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Specification of NCL General Remarks File

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# Introduction

This document is part of the NCL master files specification. It describes the detailed structure and content of the NCL Classification general remarks file. The general remarks file is primarily used as an exchange format aiming at easy data transfer between heterogeneous IT systems. It provides the classification criteria for goods and services.

# Brief Description

## Content Overview

The NCL general remarks file describes the general remarks associated with a given edition-version of the NCL classification in a specified language, as well as any changes since the previous edition-version.

## File Name

The NCL general remarks file for a specific edition and version, in a specified language is named ncl-YYYYMMDD-LL-general\_remarks-YYYYMMDD.xml where LL is the language code, the first YYYYMMDD refers to the date the specified edition-version goes into force and the second refers to the date the file was generated.

# File Structure

The root element of the general remarks file is named <GeneralRemarks>. It has the required “edition”, “version”, "dateInForce", "dateOfGeneration", and "language" attributes described in the master files specification.

The structure of the file is slightly more than a collection of paragraphs. The root element has three required subelements: <Introduction>, <RemarksAboutGoods> and <RemarksAboutServices>.

## Introduction

The <Introduction> element is a single paragraph describing the purpose of the general remarks. It contains no formatting or paragraph structure.

The <Introduction> element has one required attribute "id" (See description in “Master Files Specification” document).

## Remarks about goods and services

The <RemarksAboutGoods> and <RemarksAboutServices> elements each have a required <Introduction> element followed by zero or more <Remark> elements. The <Introduction> element introduces the goods and services remarks specifically. It is a single paragraph with no formatting.

Each <Remark> element contains a single paragraph of text with no formatting. It may contain links to specific classes using the <ClassLink> <GoodOrServiceLink> and <HierarchyGroupLink> elements discussed in the master files document.

The <Introduction> and <Remark> elements have one required attribute "id" (See description in “Master Files Specification” document).

# Examples

The example below shows a remark about services with several class links:

<Remark>

Services that provide advice, information or consultation are

in principle classified in the same

classes as the services that correspond to the subject matter of

the advice, information or consultation, e.g., transportation

consultancy (<ClassLink idRef="U782346237839" targetKind="number"/>), business

management consultancy (<ClassLink idRef="U2374627835" targetKind="number"/>),

financial consultancy (<ClassLink idRef="U231489634836" targetKind="number"/>),

beauty consultancy (<ClassLink idRef="U2490180742344" targetKind="number"/>). The

rendering of the advice, information or consultancy by electronic

means (e.g., telephone, computer) does not affect the

classification of these services.

</Remark>

# Schema

The general remarks XML file must validate against NCL\_general\_remarks\_V3-21.xsd.

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