“Provision of news”
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Currently, the description “provision of news”, without further qualification of the subject matter or the purpose for which the service is provided, is considered vague and not acceptable as a specification description.

Upon review, the Registry will now accept “provision of news” and analogous descriptions in Class 41 by assuming that they refer to “news reporters services”. The following are some examples of acceptable descriptions in Class 41:

- Provision of news
- Reporting of current affairs
- Providing information relating to current affairs

Please note that if such services are filed in other classes, the corresponding subject matter or purpose of the services will have to be specified, in order to render them proper to the respective classes.

This circular supersedes Circular No. 19/2004 on “Provision of news” with immediate effect.