

Article 1

Establishment of a Special Union; Adoption of an International Classification; Definition and Languages of the Classification

- (1) The countries to which this Agreement applies constitute a Special Union and adopt a common classification of goods and services for the purposes of the registration of marks (hereinafter designated as “the Classification”).
- (2) The Classification consists of:
 - (i) a list of classes, together with, as the case may be, explanatory notes;
 - (ii) an alphabetical list of goods and services (hereinafter designated as “the alphabetical list”) with an indication of the class into which each of the goods or services falls.
- (3) The Classification comprises:
 - (i) the classification published in 1971 by the International Bureau of Intellectual Property (hereinafter designated as “the International Bureau”) referred to in the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, it being understood, however, that the explanatory notes to the list of classes included in that publication shall be regarded as provisional and as recommendations until such time as explanatory notes to the list of classes are established by the Committee of Experts referred to in Article 3;
 - (ii) the amendments and additions which have entered into force, pursuant to Article 4(1) of the Nice Agreement of June 15, 1957, and of the Stockholm Act of July 14, 1967, of that Agreement, prior to the entry into force of the present Act;
 - (iii) any changes to be made in accordance with Article 3 of this Act and which enter into force pursuant to Article 4(1) of this Act.
- (4) The Classification shall be in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.
- (5) (a) classification referred to in paragraph (3) (i), together with those amendments and additions referred to in paragraph (3)(ii) which have entered into force prior to the date this Act is opened for signature, is contained in one authentic copy, in the French language, deposited with the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (hereinafter designated respectively “the Director General” and “the Organization”). Those amendments and additions referred to in paragraph (3) (ii) which enter into force after the date this Act is opened for signature shall also be deposited in one authentic copy, in the French language, with the Director General.