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BOIP wishes to maintain the group of classes actually listed in the Locarno classification. Nevertheless it could be suitable to examine the extension of the sub-classe and sub-sub-classe levels to be able to split the different product categories in relation with their different forms.

This extension could avoid having to change the classes of the products. We could simply extend this change to the sub-classes and sub-sub-classes or to both, by creating new sub-classes or sub-sub-classes.

In the future this system will allow more flexibility in case of changes and will be an open and flexible system particularly for the users when the registers will be made accessible online.

During this Meeting, it will be suitable to study the different proposals to see if there is any synergy between the different systems, in order to create a global system that suits all parties and is in the interest of all users.

Reminder of the suggestion made by the BOIP :

Chairs 06-01:

Legs: Four-legged *subclass 01*; with central leg *subclass 02*; with various legs *subclass 03*; Arm-rests: With arm-rests *subclass 04*; backed *subclass 05*; Seat shape: Square *subclass 06*; circular *subclass 07*; multiformed *subclass 08*; Accessories: On casters *subclass 09*; pivoting *subclass 10*; folding *subclass 11*.



Example: (cl. 6-01; s-cl 03; s-cl 05; s-cl 06)