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On January 1, 2025, the 2025 version of the 12th edition of the "International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks (Nice Classification)" (NCL 12-2025) entered into force.

In addition to the new editions of the Nice Classification, which are published every three years, there have been annual versions since January 1, 2013, which may provide for new entries or deletions and reformulations of existing entries. Major structural changes (class changes) are not included in these versions; these are reserved for the editions published every five years.

The version of the class classification and the alphabetical lists of goods and services based on the Nice Classification to be applied in proceedings before the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (DPMA) from January 1, 2025 in accordance with Section 19 of the Trade Mark Ordinance was published in the Federal Gazette.

The version of the class division and the alphabetical lists of goods and services published in the Federal Gazette can be found on our trade mark page "Nice Classification".

Important notice of 12 February 2025

Entry into force of the 15th edition of the Locarno Classification (classification for registered designs)

On 1 January 2025, the 15th edition of the international classification for industrial designs (Locarno Classification) and the list of goods (list of products for designs) (version: ELD2025_LOC15) entered into force.

The German translation of the products contained in the 15th edition of the Locarno Classification is part of the list of products for designs, which also contains other permitted national entries.

The new edition of the list of classes and subclasses of the Locarno Classification and the new version of the list of products for designs apply to all design applications filed on or after 1 January 2025. Furthermore, in the process of renewal, registered designs will be reclassified ex officio in accordance with the new edition of the Locarno Classification if the class of the products registered with respect to them has changed.

The list of classes and subclasses of the 15th edition of the Locarno version and the list of products for designs were published by the German Patent and Trade Mark Office in the Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger).

The current versions (in German) are also available on our "Classifications/Designs" page.

To search permitted product terms for the product indication in the context of design applications, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office offers an online search engine (in German). For the electronic filing of design applications using DPMAdirektWeb, the current list of products for designs is provided when selecting the product indication. The current version of the list of products for designs is also available for the DPMAdirektPro software, provided that the update function of the software is used.