



# The MGS

## Objectives and Challenges

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# Where we are

# Situation

On September 30, 2024, 42 Offices were participating in the MGS, either through the «Check Acceptance» feature, or through a combination of «Check Acceptance and/or linguistic» feature.

Namely

AT Austria, AU Australia, BA Bosnia & Herzegovina, BG Bulgaria, BN Brunei Darussalam, BR Brazil, BX Benelux, BY Belarus, CA Canada, CH Switzerland, CN China, CO Colombia, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, EG Egypt, EM European Union, FI Finland, GE Georgia, GB United Kingdom, ID Indonesia, IL Israel, IR Iran, IS Iceland, IT Italy, JP Japan, KH Cambodia, KR Republic of Korea, LV Latvia, MN Mongolia, MX Mexico, NO Norway, NZ New Zealand, PT Portugal, RS Republic of Serbia, RU Russian Federation, SE Sweden, SG Singapore, TR Türkiye, UK Ukraine, US United States of America, VI Viet Nam.

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1) This quite large number of participating Offices seems to be important but...

Only some of these Offices communicate to the IB the translation of the MGS Terms in their national language as well as the status «Acceptance by DcP» of those terms.

Most of the Participating Offices only communicate the acceptance of the terms contained in the Nice Classification (10 times less than the content of the MGS...)

# What should we aim at?

The MGS is a tool to help applicants to draft their list of Goods and Services with terms that are accepted by WIPO on the one hand and by the participating Offices on the other.

As the «e-Filing» system is going to become more popular, it is of utmost importance that our users can rely on a classification tool containing reliable information coming from our partners in the MGS.

# What do we need and what do we offer?

## 1) What do we need?

We need from you that you communicate the status of «acceptance and/or rejection» of a larger number of MGS Terms in order to offer more visibility to users when preparing their applications

For the Offices that are already participating in the MGS, do not forget, that it is always possible to communicate the changes of status of terms included in the MGS. These changes will be recorded in the MGS in the next monthly update.

# What do we need and what do we offer (cont'd)

## 2) What do we offer?

The service of a dedicated Team to help you in Classification issues relating to the MGS.

In the case you don't have a national database of acceptable terms, or you want to replace it, is possible to adopt the MGS as your national database, with the advantage to have an updated tool every month (with the exception of the last three months of the year (as it is frozen due to the alignment with the new version/edition of the Nice Classification)).



# What do we need and what do we offer (final)

- Our objective is to attract more Offices onboard, as the quality offered by the MGS tool coupled with the efficiency of the «e-Filing» will be the key of a smooth international registration system

So feel free to contact us for more information and to be included in this project.

# THANK YOU

<https://webaccess.wipo.int/mgs/>