within the meaning of subclass B32B, and further classification in that subclass should be considered in accordance with the notes thereto;
- in cases where the making of non-woven fabrics involves the use of particular chemical compounds or compositions, e.g. for treating or bonding fibres, filaments, or yarns, further classification in other appropriate subclasses should also be considered.

3. By varying the proportions of fibres or threads, and the chemical compounds or compositions, the final products may be given the appearance of paper, cardboard, leather or the like.

[N: **Note** [N1104]

In this subclass, a number of groups, e.g. [D04H1/067](#), correspond to IPC2012.01]

- Guide heading:** **Kinds or types of non-woven fabrics; Apparatus or processes for making such products**
- D04H1/00** **Non-woven fabrics formed wholly or mainly of staple fibres or like relatively short fibres**
- D04H1/00B** . [N: Making three-dimensional articles by consolidation ([D04H1/22](#) takes precedence)]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backfile is being reclassified into groups [D04H1/00](#), [D04H1/42](#)]
- D04H1/02** . Cotton wool; Wadding [C1104]
- D04H1/04** . from fleeces or layers composed of fibres having existing or potential cohesive properties, e.g. natural fibres, prestretched or fibrillated artificial fibres ([felting apparatus D04H17/00](#)) [C1104]
- D04H1/06** . . by treatment to produce shrinking, swelling, crimping or curling of fibres [C1104]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
Groups [D04H1/067](#) and [D04H1/073](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H1/06](#)]
- D04H1/067** . . . Regenerated cellulose series [N1104]
- D04H1/073** . . . Acrylonitrile series [N1104]
- D04H1/08** . . and hardened by felting; Felts or felted products
- D04H1/09** . . . Silk [N1104]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
Group [D04H1/09](#) is not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H1/08](#)]
- D04H1/10** . . . Felts made from mixtures of fibres
- D04H1/12** and incorporating artificial organic fibres
- D04H1/14** and incorporating inorganic fibres
- D04H1/16** . . . Laminated felts in which the separate layers are united by a felting process
- D04H1/20** . . . Felts incorporating inserts or attachments, e.g. for ornamental purposes
- D04H1/22** . . . Three-dimensional articles formed by felting processes [N: ([formed by other consolidation processes D04H1/00B](#))]
- D04H1/24** . . . Covers felted on to three-dimensional articles
- D04H1/26** . . Wood pulp [N1104]
- D04H1/28** . . Regenerated cellulose series [N1104]
- D04H1/30** . . Collagen [N1104]

- D04H1/32 . . Synthetic pulp [N1104]
- D04H1/40 . from fleeces or layers composed of fibres without existing or potential cohesive properties [C1104]
 - [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
 - Groups [D04H1/407](#) and [D04H1/413](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H1/40](#)
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- D04H1/407 . . containing absorbing substances, e.g. activated carbon [N1104]
- D04H1/413 . . containing granules other than absorbent substances [N1104]
- D04H1/42 . . characterised by the use of certain kinds of fibres insofar as this use has no preponderant influence on the consolidation of the fleece
 - [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
 - Groups [D04H1/4209](#) to [D04H1/52](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H1/4209](#) and other subgroups of [D04H1/42](#)
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- D04H1/4209 . . . Inorganic fibres [N1104]
- D04H1/4218 Glass fibres [N1104]
- D04H1/4226 characterised by the apparatus for manufacturing the glass fleece [N1104]
- D04H1/4234 Metal fibres [N1104]
- D04H1/4242 Carbon fibres [N1104]
- D04H1/425 . . . Cellulose series [N1104]
- D04H1/4258 Regenerated cellulose series [N1104]
- D04H1/4266 . . . Natural fibres not provided for in group [D04H1/425](#) [N1104]
- D04H1/4274 . . . Rags; Fabric scraps [N1104]
- D04H1/4282 . . . Addition polymers [N1104]
- D04H1/4291 Olefin series [N1104]
- D04H1/43 Acrylonitrile series [N1104]
- D04H1/4309 Polyvinyl alcohol [N1104]
- D04H1/4318 Fluorine series [N1104]
- D04H1/4326 . . . Condensation or reaction polymers [N1104]
- D04H1/4334 Polyamides [N1104]
- D04H1/4342 Aromatic polyamides [N1104]
- D04H1/435 Polyesters [N1104]
- D04H1/4358 Polyurethanes [N1104]
- D04H1/4366 Phenol series [N1104]
- D04H1/4374 . . . using different kinds of webs, e.g. by layering webs [N1104]
- D04H1/4382 . . . Stretched reticular film fibres; Composite fibres; Mixed fibres; Ultrafine fibres; Fibres for artificial leather [N1104]
- D04H1/4391 . . . characterized by the shape of the fibres [N1104]
- D04H1/44 . . the fleeces or layers being consolidated by mechanical means, e.g. by rolling
- D04H1/45 . . . by forming intermeshing loops or stitches from some of the fibres [M1104]

- D04H1/46 . . . by needling or like operations to cause entanglement of fibres ([D04H1/45](#) takes precedence; [needling machines D04H18/00](#))
- D04H1/46B [N: Hydraulic needling]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
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- D04H1/48 in combination with at least one other method of consolidation [C1104]
- D04H1/482 in combination with shrinkage [N1104]
- D04H1/485 in combination with weld-bonding [N1104]
- D04H1/488 in combination with bonding agents [N1104]
- D04H1/49 entanglement by fluid jet in combination with another consolidation means [N1104]
- D04H1/492 by fluid jet ([D04H1/49](#) takes precedence) [N1104]
- D04H1/495 for formation of patterns, e.g. drilling or rearrangement [N1104]
- D04H1/498 entanglement of layered webs [N1104]
- D04H1/50 by treatment to produce shrinking, swelling, crimping or curling of fibres (in combination with needling [D04H1/482](#)) [C1104]
- D04H1/52 by applying or inserting filamentary binding elements [M1104]
- D04H1/54 . . . by welding together the fibres, e.g. by partially melting or dissolving (in combination with needling [D04H1/485](#)) [C1104]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
Groups [D04H1/54](#) to [D04H1/56B](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H1/541](#) and other subgroups of [D04H1/54](#)
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- D04H1/54B [N: at spaced points or locations]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
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- D04H1/541 Composite fibres e.g. sheath-core, sea-island or side-by-side; Mixed fibres [N1104]
- D04H1/542 Adhesive fibres [N1104]
- D04H1/544 Olefin series [N1104]
- D04H1/545 Polyvinyl alcohol [N1104]
- D04H1/546 Polyvinyl acetate [N1104]
- D04H1/548 Acrylonitrile series [N1104]
- D04H1/549 Polyamides [N1104]
- D04H1/55 Polyesters [N1104]
- D04H1/551 Resins thereof not provided for in groups [D04H1/544-D04H1/55](#) [N1104]
- D04H1/552 by applying solvents or auxiliary agents [N1104]
- D04H1/554 by radio-frequency heating [N1104]
- D04H1/555 by ultrasonic heating [N1104]

- D04H1/556 . . . by infrared heating [N1104]
 - D04H1/558 . . . in combination with mechanical or physical treatments other than embossing [N1104]
 - D04H1/559 . . . the fibres being within layered webs [N1104]
 - D04H1/56 . . . in association with fibre formation, e.g. immediately following extrusion of staple fibres
 - D04H1/56B [N: by melt-blowing]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
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- D04H1/58 . . . by applying, incorporating or activating chemical or thermoplastic bonding agents, e.g. adhesives (in combination with needling D04H 1/488) [C1104]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
Groups [D04H1/587](#) to [D04H1/68](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also groups [D04H1/64](#) and other subgroups of [D04H1/58](#)]
- D04H1/587 . . . characterised by the bonding agents used [N1104]
 - D04H1/593 . . . to layered webs [N1104]
 - D04H1/60 . . . the bonding agent being applied in dry state, e.g. thermo-activatable agents in solid or molten state, and heat being applied subsequently
 - D04H1/62 at spaced points or locations
 - D04H1/64 . . . the bonding agent being applied in wet state, e.g. chemical agents in dispersions or solutions
 - D04H1/64A [N: characterised by the chemical composition of the bonding agent]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
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- D04H1/64B [N: characterised by the impregnation or treatment-process or apparatus]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H1/42](#) and sub-groups and [D04H1/645](#) and sub-groups]
- D04H1/64C [N: characterised by a combination of the chemical composition and the impregnation or treatment process or apparatus]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H1/42](#) and sub-groups and [D04H1/645](#) and sub-groups]
- D04H1/645 Impregnation followed by a solidification process [N1104]
 - D04H1/65 using mixed or composite fibres [N1104]
 - D04H1/655 characterised by the apparatus for applying bonding agents [N1104]

- D04H1/66 at spaced points or locations ([D04H1/68](#) takes precedence)
- D04H1/68 the bonding agent being applied in the form of foam

- D04H1/70 . characterised by the method of forming fleeces or layers, e.g. reorientation of fibres [C1104]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
- Groups [D04H1/72](#) to [D04H1/76](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H1/72](#)]

- D04H1/72 . . the fibres being randomly arranged [C1104]
- D04H1/724 . . . forming webs during fibre formation, e.g. flash-spinning [N1104]
- D04H1/728 . . . by electro-spinning [N: Electro-spinning methods and apparatus [D01D5/00E](#)] [N1104]
- D04H1/732 . . . by fluid current, e.g. air-lay [N1104]
- D04H1/736 . . . characterised by the apparatus for arranging fibres ([D04H1/728](#), [D04H1/732](#) take precedence) [N1104]

- D04H1/74 . . the fibres being orientated, e.g. in parallel [N: (anisotropic fleeces)]
- D04H1/76 . . otherwise than in a plane, e.g. in a tubular way [N1104]

- D04H3/00** **Non-woven fabrics formed wholly or mainly of yarns or like filamentary material of substantial length**

- D04H3/002 . Inorganic yarns or filaments [N1104]
- D04H3/004 . . Glass yarns or filaments [N1104]

- D04H3/005 . Synthetic yarns or filaments ([D04H3/013](#) takes precedence) [N1104]
- D04H3/007 . . Addition polymers [N1104]
- D04H3/009 . . Condensation or reaction polymers [N1104]
- D04H3/011 . . . Polyesters [N1104]

- D04H3/013 . Regenerated cellulose series [N1104]

- D04H3/015 . Natural yarns or filaments [N1104]

- D04H3/016 . characterised by the fineness [N1104]

- D04H3/018 . characterised by the shape [N1104]

- D04H3/02 . characterised by the method of forming fleeces or layers, e.g. reorientation of yarns or filaments [M1104]
- D04H3/03 . . at random
- D04H3/033 . . . reorientation immediately after yarn or filament formation [N1104]
- D04H3/037 . . . reorientation by liquid [N1104]
- D04H3/04 . . in rectilinear paths, e.g. crossing at right angles
- D04H3/045 . . . for net manufacturing [N1104]
- D04H3/05 . . in another pattern, e.g. zig-zag, sinusoidal [N: ([D04H3/04](#) takes precedence)]
- D04H3/07 . . otherwise than in a plane, e.g. in a tubular way

- D04H3/073 . . . Hollow cylinder shaped [N1104]
- D04H3/077 . . . Stick, rod or solid cylinder shaped [N1104]

- D04H3/08 . characterised by the method of strengthening or consolidating
- D04H3/10 . . with bonds between yarns or filaments made mechanically [C1104]
- D04H3/10B . . . [N: by needling]

- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H3/002-D04H3/018](#), [D04H3/105](#) and [D04H3/11](#)]

- D04H3/105 . . . by needling (needling machines [D04H18/00](#)) [N1104]
- D04H3/11 . . . by fluid jet [N1104]
- D04H3/115 . . . by applying or inserting filamentary binding elements [N1104]
- D04H3/12 . . with filaments or yarns secured together by chemical or thermo-activatable bonding agents, e.g. adhesives, applied or incorporated in liquid or solid form
- D04H3/14 . . with bonds between thermoplastic yarns or filaments produced by welding [C1104]
- D04H3/147 . . . Composite yarns or filaments [N1104]
- D04H3/153 . . . Mixed yarns or filaments [N1104]
- D04H3/16 . . with bonds between thermoplastic filaments produced in association with filament formation, e.g. immediately following extrusion
- D04H3/16B . . . [N: at spaced points or locations]

- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
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- D04H3/16C . . . [N: the filaments being flash-spun]

- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
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- D04H5/00** **Non woven fabrics formed of mixtures of relatively short fibres and yarns or like filamentary material of substantial length [C1104]**

- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
Groups [D04H5/02](#) to [D04H5/12](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H5/02](#) and other subgroups of [D04H5/00](#)]

- D04H5/02 . strengthened or consolidated by mechanical methods, e.g. needling (needling machines [D04H18/00](#)) [C1104]
- D04H5/03 . . by fluid jet [N1104]
- D04H5/04 . strengthened or consolidated by applying or incorporating chemical or thermo-activatable bonding agents in solid or liquid form

- D04H5/06 . strengthened or consolidated by welding-together thermoplastic fibres, filaments, or yarns
- D04H5/08 . characterised by the method of forming fleeces or layers, e.g. reorientation of fibres or yarns [C1104]
- D04H5/10 . . otherwise than in a plane, e.g. in a tubular way [N1104]
- D04H5/12 . Glass fibres [N1104]
- D04H11/00 Non-woven pile fabrics (layered products forming non-woven pile fabrics B32B) [M1104]**
- D04H11/04 . formed by zig-zag folding of a fleece or layer of staple fibres, filaments, or yarns, strengthened or consolidated at the folds
- D04H11/08 . formed by creation of a pile on at least one surface of a non-woven fabric without addition of pile-forming material, e.g. by needling, by differential shrinking (needling machines [D04H18/00](#))
- D04H13/00 Other non-woven fabrics**
- D04H13/00B . [N: Making non-woven fabrics from staple fibres, filaments or yarns, bonded to at least one web-like material, e.g. woven, knitted non-woven fabric, paper, leather, during consolidation]

[N: **WARNING** [N1104]
This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H13/00](#), [D04H1/4374](#) and B32B
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- D04H13/00B2 . . [N: characterised by the disposition or nature of their elements]

[N: **WARNING** [N1104]
This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H13/00](#), [D04H1/4374](#) and B32B
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- D04H13/00B3 . . [N: strengthened or consolidated by mechanical methods (needling machines [D04H18/00](#); knitting D04B, sewing D05B)]

[N: **WARNING** [N1104]
This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H13/00](#), [D04H1/4374](#), [D04H1/44](#), [D04H1/45](#) and sub-groups, [D04H1/52](#), [D04H3/105](#), [D04H3/11](#), [D04H3/115](#), [D04H5/02-D04H5/08](#) and B32B
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- D04H13/00B3B . . . [N: by needling]

[N: **WARNING** [N1104]
This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H13/00](#), [D04H1/46](#) and sub-groups, [D04H1/593](#), [D04H3/105](#), [D04H3/11](#),

- [D04H3/115](#), [D04H5/02-D04H5/08](#) and B32B
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- D04H13/00B4 . . [N: strengthened or consolidated by the use of bonding agents in solid or liquid form]
- [N: **WARNING**
[N1104] This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H13/00](#) , [D04H1/48](#) and sub-groups, [D04H1/498](#) , [D04H5/04](#) and B32B
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- D04H13/00B5 . . [N: strengthened or consolidated by welding together the various components]
- [N: **WARNING**
[N1104] This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H13/00](#) , [D04H1/54](#) and sub-groups, [D04H1/559](#), [D04H5/06](#) and B32B
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- D04H13/00G . [N: Glass fibre products; Complete installations for making them]
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
This group is no longer used for the classification of new documents as from April 1, 2011. The backlog of this group is being continuously reclassified to [D04H1/4218](#), [D04H1/4226](#); [D04H3/002](#) and [D04H5/12](#)
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- D04H13/02 . Production of non-woven fabrics by partial defibrillation of oriented thermoplastics films
- D04H17/00 Felting apparatus**
- D04H17/10 . for felting between rollers, e.g. heated rollers
- D04H17/12 . . Multi-roller apparatus
- D04H18/00 Needling machines**
- [N: **WARNING** [N1104]
Groups [D04H18/02](#) and [D04H18/04](#) are not complete pending a reorganisation. See also group [D04H18/00B](#)
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- D04H18/02 . with needles [N1104]
- D04H18/04 . with water jets [N1104]