

## **1 . Introduction**

(1) The table of contents of the International Classification of Goods and Services (Nice Classification) 12th edition, version 2023 (hereinafter referred to as “International Classification 12-2023), Alphabetical List of Goods and Services in English and Japanese translation with Similar Group Codes

a) General Remarks in English and Japanese Translation

General Remarks are provided in English on the left side. The Japanese translation is provided on the right side.

b) List of Classes (with Explanatory Notes) in English and Japanese Translation

The list consists of the Class Headings and the Explanatory Notes in English on the left side. The Japanese translation is provided on the right side.

c) List of Goods in Alphabetical Order (from Class 1 to Class 34), in English and Japanese Translation with Similar Group Codes

The indications of goods in Japanese are correlated to the indications of goods in English, and Similar Group Code is assigned to each indication in Japanese. The entire list of goods from Class 1 to Class 34 is listed in Alphabetical Order.

d) List of Services in Alphabetical Order (from Class 35 to Class 45) in English and Japanese Translation with Similar Group Codes

The indications of services in Japanese are correlated to the indications of services in English, and Similar Group Code is assigned to each indication in Japanese. The entire list of services from Class 35 to Class 45 is listed in Alphabetical Order.

e) List of Goods in Class Order, (from Class 1 to Class 34), in English and Japanese Translation with Similar Group Codes

The indications of goods in Japanese are correlated to the indications of goods in English, and Similar Group Code is assigned to each indication in Japanese. The entire list of goods from Class 1 to Class 34 is listed in Class Order.

f) List of Services in Class Order (from Class 35 to Class 45), in English and Japanese Translation with Similar Group Codes

The indications of services in Japanese are correlated to the indications of services in English, and

Similar Group Code is assigned to each indication in Japanese. The entire list of services from Class 35 to Class 45 is listed in Class Order.

(2) The User's Guide for each Alphabetical List of Goods or Services in English and Japanese Translation with Similar Group Codes

Class: The Class to which the goods or services belong.

Index: The index number assigned to each indication of the goods or services in English under International Classification 12-2023. The index number, assigned by the Japan Patent Office, is intended to replace the serial number that was mentioned in each indication of goods or services until International Classification 10-2012.

Indication in English version: The indication of goods or services in English:

**Asterisk \* :**

An asterisk signifies that the term used in the indication of goods or services is a general term. Furthermore, the term is used in the indication of goods or services in other classes.

[ e.g. ] Class Indication in English:

Class 22 ropes \*

Class 6 ropes of metal

**- Square brackets [ ] :**

An expression inserted between square brackets is in most cases intended to more precisely define the text preceding the brackets, since the said text is ambiguous or too vague for classification purposes.

Indication in Japanese Translation: Japanese translations that correspond to the indications of goods or services in English. In principle, the indication of the goods or services in English is translated into Japanese so as to enable the Japan Patent Office to accept the indication as the designated goods or designated services. An expression between square brackets is vague, and any Japanese translation is provided as a reference.

Similar Group Codes: The Similar Group Codes of the Goods or Services.

The Similar Group Code is an original code used in Japan. It is assigned to each goods or services that are presumed to be similar goods or services. They are grouped according to the "Examination Standards for Similarity

of Goods and Services” as unified criteria in Japan.

The horizontal line "-" signifies that a Similar Group Code could not be assigned, since the goods or services are too vague. Please note that some of the goods or services, even do have the Similar Group Codes, are assigned provisional Similar Group Codes.

Basic Number: The Basic Number is a specific number that is assigned to each indication of the goods or services, and is the same in every language.

In principle, goods or services that have the same Basic Number are classified as the same goods or services. Even if the goods or services have the same Basic Number, though, there are some goods or services that have different indications in English. In such cases, Japanese translation and Similar Group Codes were adopted corresponding to each English indication.

\* : An asterisk signifies that the indication is vague and thus can't be accepted in Japan.

