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The Auxiliary Verb Constructions (AVC) in Spanish are composed of an auxiliary verb (a verb used in forming the tenses, moods, and voices of other verbs) that provides the grammatical meaning and a main verb that provides the semantic meaning. Traditionally, AVCs have been divided into two semantic groups: modal and aspectual. Although research has shown no disagreement regarding the modal AVCs in terms of their semantic classification, there does exist debate on the semantic classification of aspectual AVCs. Some literature argues that all AVCs are strictly divided into modal and aspectual, whereas others argue that some of the traditional aspectual AVCs cannot be classified as such. This study aims to discuss whether this group of traditionally classified as aspectual AVCs can be considered *de factum* aspectual and to explore a new semantic classification system.