**Noteworthy Changes to the Nice Classification, Effective January 1, 2019**

This document highlights certain classification changes under the Nice Classification, Eleventh Edition, Version 2019, effective January 1, 2019 (Nice 11-2019), and summarizes USPTO identification and classification policy and practice consistent with those changes. This is not an exhaustive list of changes to the ID Manual. For a complete list, please conduct an advanced search in the ID Manual using the exact date (“=” sign in the “Effective Date” dropdown menu) of January 1, 2019.

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| **Categories of Goods & Services** | **USPTO Classification, based on the**  **Eleventh Edition,**  **version in effect**  **Jan. 1, 2018 (Nice 11-2018), if applicable** | **Classification under the**  **Eleventh Edition,**  **version in effect**  **Jan. 1, 2019 (Nice 11-2019)** | **USPTO Classification Policy & Practice Effective Jan. 1, 2019** |
| **Name badges** | **Metal name badges – Class 6**  **Paper name badges – Class 16**  **Plastic name badges –**  **Class 20** | **Class 16** | Under Nice 11-2019, name badges are classified in Class 16 as office requisites, regardless of their material composition. |
| **Pasta makers, hand-operated** | **Class 8** | **Class 21** | Under Nice 11-2019, pasta makers, hand-operated are classified in Class 21 by analogy to “noodle machines, hand-operated” in the Nice Alphabetical List in Class 21. |
| **Computer software (goods)**  **Computer programs (goods)** | **Class 9** | **Class 9** | Under Nice 11-2019, computer software and computer programs must be specified as “downloadable” and/or “recorded” to clarify the nature of the goods based on “computer programs, downloadable,” “computer game software, recorded,” and “computer game software, downloadable” in the Nice Alphabetical List in Class 9. |
| **Robotic exoskeleton suits** | **Robotic exoskeleton suits worn by humans for the purpose of enhancing**  **the strength and endurance of the person wearing the suit – Class 9** | **Class 7** when specified as ***being machines, other than for medical purposes***  **Class 10** when specified as ***for medical purposes*** | Under Nice 11-2019, robotic exoskeleton suits being machines, other than for medical purposes are classified in Class 7, and robotic exoskeleton suits for medical purposes are classified in Class 10.  Robotic exoskeleton suits being machines, other than for medical purposes in Class 7 are wearable exoskeletons in the nature of machines, which typically feature metal frameworks fitted with motorized muscles, used to increase the wearer’s strength and endurance.  Robotic exoskeleton suits for medical purposes in Class 10 are wearable, powered exoskeletons used in the rehabilitation and physical therapy of patients with limited mobility and/or used to improve the quality of life of persons who have, for example, lost motor control or the use of their limbs due to illness or injury, by serving as mobility aids. |
| **Lifeboats** | **Class 12** | **Class 9** | Under Nice 11-2019, lifeboats are classified in Class 9 as “life-saving apparatus,” which appears in the Nice Class 9 Heading. |
| **Lap desks**  **Portable desks** | **Class 16** | **Class 20** | Under Nice 11-2019, both lap desks and portable desks are classified in Class 20 because they are analogous to “desks” in the Nice Alphabetical List in Class 20. |
| **Runners, not of metal, for sliding doors** | **Class 19** | **Class 20** | Under Nice 11-2019, runners, not of metal, for sliding doors are classified in Class 20 as “small items of non-metallic hardware,” which appears in the Nice Class 20 Heading. Runners are the supports along which sliding doors move. |
| **Bivouac sacks** | **Class 22** | **Class 22** when ***being shelters***  **Class 24** when ***being***  ***covers for sleeping bags*** | Under Nice 11-2019, bivouac sacks being shelters are classified in Class 22 because they are generally considered to be alternatives to camping tents, and “tents” are in the Nice Alphabetical List in Class 22.  Under Nice 11-2019, bivouac sacks being covers for sleeping bags are classified in Class 24 because “sleeping bags” are in the Nice Alphabetical List in Class 24. |
| **Business card design** | **Class 35** | **Class 42** | Under Nice 11-2019, business card design is classified in Class 42 by analogy to "graphic arts design," which appears in the Nice Alphabetical List in Class 42. |
| **Replenishment of vending machines** | N/A | **Class 39** | Under Nice 11-2019, replenishment of vending machines is classified in Class 39 by analogy to "cash replenishment of automated teller machines," which appears in the Nice Alphabetical List in Class 39. Replenishment of vending machines comprises the services of transport and storage of the products to be replenished in the vending machines. |
| **Custom 3D printing for others** | **3D printing –**  **Class 40**  **Additive manufacturing –**  **Class 40** | **Class 40** | Under Nice 11-2019, “custom 3D printing for others” was added to the Nice Alphabetical List in Class 40. As a result, effective January 1, 2019, an identification must specify that 3D printing or additive manufacturing is performed at the specific request of a third party in order to be considered a service, consistent with the wording “custom manufacturing services” and “the production or manufacturing of goods is considered a service only in cases where it is effected for the account of another person to their order and specification” in the Class 40 Explanatory Note. |
| **Personal chef services** | **Class 45** | **Class 43** | Under Nice 11-2019, personal chef services is classified in Class 43 by analogy to “services for providing food and drink,” which appears in the Nice Class 43 Heading. |