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Circular No. 4/2021: International Classification of Goods and Services – Nice Classification  
– 11th Edition, Version 2022

## **International Classification of Goods and Services Nice Classification – 11th Edition, Version 2022**

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Following the decision of the Committee of Experts of the Nice Union during its 31<sup>st</sup> session, the entry into force of the 12<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Nice Classification, originally scheduled on 1 January 2022, will be deferred by a year. Instead of a new edition, a new version of the Nice Classification will enter into force in 2022.

### **1. Entry into force of the Nice Classification, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, Version 2022**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, Version 2022 of the Nice Classification (hereinafter abbreviated as "**NCL (11-2022)**") will enter into force on 1 January 2022.

An advance electronic publication of NCL (11-2022) is now available on WIPO's Nice Classification Electronic Publication ([NCLPUB](#)). Changes made to the current 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, Version 2021 of the Nice Classification (hereinafter abbreviated as "**NCL (11-2021)**") can be viewed using the "Modifications" function in NCLPUB, including the changes made to the Class Headings of Class 30 and Class 32.

### **2. Application of the NCL (11-2022)**

The current NCL (11-2021) shall continue to apply to all applications filed from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. Thereafter, applications filed on or after 1 January 2022 will be classified in accordance with NCL (11-2022).

For the avoidance of doubt, there will be no reclassification of goods and services for applications filed before 1 January 2022.

### **3. Online classification tools**

Upon the entry into force of NCL (11-2022), the "Keyword search" function in the electronic Form TM4 and the "Trade Marks Classification of Goods or Services" database on the IP<sup>2</sup>SG portal will be duly updated.

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