



Overview

of the key structural amendments (changes of classes) to the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification) as of 1 January 2023

Compared to the 11th edition, the 12th edition of the Nice Classification (NCL 12-2023) essentially contains the following structural amendments (changes of classes):

1. Individual dispensing devices

Certain dispensers that have so far been classified without consideration of the material they are made of will be classified in the new edition of the Nice Classification depending on whether they are of metal (Class 6) or not of metal (Class 20). The relevant individual terms of the alphabetical list will be amended by appropriate additions.

Existing class/ New class	Existing entry	New/modified entry
21 6	Boxes for dispensing paper towels	Boxes of metal for dispensing paper towels
20		Boxes, not of metal, for dispensing paper towels
21 6	Toilet paper dispensers	Toilet paper dispensers of metal
20		Toilet paper dispensers, not of metal

2. Needles for wool combing machines

Like sewing needles, “needles for wool combing machines” have so far been classified in Class 26. This will be changed to the effect that “needles for wool combing machines”, as parts of wool combing machines, will be classified in Class 7 in the future.

Existing class/ New class	Existing entry	New/modified entry
26 7	Needles for wool combing machines	Needles for wool combing machines

3. Furnace loading machines

“Loading apparatus for furnaces” have so far been classified as parts of furnaces in Class 11. In the new edition of the Nice Classification, they will be considered separate goods and be classified in Class 7.

Existing class/ New class	Existing entry	New/modified entry
11 7	Loading apparatus for furnaces	Furnace loading machines

4. Insulating gloves

“Insulating gloves” have so far been classified in Class 17, just like insulating materials. In the future, they will be classified as protective clothing in Class 9. To emphasise the protective purpose, the term will be amended by the addition “for protection against accidents” in the alphabetical list.

Existing class/ New class	Existing entry	New/modified entry
17 9	Insulating gloves	Insulating gloves for protection against accidents

5. Wet suits for water-skiing/wet suits

“Wet suits for water-skiing” have so far been contained as clothing in Class 25. For the new edition of the Nice Classification, this term of the alphabetical list will be changed to “wet suits” and, just like “dry suits”, be classified as protective clothing in Class 9.

Existing class/ New class	Existing entry	New/modified entry
25 9	Wet suits for water-skiing	Wet suits

6. Hospital beds

“Hospital beds” will no longer be classified as normal furniture in Class 20 but, because of their medical character, in Class 10.

Existing class/ New class	Existing entry	New/modified entry
20 10	Hospital beds	Hospital beds

7. Bags for use in (microwave) cooking

“Bags for microwave cooking” have so far been contained in Class 16. In the new edition of the Nice Classification, this term will be replaced by “bags for use in cooking”, i.e. without further specification, and, as a kitchen utensil, be classified in Class 21.

Existing class/ New class	Existing entry	New/modified entry
16 21	Bags for microwave cooking	Bags for use in cooking