

Madrid Agreement and Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks

Entry into force of the tenth edition of the Nice Classification

1. A new edition of the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification) will enter into force on January 1, 2012. It will be available on the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) web site, at the following address: www.wipo.int/classifications/en/.
2. This tenth edition includes a number of changes with regard to the previous edition. The purpose of the present Notice is to inform the Offices of the Contracting Parties of the Madrid Union, as well as applicants and their agents, of the practice which is followed by the International Bureau of WIPO for the examination of applications for international registration that are presented to it during the transition to the tenth edition of the Nice Classification.
3. The International Bureau of WIPO will apply the tenth edition of the Nice Classification to all international applications that are received by the Office of origin on or after January 1, 2012.
4. In conformity with its previous practice, the International Bureau of WIPO will not reclassify, in accordance with the tenth edition of the Nice Classification, the list of goods and services of an international registration that is the subject, after December 31, 2011, of a renewal, subsequent designation or any other change affecting the list of goods and services.
5. Moreover, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee of Experts of the Nice Union, made at its eighteenth session in October 2000, and for all international registrations for which the list of goods and services has been classified in accordance with the tenth edition of the Nice Classification, the International Bureau of WIPO inserts the abbreviation "NCL(10)" next to the list of goods and services in the notifications sent to designated Contracting Parties, registration certificates and publications.
6. Finally, the Goods and Services Manager, which is available at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/gsmmanager/>, has been adapted to reflect the amendments to the tenth edition of the Nice Classification in the language interfaces that will be made available on January 1, 2012.