



NEW examination guidelines of similar goods/services

A new edition of the examination guidelines of similar goods/services has been published by the Japan Patent Office, on December 18, 2018. The Japan Patent Office will apply the new edition of the examination guidelines to all trademark applications filed after January 1, 2019.

After the new examination guidelines take effect, the following goods/services will be reclassified as shown below:

<u>Old Class</u>	<u>NEW Class</u>	<u>Goods/Service</u>	<u>Sub-group</u>
24	18	Leather cloth	16C02 34C01

Additionally, the following descriptions will be officially approved as a description of the designated goods/services:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Goods/Service</u>	<u>Sub-group</u>
3	Shampoos for pets	04A01
9	Earphones	11B01
9	Personal Digital Assistance	11B01 11C01
18	Tote bags	21C01
18	Clothing for pets	19B33
33	Japanese liquors	28A01
38	Telecommunication services	38A01 38B01
44	Bodywork therapy	42V01
45	Pet sitting	42V04

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