

# TMclass

A presentation to the CarlPI IP offices

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## An overview of the centralised online tools of EUIPN



### Search and Classification Tools

TMview

DesignView

**TMclass**

DesignClass

**CENTRALISED TOOLS:** IP office takes advantage of the existing application hosted at EUIPO to integrate its data. No license agreement is needed.

## TMclass

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## What is TMclass?

TMclass is *a free online tool* which allows any Internet user to *search, translate* or *classify* goods and services when applying for a trade mark application.



## TMclass benefits & key features

1. When you apply for the registration of a trade mark, you need to describe the goods and/or services for which you wish to protect your trade mark.
2. TMclass is an online tool to help users to correctly search, verify, translate and classify goods and services before and when filing a trade mark application.
3. TMclass brings together the classification databases of participating offices worldwide.
4. TMclass means certainty as to which goods and services will be accepted by the participating offices.
5. Taxonomy tree which groups goods or services based on concept, relationship and market sectors, helping the user to choose the right term for his/her business area.
6. Minimal delay in trade mark registration.
7. **Free of charge.**

## TMclass / DESIGNclass - Disclaimer

- The general purpose of TMclass/DesignClass is to provide a single access point for information concerning goods and services / product indications and their classification.
- The classification data comes from the individual classification databases of the participating offices in TMclass/DesignClass. Each office is responsible for their own data.
- The classification terms accepted by one participating office may not be acceptable by another office.
- The classification data is not necessarily comprehensive, complete, accurate or up to date.
- TMclass/DesignClass is for consultation purposes only and cannot be considered a professional or legal advice. If specific advice is required, please consult a suitably qualified professional.
- ✓ **In other words, EUIPO recommends the users to seek legal advice and verify the information through the services of the participating offices prior to any legal action.**

## TMclass – types of integrations

### 1. Nice:

- ✓ The IP office uses and accepts the Nice list.

### 2. Nice + local goods and services:

- ✓ Terms from other lists such as MGS, HDB or IDlist.
- ✓ Local products and services.

### 3. HDB:

- ✓ The harmonised database of goods and services.

## When a user files a trademark application...

The user must describe and classify the goods and services (G & S).



Often done manually without any automated support.



Mistakes are likely to be made. The user might include unacceptable G+S or classify wrongly.



This means uncertainties for the user: Will the G & S be accepted? Will he/she receive a deficiency letter? Will this slow down the application?



The IP office will have to deal with quality issues, user complaints and workload of the staff and its motivation.



This can lead to extra time needed for examination, inconsistent check and classification of G & S as well as decisions on which trademarks that are registered.



Professional staff can still make mistakes. It can be difficult to detect unacceptable or wrongly classified G & S. It can become a monotonous task.



Also the IP office often deals with the examination and classification of the G & S manually without automated support.



What about the list of Nice terms? Still a short list. The IP office is not obliged to accept the complete list. The user still will not know if the G & S applied for will be accepted.



**HDB is the solution. It is based on the Nice classification. It is a list of pre-accepted and pre-classified G & S used and accepted by all participating offices.**



## TMclass - HDB: The Harmonised Database

In 2007 the IP offices of the European Union launched a project to harmonise their lists of pre-accepted and pre-classified goods and services into a unique list translated in the 23 languages of the EU.

This list is known as HDB (Harmonised Database) and contains around 60.000 concepts summing a total of 85.000 when including synonyms.

In addition, the goods and services were organised in a hierarchical structure (Taxonomy / browse tree).



## TMclass - HDB: The Harmonised Database

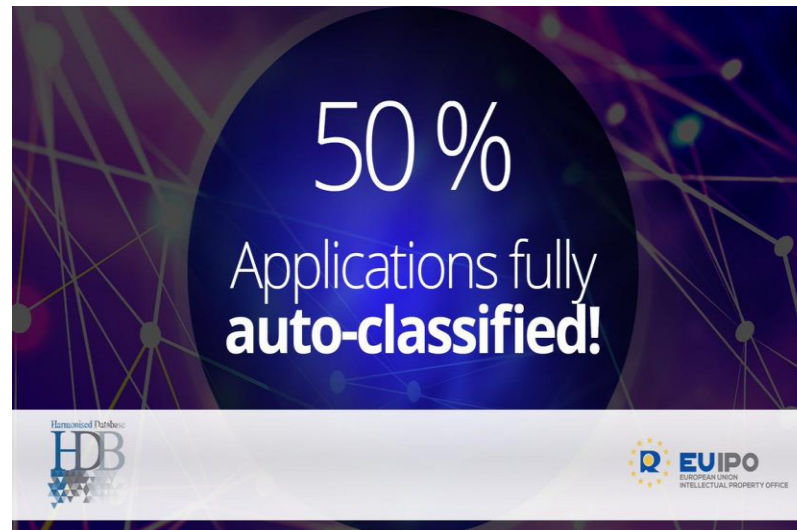
### *What are the advantages of the HDB?*

- A user who applies for a trademark using goods and services from HDB is assured that these goods and services and their classification will be accepted by any other office that uses and accepts HDB.
- Even if the language is different in each office, the translation functionality can be used.

And since 2017, the usage of the HDB has been extended outside the European Union!

## Quality

- 2018: 80% of all the goods and services used in EUTMs applications came from the HDB.
- 2019: **89%** of all the goods and services used in EUTMs applications came from the HDB. They were therefore automatically accepted by EUIPO.
- 2018 & 2019: **50%** of the EUTMs used exclusively pre-accepted terms from the HDB. In other words, these applications did not require any examination of the goods and services and their classification.

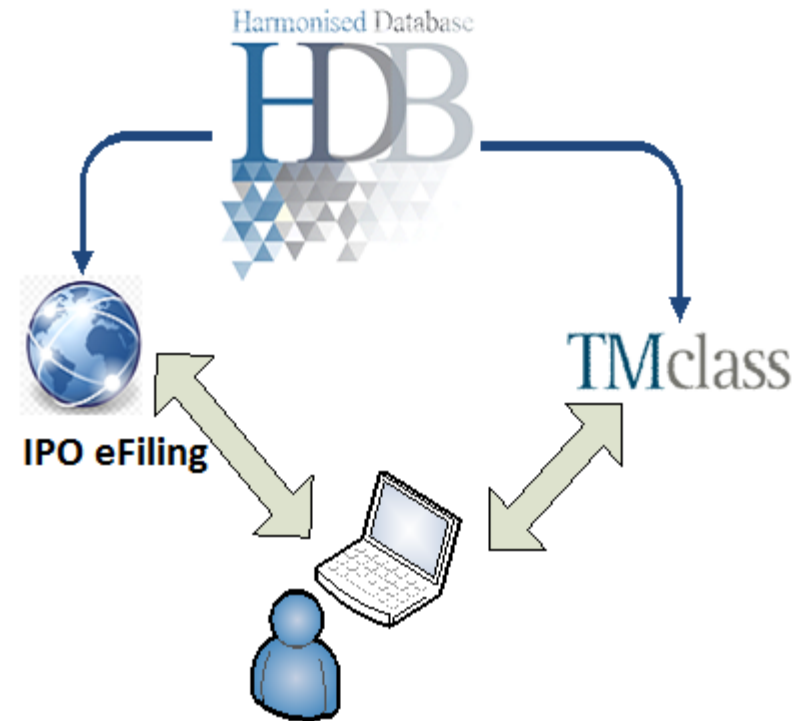


## TMclass - HDB: The Harmonised Database

### *How to take advantage of the database?*

Facilitating and promoting its usage:

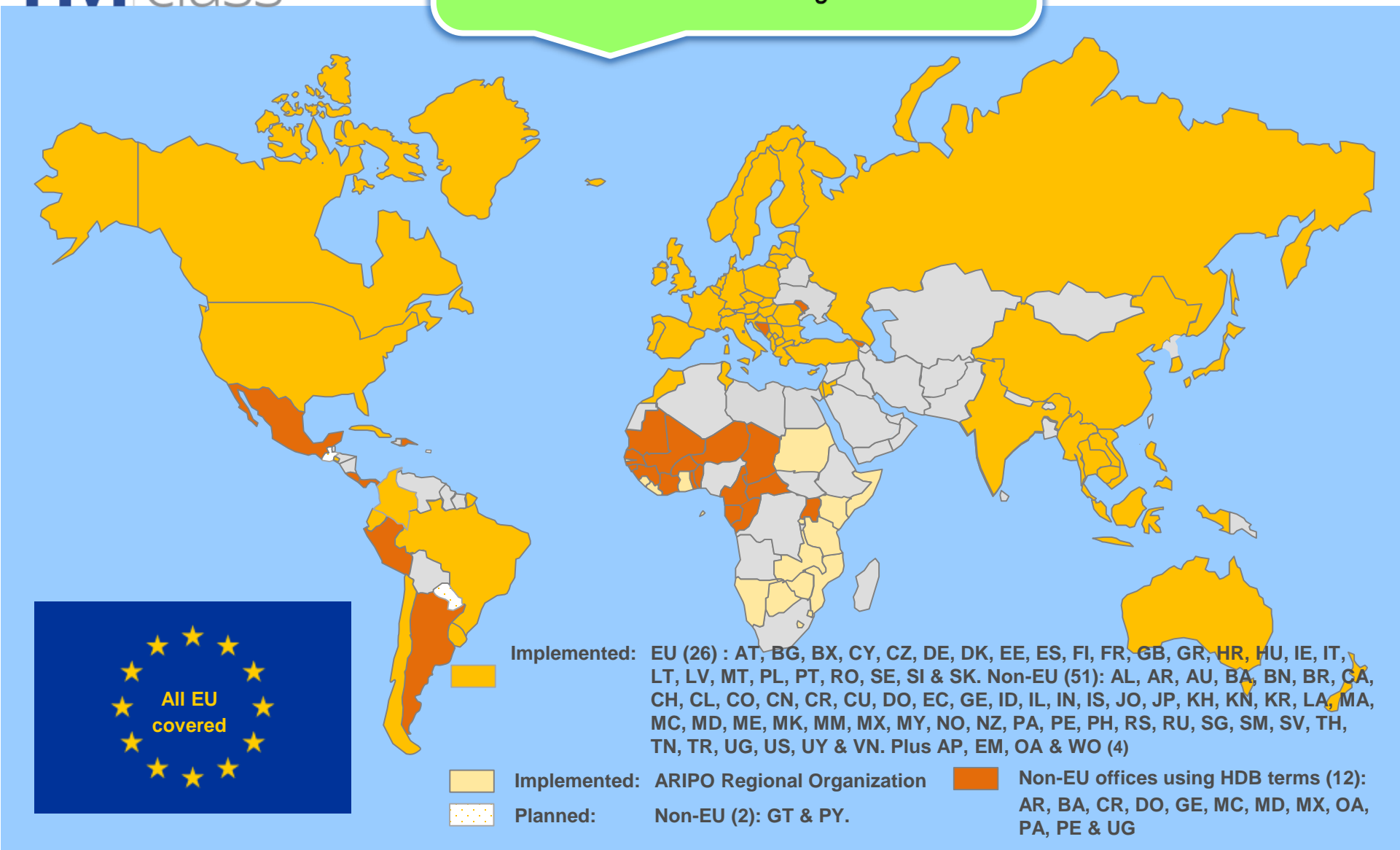
- Integrating HDB in the e-Filing of the IP office
- The IP office can offer advantages for users making use of it: For example “fast-track”



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## Implementations

*12 non-EU offices using HDB terms*



## HDB integration process (working language of the IP office is an EU language)

1. The IP office (IPO) agrees to the terms and conditions for its participation in HDB, mainly:
    - The IPO must accept all terms presently in HDB.
    - The IPO must accept all future changes in HDB being new, modified and/or deleted terms in the database.
  2. The IPO assigns a classification expert to the project and sends its contact details and logo to EUIPO.
  3. EUIPO configures TMclass TEST with the IPO's contact details and logo. There is no software to be installed in the premises of the IPO or any connections to the IPO's systems.
  4. The IPO verifies its details and confirms that expected terms can be searched (UAT).
  5. EUIPO prepares IPO in TMclass PROD. A user account is created with access to an AdminTool (TMC). EUIPO provides knowledge transfer.
  6. Go-live.
- ✓ After the Go-live:
- The EEA/Candidate/Potential Candidate countries can participate in the workflow proposing changes in the database.
  - Other non-EU countries will be included in the workflow with access to TMC in order to receive information on the changes in HDB.

## Q & A

Questions?



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Thank you



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My List: You have made no selection

**Search term**

Language  
 English (en) ▾

Search term

Nice Class  
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HDB (Harmonised Database) ▾ ⓘ  
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Office Databases  
☐ WIPO  
☐ CIPO - OPIC (CA)  
☐ OAPI (CM)  
☐ CGPDTM (IN)  
☐ USPTO (US)


Search  
 Browse terms

Advanced criteria ⚙

## Welcome to TMclass

TMclass helps you to search for and classify Goods and Services (terms) needed to apply for trade mark protection. You can also translate a list of Goods and Services and verify if those terms appear in the classification databases of the Participating Offices highlighted below.

**Links to trade mark offices**




**Harmonised offices**

- OHIM
- OPA
- BPO
- BOIP
- DRCOR
- IPO CZ
- DPMA
- DKPTO
- EPA
- OEPM
- AT
- BG
- BX
- CY
- CZ
- DE
- DK
- EE
- ES
- PRH
- INPI
- UKIPO
- GGE
- SIPO HR
- HIPO
- IE IPO
- UIBM
- VPB
- FI
- FR
- GB
- GR
- HR
- HU
- IE
- IT
- LT
- LRPV
- CD IPRD
- PPO
- INPI PT
- OSIM
- PRV
- SIPO
- SKIPO
- LV
- MT
- PL
- PT
- RO
- SE
- SI
- SK

**Other offices**

- WIPO
- IMPI
- IIP BIH
- MX
- BA
- CGPDTM
- JPO
- IN
- JP
- ROSPATENT
- OAPI
- RU
- CM

patent trademark design  
Norwegian Industrial  
Property Office 

**News**

07/12/2015  
**India joins TMclass**

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02/12/2015  
**HARMONISED DATABASE UPDATE - November**

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03/11/2015  
**HARMONISED DATABASE UPDATE - October**

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## TMclass: Search term

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My List: You have made no selection

Results settings

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Class	Term	CGPDTM	Harm	Nice	IDli	Grou	MGS
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<input type="checkbox"/>	25 Trouser suits	✓					○
<input type="checkbox"/>	25 Snowboarding suits	✓					○
<input type="checkbox"/>	25 Snowboard suits	✓					○
<input type="checkbox"/>	25 Judo suits	✓	○		○		○
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<input type="checkbox"/>	25 Dress suits	✓	○		○		○
<input type="checkbox"/>	25 Business suits	✓					○
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## TMclass: Translate term

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### Terms in My List

**Spanish:**  
 1 Terms in 1 Nice classes

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
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Class	Term
25	Trajes [vestuario]

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A1 **Language**

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2	es	Trajes [vestuario]	25		
3	zh	套服	25		
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Search term   Translate term   Locarno Classification Headings

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Search term

Language

English (en)

Search term

Search term (E.g. Chairs)

Class / Subclass

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Search

Browse terms

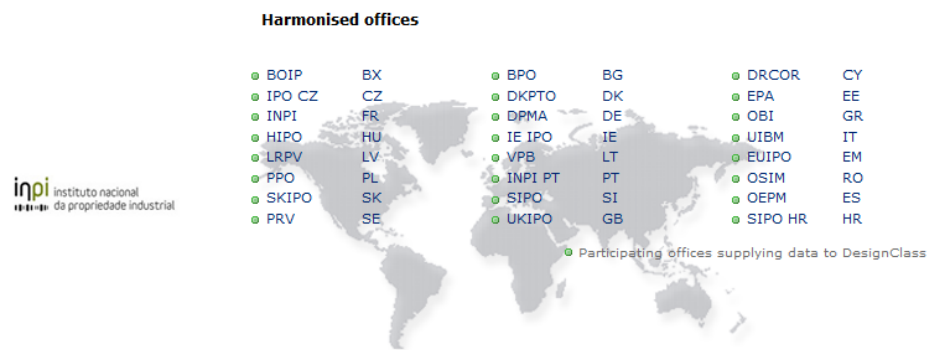
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Advanced criteria

## Welcome to DesignClass

DesignClass helps you to search and translate product indications needed to apply for design protection.

### Links to DesignClass offices



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