

**International Classification of Goods and Services  
Nice Classification – Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Edition, Version 2018**  
(Circular No. 8/2017, dated 14 August 2017)

**1. Entry into force of the Nice Classification, Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Edition, Version 2018**

The Eleventh Edition, Version 2018 of the Nice Classification (hereinafter abbreviated as "**NCL (11-2018)**") will enter into force on 1 January 2018.

A copy of the Class Headings and Explanatory Notes of NCL (11-2018), in track changes, is available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization at [https://www3.wipo.int/nef/nef-projects/nc018/nc018-a02\\_ibli.docx](https://www3.wipo.int/nef/nef-projects/nc018/nc018-a02_ibli.docx).

A copy of NCL (11-2018), in Excel format, is available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization at [https://www3.wipo.int/nef/nef-projects/nc018/nc018-a04\\_ibli.xlsx](https://www3.wipo.int/nef/nef-projects/nc018/nc018-a04_ibli.xlsx).

**2. Application of the Nice Classification, Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Edition, Version 2018**

The current Eleventh Edition, Version 2017 of the Nice Classification shall continue to apply to all applications filed from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017. Thereafter, applications filed on or after 1 January 2018 will be classified in accordance with NCL (11-2018).

In light of the various changes made to the Class Headings, the Registry would like to remind 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 2018.

**3. Online classification tools**

Upon the coming into force of NCL (11-2018), 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 IP<sup>2</sup>SG website will be duly updated to mirror the changes that are introduced by NCL (11-2018) to the current Eleventh Edition, Version 2017 of the Nice Classification.

**4. Changes made to the current Eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) Edition, Version 2017 of the Nice Classification**

The Registry has compiled a list of specific changes made to the current Eleventh Edition, Version 2017 of the Nice Classification, which includes:

- i. Descriptions of goods and services that have been added
- ii. Descriptions of goods and services that have been deleted
- iii. Descriptions of goods and services that have been changed

To view the list of changes, please click [here](#).