

Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
Registry of Trade Marks
Circular No. 7/2020: International Classification of Goods and Services – Nice Classification
Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2021

**International Classification of Goods and Services
Nice Classification – Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2021**
(Circular No. 7/2020, dated 12 August 2020)

1. Entry into force of the Nice Classification, Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2021

The Eleventh Edition, Version 2021 of the Nice Classification (hereinafter abbreviated as "**NCL (11-2021)**") will enter into force on 1 January 2021.

A copy of the Class Headings and Explanatory Notes of NCL (11-2021), in track changes, is available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization at <https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/nice/nclef/public/en/project/NC021/annex/2>.

A copy of NCL (11-2021), in Excel format, is available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization at <https://www3.wipo.int/classifications/nice/nclef/public/en/project/NC021/annex/4>.

2. Application of the Nice Classification, Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2021

The current Eleventh Edition, Version 2020 of the Nice Classification shall continue to apply to all applications filed from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. Thereafter, applications filed on or after 1 January 2021 will be classified in accordance with NCL (11-2021).

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 2021.

3. Online classification tools

Upon the entry into force of NCL (11-2021), 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

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the changes that are introduced by NCL (11-2021) to the current Eleventh Edition, Version 2020 of the Nice Classification.

4. Changes made to the current Eleventh (11th) Edition, Version 2020 of the Nice Classification

The Registry has compiled a list of specific changes made to the current Eleventh Edition, Version 2020 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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