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### **Yemen Adopts 12th Edition of NICE Classification**

Beginning October 11, 2024, the Yemeni Trademark office has officially adopted the 12 edition of the NICE Classification for Goods and Services, thus bringing country's trademark registration process in line with the international standards.

With the adoption of 12th Edition of NICE Classification, alcoholic beverages in Class 33, certain alcoholic goods in Class 32, and pork products in Class 29 will not be given registration, reflecting the local religious and cultural regulations. Yemen does not follow the multi-class trademark registration process and hence, trademark applicants need to file each mark in each class separately.

On the other hand, the Trademark Office has also added new services, such as recordal of assignment, change of name and address, and oppositions to its online services. The Yemeni TMO has already been offering online services for filing of new trademark applications, renewals etc for sometime now.

Yemen has also taken another step towards digitizing its intellectual property protection and enforcement process by initiating the online publication of the trademark gazette. The 90 days' opposition term will automatically be calculated from the date of electronic publication. Along with this, the paper and pdf versions of the Trade Gazette will also be accessible.

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