

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
Registry of Trade Marks
Circular No. 5/2019: International Classification of Goods and Services – Nice
Classification Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2020

**International Classification of Goods and Services
Nice Classification – Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2020**
(Circular No. 5/2019, dated 23 August 2019)

1. Entry into force of the Nice Classification, Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2020

The Eleventh Edition, Version 2020 of the Nice Classification (hereinafter abbreviated as "**NCL (11-2020)**") will enter into force on 1 January 2020.

A copy of the Class Headings and Explanatory Notes of NCL (11-2020), in track changes, is available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization at <https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/nef/public/nice/en/project/NC020/annex/3>.

A copy of NCL (11-2020), in Excel format, is available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization at <https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/nef/public/nice/en/project/NC020/annex/4>.

2. Application of the Nice Classification, Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2020

The current Eleventh Edition, Version 2019 of the Nice Classification shall continue to apply to all applications filed from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019. Thereafter, applications filed on or after 1 January 2020 will be classified in accordance with NCL (11-2020).

In light of the various changes made to the Class Headings, the Registry would like to remind applicants to adopt the updated Class Headings (in parts or in whole) 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 2020.

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3. Online classification tools

Upon the entry into force of NCL (11-2020), the “Keyword search” function in the electronic Form TM4 and the “Trade Marks Classification of Goods or Services” database on the Registry's IP²SG website will be duly updated. The updates will mirror the changes that are introduced by NCL (11-2020) to the current Eleventh Edition, Version 2019 of the Nice Classification.

4. Changes made to the current Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2019 of the Nice Classification

The Registry has compiled a list of specific changes made to the current Eleventh Edition, Version 2019 of the Nice Classification. This 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](#).

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