Glossary

Convergence of Class Headings

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CLASS HEADINGS CONVERGENCE PROJECT

This glossary explains what the **Words** used within the Project *mean:*

Acceptable term	*A term that is acceptable for classification purposes, i.e. a term that will be acceptable in a list of goods and services.*
Child	*Items in the hierarchy that have other items above them (i.e. parents) when talking about relationships. Can be both group titles and terms.*
Class heading	*A collection of Nice terms that indicate in a general manner the fields to which the goods and services in principle belong*
Class scope	*Acceptable group titles that together cover all goods or services in the harmonised database in a given class at a given time*
Database term	*A term that is acceptable for the database of goods and services (a.k.a. the Harmonized Database) and in accordance with the Rules of the Database as agree upon during Harmonization Workshops.*
General terms	*A general term is a broad term, which generally will be placed high up in the hierarchy, while terms that are more precise generally will appear in lower groups of the hierarchy.*
Group	*A collection of terms and other groups that share the same characteristics. A Group can be either or both a parent and/or child).*
Group title	*The title given to a group of items that describes all items within the group. Should if possible be an acceptable term.*
Harmonized Database	*The Database which contain the terms that have been agreed to always be acceptable classification terms by the participating offices.*
Nice Class heading	*See Class heading*
Parent	*Items in the hierarchy that have other items below them (i.e. children) when talking about relationships. All group titles are parents in relation to the contents of that group.*
Project objective	*The aim of the Working Group ("Find common understanding about the scope of a particular class and compile a list of classification terms that ideally cover all goods or services in a class, as far as we understand at that particular point in time + decide how this practice can be communicated and implemented")*
Working group	*All Offices and Organisations that are part of this Convergence Project.*

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Work package	*Tasks that contribute to the achievement of the Objective.* *There are 4 Work Packages in this Project:* *1: Developing a Common class practice* *2: Communication strategy* *3: Implementation strategy* *4: Analyse possible implications for the past (dependent on the outcomes from 1)*
Work package group	*A Sub-group of the Working Group assigned to a Work Package*
Specific terms	*A general term is a broad term, which generally will be placed high up in the hierarchy, while specific terms are more precise and generally will appear in lower groups of the hierarchy.*
Sub group	*A group that is a child of a (parent) group*
Sub-Group title	*The title of a group that is a child of a (parent) group*
Taxonomy	*A structure of groups of goods and services, sharing similar characteristics ordered into a hierarchy of general terms at the top (Parent) and specified terms at the bottom (Children)* *The Taxonomy allows a user to create a list that is comprehensive enough to cover everything he is interested in without being so broad to collide with another mark for goods and services in which he has no interest.*
Term	*Terms are the words or combination of words that are acceptable terms of goods or services in the harmonized database.*

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