

**International Classification of Goods and Services
Nice Classification – Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2017**
(Circular No. 7/2016, dated 28 Jul 2016)

1. Entry into force of the Nice Classification, Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2017

The Eleventh Edition, Version 2017 of the Nice Classification (hereinafter abbreviated as "**NCL (11-2017)**") will enter into force on 1 January 2017.

A copy of the Class Headings and Explanatory Notes of NCL (11-2017), in track changes, is available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization at http://www.wipo.int/nef/nef-projects/nc017/nc017-a02_ibli.docx.

A copy of NCL (11-2017), in Excel format, is available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization at http://www.wipo.int/nef/nef-projects/nc017/nc017-a04_ibli.xlsx.

2. Application of the Nice Classification, Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2017

The current Tenth Edition, Version 2016 of the Nice Classification shall continue to apply to all applications filed from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016. Thereafter, applications filed on or after 1 January 2017 will be classified in accordance with NCL (11-2017).

In light of the various changes made to the Class Headings, the Registry would like to remind the applicants to adopt the updated Class Headings or parts of Class Headings if they wish to claim them in their application.

For the avoidance of doubt, there will be no reclassification of goods and services for applications filed before 1 January 2017.

3. Online classification tools

Upon the coming into force of NCL (11-2017), the "Search as you type" and "Advance Search" facilities in the electronic Form TM4 and Trade Marks Classification of Goods or Services on the Registry's IP²SG website will be duly updated to mirror the changes that are introduced by NCL (11-2017) to the current Tenth Edition, Version 2016 of the Nice Classification.

4. Changes made to the current Tenth (10th) Edition, Version 2016 of the Nice Classification

To view the list of changes made to the current Tenth Edition, Version 2016 of the Nice Classification, please click [here](#).