

Madrid Protocol Concerning the International Registration of Marks

Entry into force of the 2025 version of the twelfth edition of the Nice Classification

1. The new 2025 version of the twelfth 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, 2025. This version is available on the website of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), at the following address:
<https://www.wipo.int/classifications/nice/en/>.
2. The purpose of the present Notice is to remind the Offices of the members of the Madrid Union, as well as applicants and holders, of the practice followed by the International Bureau of WIPO for the examination of applications for international registration during the transition to the new version of the twelfth edition of the Nice Classification.
3. The International Bureau of WIPO will apply the 2025 version of the twelfth edition of the Nice Classification to:
 - any application for international registration received by the Office of origin on or after January 1, 2025;
 - any application for international registration received by the International Bureau of WIPO on or after January 1, 2025, when the said application is received by the International Bureau of WIPO after the two-month time limit referred to in Article 3(4) of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks.
4. For all international registrations classified according to the 2025 version of the twelfth edition of the Nice Classification, the International Bureau of WIPO will add the abbreviation “NCL(12-2025)” next to the list of goods and services in the notifications sent to designated Contracting Parties, registration certificates and publications.
5. In conformity with its standing practice, the International Bureau of WIPO will not reclassify, in accordance with the 2025 version of the twelfth edition of the Nice Classification, the list of goods and services in international registrations with a date earlier than January 1, 2025.
6. The Madrid Goods & Services Manager (available at: <https://webaccess.wipo.int/mgs/>) will be updated to reflect the changes introduced by the 2025 version of the twelfth edition of the Nice Classification.

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