

Service Marks are now registerable in Nigeria.

The Minister of Commerce, in exercise of the powers vested in him by virtue of Sections 42 and 45 of the Trade Marks Act and Regulation 5 of the Trade Marks Regulations, incorporated Service Marks into the classification of goods for purposes of registration of service marks in Nigeria.

Consequently, Applicants can now apply for registration of service marks in Nigeria in Classes 35 to 41. The Classification of Services under the Regulation are as follows:

- Class 35: Advertising and Business.
- Class 36: Insurance and Financial.
- Class 37: Construction and Repair.
- Class 38: Communication.
- Class 39: Material Treatment.
- Class 40: Education and Entertainment.
- Class 41: Education, providing of training entertainment, sporting and cultural activities.
- Class 42: Scientific and technological services and research and design relating thereto, industrial analysis research services, design and development of computer, hardware and software.
- Class 43: Services for providing food and drinks, temporary accommodation.
- Class 44: Medical services, veterinary services, hygienic and beauty care for human beings or animals, agriculture, horticulture and forestry services.
- Class 45: Legal Services, security services for protection of property and individual, personal and social services rendered by others to meet the need of individual.

Clients and Associates can now file applications for registration of their service marks which were hitherto protected under Class 16.