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Approximately half of all direct EUTM applications at EUIPO are now fully classified automatically via the Harmonised Database (HDB) system.

The HDB contains goods and services terminology that has already been pre-approved by all national and regional intellectual property offices in the EU. Terms chosen from the HDB are automatically accepted at EUIPO.

This increases predictability for applicants, who can select terms from the HDB with the security of knowing that those terms will be accepted. For even greater predictability, applicants can check the [Similarity tool](#), which uses terms from the HDB, and which allows EUIPO customers to know how the Office will assess the degree of similarity between goods and/or services in ex-parte proceedings.

The HDB is integrated into EUIPO's own e-filing system and into [TMclass](#).