



OFFICE FOR HARMONIZATION IN THE INTERNAL MARKET
(TRADE MARKS AND DESIGNS)

The President

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concerning the 10th edition of the Nice Classification**

1. Entry into force of the 10th edition of the Nice Classification

On 1 January 2012, the 10th edition of the Nice Classification will enter into force.

2. Application of the 10th edition by the Office

The Office will apply the 10th edition of the Nice Classification as from 1 January 2012. It will do so for all Community trade mark (CTM) applications filed on or after 1 January 2012. This means that pending CTM applications or already registered CTMs having a filing date prior to 1 January 2012 will not be reclassified, even at the request of the CTM applicant or proprietor, nor will reclassification be allowed at the time of renewal of the CTM registration.

3. Databases and publications

The 10th edition of the Nice Classification will be reflected in the Office's databases as from 1 January 2012. It will also be reflected in publications for CTM applications having a filing date of or later than 1 January 2012. As old applications or registrations will not be reclassified (not even on an optional basis), a mention of the applicable edition of the Classification in the publication in the CTM Bulletin is not necessary since it can be derived from the filing date.

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