

The Executive Director

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concerning the 2017 version of the 11th edition of the Nice Classification

1. Entry into force of the Nice Classification, 11th edition, version 2017

On 1 January 2017, the 11th edition of the Nice Classification will enter into force.

2. Application of the 11th edition by the Office

The Office will apply version 2017 of the 11th edition of the Nice Classification as of 1 January 2017. It will do so for all European Union trade mark (EUTM) applications filed on, or after, 1 January 2017, even if the mark filed claims priority from a mark filed before that date. This means that pending EUTM applications or previously registered EUTMs with a filing date prior to 1 January 2017 will not be reclassified, even at the request of the EUTM applicant or proprietor, nor will reclassification be permitted when renewing the EUTM registration.

3. Databases and publications

Version 2017 of the 11th edition of the Nice Classification will be introduced in the Office's databases as of 1 January 2017. It will also be introduced in publications for EUTM applications that have a filing date of, or later than, 1 January 2017. As previously existing applications or registrations will not be reclassified (not even on an optional basis), mentioning the applicable edition of the Classification in the publication in the EUTM bulletin is not necessary; this can be ascertained from the filing date.



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