

“Electronic machines” in Class 9

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This circular serves to clarify the Registry’s approach towards the classification of the description “electronic machines” in Class 9 in an application for registration of a trade mark.

The Registry will not accept the description “electronic machines” in Class 9, as the description per se, without any indication of the purpose of the electronic machines, is vague.

“Machines” are generally classified in Class 7 in accordance to the Class Heading of Class 7, “Machines and machine tools”. As such, for descriptions containing “machines” that are filed in classes other than Class 7, the Registry requires the purpose of the machines to be clearly specified in order to justify its classification in the respective classes. The following are some examples of acceptable descriptions:

- Automated teller machines [ATM] (Class 9)
- Weighing machines (Class 9)
- Air purifying machines (Class 11)
- Electric coffee machines (Class 11)
- Arcade video game machines (Class 28)