



## **Qatar Adopts 13th Edition of NICE Classification of Goods and Services**

Qatar has officially adopted the 13th Edition of the Nice Classification for trademarks, effective February 16, 2026. According to a circular issued by the Intellectual Property Rights Protection Department, the 13th edition is now in force and all the new trademark applications filed on or after February 16, 2026 must comply with the updated classification of goods and services. This aligns Qatar's trademark system with the latest international standard used by many jurisdictions worldwide under the Nice Classification framework.

It should be noted that earlier, Qatar had deposited its instrument of accession to the Nice Agreement Concerning the International Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), in November 2025.

The 13th edition includes refinements and reclassifications of various goods and services compared to earlier editions, meaning the applicants must ensure their specifications align with the latest edition's terms.

If you are preparing to file a trademark in Qatar or updating an existing IP portfolio, please do get in touch with Axiom Mark IP to ensure your applications are compliant with the new standards.