

RU COMMENTS on COMMON CATEGORIES

W THE CATEGORY OF SHAPE AND/OR ORNAMENTATION

WE Human and human like forms (including insects, fish and extinct)
The examples in round brackets should be deleted.

After the discussion and consultations with the examiners of RU patent office we can say the following.

If we want to have ORNAMENTATION in W-category we think expedient to add a special NOTE clarifying how and in what cases new CLASS 32 **Graphic symbols and logos, surface patterns, ornamentations** should be applied when classifying industrial designs.

THE CATEGORY OF COLOUR

The **Note** relating to the deleted category YA (colour not specified) should be also deleted.

Taking into account our examiners' opinion we would prefer to have instead of it a new Note as follows:

“All designs represented by black and white drawings or photographs should not be identified by the category Y if there is no special indication in the text of an application”.

With respect to the NOTE at the bottom of the list of common categories we wonder whether it should be kept here or not.

RU COMMENTS ON “SEARCH INDEX CLASSIFICATION FOR FURNITURE”

General remarks

RU would like to clarify whether it should be SEARCH INDEX CLASSIFICATION FOR FURNITURE or for FURNISHING. As we understood from the context of the proposal it covers “furnishing”.

FURNITURE	The next question is: what is in the frame? If it is the content of search index it should contain mirrors and frames (6), curtains, blinds etc (7). We suppose the term FURNITURE here covers both 4.OTHER FURNITURE and 5.PARTS OF FURNITURE. But the term FURNITURE also covers seats, beds, tables
SEATS AND CHAIRS	
BEDS	
TABLES AND SIMILAR FURNITURE	
STORAGE FURNITURE	

etc., so we would prefer to delete it and instead of it to insert after STORAGE FURNITURE the phrase OTHER FURNITURE AND PARTS THEREOF at the end of this list (see RU modified proposal, Annex 2).

At the bottom of the frame it should go OTHER ITEMS OF FURNISHING which cover not only mirrors and frames, curtains etc. but also mattresses and cushions (4.1 under 4.OTHER FURNITURE in the proposal). In our opinion mattresses and cushions are not the kinds of furniture, so we think them to be excluded from 4.OTHER FURNITURE and transferred to the place after PARTS OF FURNITURE (See RU modified proposal in Annex 2; the numbering of indexing categories is changed).

As to the STORAGE FURNITURE in the frame above we believe this distinct group of products to be included in the SEARCH INDEX with its own designation and place. From our point of view it should be placed together with its note before 4.OTHER FURNITURE (see Annex 2).

RU is of the opinion that the terminology of indexing categories should be in line with Locarno Classification. The elaboration of any textual paper for global use is connected with the linguistic problem. Now 50 state-members apply Locarno Classification and some of them perhaps will apply SEARCH INDEX for searching relevant documents for the purpose of registration and/or examination. It is advisable to verify the terms which are used for creating indexing categories more carefully. For instance we are not sure that the term “bench” can also cover “divan [sofa]”, “ottoman”, or “sofa”.

RU suggests creating a searching system on the base of a principle of similarity of appearance features containing general indexing categories and specific indexing

categories.

These indexing categories should cover distinct visual features of a product and be designated by the three digital number, e.g. 01.3, 12.1, 15.0.

General indexing categories have the designation 01.0, 02.0, 03.0---31.0, 32.0.

Specific indexing categories have the designation 01.1, 02.4, 05.5, 30.3 etc.

The quantity of indexing categories depends on the desired or necessary quantity of visual features of a distinct group of products.

With respect to the notes to indexing categories we think they should contain if necessary the limiting scope indication (what is included or not included in the indexing category). It's advisable to have if possible in the notes the examples for original or even extra ordinary products which are covered by the features defining these indexing categories. For instance "bean bags" in our opinion should be covered by 1.4 Stools (see also "pouffes") rather than by 4.1 Mattresses and cushions as it is in original proposal (see RU detailed comments, Annex 1). Notes should have unified wordings e.g. as they are in Locarno Classification "Including", "Not including". RU proposes to keep this wording throughout the search index.

If necessary notes could include cross references from one indexing category to the other.

Notes should not come in conflict with the notes to Locarno Classes/Subclasses.

The examples of products included in the notes should not be at variance with the LIST OF GOODS IN CLASS ORDER. In our proposal we tried to avoid it.

See the examples of products in 4.3 Booths and screens (under 4. OTHER

FURNITURE). "Fireplace screens" which are covered by Loc.Cl. 07-08

FIREPLACE IMLEMENTS should not be included in search index for Class 6 (see RU detailed comments, Annex 1).

We also believe it to be better as much as possible not to use polysemantic words for the terms of the indexing categories and notes thereto. For example we would prefer to avoid the term "crib" in **2.2 Cots and cribs** in the original proposal and instead of it to use the term "cradles".

Our modified proposal is not a revision of Locarno Classification but a searching system for the items covered by Class 6 associated with its subclasses.

According to the said above RU submits its modified proposal which is based on the original proposal "SEARCH INDEX CLFCCIFICATION FOR FURNITURE" and UK internal search system for Class 6.

RU modified proposal is enclosed (see Annex2).

