



Iraq TMO Adopts 11th Edition of NICE Classification

Beginning January 2025, the Iraq Trademark Office has adopted the 11th Edition of the NICE Classification for Goods and Services. This is a quintessential change in Iraq IP practice as the Iraqi TMO was so far following the 7th Edition of NICE Classification that had 42 classes of goods and services. With the adoption of 11th Edition, now the Iraqi Trademark practice is at par with the standard international practice as the 11th Edition has 45 classes of goods and services.

However, the Iraqi TMO is yet to give a clear clarification with regards to reclassification of trademark registration and applications, previously filed/registered under class 42. It is yet to be known whether the earlier applications filed under class 42 will immediately be reclassified or the same will be done at the time of renewal. Further, the practice of alphabetically listing classification headings may be discontinued under the new system.

We, at [**Axiom Mark IP**](#) are following up the progress at the Iraqi TMO and shall keep all the stakeholders updated about any further developments in this regard.