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NCL Master Files Transformations Specification

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# General Information

See NCL Master Files specifications section 1.

# Overview of Files

The NCL master files are composed of:

* One Classification Structure modifications Language-independent XML file
* One Hierarchy Groups modifications language-independent XML file
* Two sets of language-specific XML files (one for each authentic language)

**INPORTANT**: see also NCL Master Files specification Section 2.

# Language-independent files

## NCL Classification Top Structure Modifications File

### Filename

* ncl-YYYYMMDD-classification\_top\_structure\_modifications-YYYYMMDD.xml

### Brief description of classification structure XML file contents

* ncl-YYYYMMDD-classification\_top\_structure\_modifications-YYYYMMDD.xml:
* Added or removed classes numbers
* Added, removed, or transferred goods or services

### Specification

* NCL\_classification\_top\_structure\_modifications\_specification\_V3-21.doc
* NCL\_classification\_top\_structure\_modifications\_V3-21.xsd

## NCL Hierarchy Groups Modifications File

### Filename

* ncl-YYYYMMDD-hierarchy\_groups\_structure\_modifications-YYYYMMDD.xml

### Brief description of Hierarchy Groups XML file contents

* ncl-YYYYMMDD-hierarchy\_groups\_structure\_modifications-YYYYMMDD.xml:
* Added, removed, or transferred Goods, Services and Hierarchy Groups

### Specification

* NCL\_hierarchy\_groups\_structure\_modifications\_specification\_V3-21.doc
* NCL\_hierarchy\_groups\_structure\_modifications\_V3-21.xsd

# Language-dependent files

## NCL Classification Texts Modifications File

### Filenames

* ncl-YYYYMMDD-en-classification\_texts\_modifications-YYYYMMDD.xml
* ncl-YYYYMMDD-fr-classification\_texts\_modifications-YYYYMMDD.xml

### Brief description of XML file contents

* Modifications to General Remarks
* Modifications to Class Headings and Explanatory Notes
* Modifications to Indications
* Modifications to Information Files

### Specifications

* NCL\_classification\_texts\_modifications\_specification\_V3-21.doc
* NCL\_classification\_texts\_modifications\_V3-21.xsd

## NCL Hierarchy Groups Texts Modifications File

### Filenames

* ncl-YYYYMMDD-en-hierarchy\_groups\_texts\_modifications-YYYYMMDD.xml
* ncl-YYYYMMDD-fr-hierarchy\_groups\_texts\_modifications-YYYYMMDD.xml

### Brief description of language dependent XML file contents

* Modifications to Hierarchy Groups Titles

### Specification

* NCL\_hierarchy\_groups\_text\_modifications\_specification\_V3-21.doc
* NCL\_hierarchy\_groups\_text\_modifications\_V3-21.xsd

# Common elements and Attributes

See also NCL Master Files specifications section 5.

## Texts Modification

### New Text

The <NewText> element is used to markup freeform mixed content text being added to the NCL classification. The mixed content can contain <ClassLink>, <GoodOrServiceLink>, <HierarchyGroupLink> and <ExternalLink>. It can also contain an <Emphasis> element to mark certain freeform text as important.

### Deleted Text

The <DeletedText> element is used to markup freeform mixed content text being removed from the NCL classification. The mixed content can contain <DeletedClassLink>, <DeletedGoodOrServiceLink>, <DeletedHierarchyGroupLink> and <ExternalLink>. It can also contain an <Emphasis> element to mark certain freeform text as important.

The <DeletedClassLink> element takes one required attribute classNumber which value must be the Class Number of the linked Class as defined in previous NICE Classification.

The <DeletedGoodOrServiceLink> element takes two required attributes:

* classNumber which value must be the Class Number of the linked Class the deleted linked Good or Service belong to in previous NICE Classification,
* basicNumber which value must be the Basic Number of the linked Good or Service as defined in previous NICE Classification.

The <DeletedHierarchyGroupLink> element takes one optional attribute groupNumber which value must be the Group Number of the linked Hierarchy Group as defined in previous NCL Classification. If groupNumber is not specified then <DeletedHierarchyGroupLink> must contain the text of element <HierarchyGroupLink> defined in previous NICE Classification.

## Paragraph Structure Modification

Certain elements, mostly in the information files are described as having a paragraph structure. This means the element can contain semi-structured freeform text elements. Each modified paragraph is marked up with <PModifications> elements.

Inside individual paragraph elements, freeform mixed content text can be used. The mixed content can contain <NewText>, <DeletedText>, <ClassLink>, <GoodOrServiceLink>, <HierarchyGroupLink> and <ExternalLink>. It can also contain an <Emphasis> element to mark certain freeform text as important.

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