

Notes

1. This Trademark Examination Manual uses the classes of the Trademark Examination Manual Classification Chart to facilitate use, and to simplify the process for making future amendments and additions.

The classes are based on the classification used in the Patent and Utility Model Examination Manuals.

Specifically, as the classification chart shows, the classes are based on the 11 class groups that were divided according to the sequence of the practical procedures of the trademark examination. These 11 groups are further each divided into 10 subgroups. These subgroups were organized by taking those items that were closely interrelated and then grouping them according to their importance and frequency of practical use. As a result, a total of 110 classes comprise the classifications.

Those items that do not fall into the above classifications were arranged as seen fit.

The columns that do not have a title within the classification chart are reserves for future additions. Thus the blanks show that no title was prepared, in anticipation of the contents of the items that are to be added in the future.

2. Class number

One hundred and ten two-digit numbers ranging from 00 to A9 are used as the basic class number, each of which represents a unique category of items.

The two digit number that follows the basic class number represents the order in which the explanation items are listed. A dot [.] has been inserted between the two sets of two digit numbers to comprise one classification number. (For Article 3 and Article 4, these are listed following the order of the Articles. The single-digit following the basic class number represents paragraphs, the two and three-digit numbers represent items. A dot [.] and a two-digit number following these numbers represents the order in which the explanation items are listed.)

3. Types of applications covered:

(1) Handling that only applies to international applications is indicated by attaching a class number beginning with a basic class number from A1 to A9, such as A1.01.

(2) Handling that only applies to international trademark applications is indicated by attaching a class number beginning with a number from 70 to 79, such as 13.71.

(3) Handling that only applies to domestic trademark applications and not to international trademark applications is indicated by describing the following in the last "line: "[Note] This handling does not apply to international trademark applications."

4. The classification numbers with parentheses in the index either include items that have been classified into another place, items which have been deleted due to amendments and other adjustments, or items that have been transferred to another classification place before the

contents were amended.

Those items that contain quotations and those items that have been transferred to a different classification place will show the original source of the quotation for the former, and the transferred classification place for the latter. [→ class number]

5. The [(→ class number)] in the index and main contents shows that the part contains the main contents of the item and should be referenced.

Those class numbers that are parenthesized as explained above but only have two digits indicate that all of the items included in the basic class number should be referenced.

6. When other manuals such as the Formality Examination Manual are listed in the bibliography, the title of the manual and the class number are indicated with parentheses at the pertinent location.

7. The following abbreviations of acts, regulations, etc. are used in this Manual: (Examples)

Article X of the Act	Article X of the Trademark Act
Article X of the ELTA	Article X of the Enforcement Law of the Trademark Act
Article X of the Enforcement Order (Cabinet Ordinance)	Article X of the Enforcement Order of the Trademark Act
Article X of the Enforcement Ordinance (Ministerial Ordinance)	Article X of the Enforcement Ordinance of the Trademark Act
TRO	Trademark Registration Order
OETRO	Ordinance for Enforcement of the Trademark Registration Order
Article X of the Patent (Utility Model/Design) Act	Article X of the Japanese Patent (Utility Model/Design) Act (The same abbreviations used for trademark acts and regulations are applied to other acts and regulations relating to trademarks.)
Special Provisions Act	Act Concerning the Special Provisions to the Procedure, etc. Relating to the Industrial Property Right (Same as above)
Section X of the CCP	Section X of the Code of Civil Procedure
Article X of the UCPA	Article X of the Unfair Competition Prevention Act
Paris Convention	The Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property of March 20, 1883, as revised in Brussels on December 14, 1900, in Washington on June 2, 1911, in The Hague on November 6, 1925, in London on June

	2, 1934, in Lisbon on October 31, 1958, and in Stockholm on July 14, 1967
TRIPS Agreement	Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Annex 1C of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization)
Nice Agreement	Classification of Goods and Services for the Purposes of the Registration of Marks of June 15, 1957, as revised in Stockholm on July 14, 1967, and in Geneva on May 13, 1977, and amended on October 2, 1979
Protocol	Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks as Signed in Madrid on June 27, 1978
Common Regulations	Common Regulations under the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks and the Protocol Relating to that Agreement
Guidelines	Examination Guidelines for Trademarks

When the abbreviated title of the act or regulation is not given but only the article number, in principle, this indicates that the article is related to the Trademark Act.