Classification of the Innovation and Competition Library

The library’s holdings are organised according to a classification system and are set up to be openly accessible. The classification covers geographic as well as subject areas. At the same time, the book’s position on the shelf is indicated.

Country and Country Group Code

Each book is assigned to a country or a country group respectively, whose legal system is treated herein extensively. The country codes consist of one to four letters of the (German) alphabet.

Examples of country codes:

D (Germany), Gr (Great Britain), F (France), Sp (Spain). Examples of country group codes:Bl (Benelux), Lam (Latin American countries), EL (developing countries).

The numbers I or II follow, which serve as an approximate scheme for the evaluation of the literature. Group I covers overall views, commentaries, legal texts, hand and text books. Group II covers monographs, dissertations, collected editions.

The literature on the primary areas of our Institute are marked as follows:

1. Patent, Utility Model, Inventor and Licensing Agreement Law. All reference numbers beginning with "1".
2. Trademark and Competition Law. All reference numbers beginning with "2".
3. Copyright, Publishing, and Design Model Law. All reference numbers beginning with "3".
4. Antitrust and Monopoly Law. All reference numbers beginning with "4".
Example:

D – I
1232

D  Country designation: Germany
I  Approximate classification: reference book
1  Patent law
232  Consecutive numbering

In addition, one can find holdings in literature on general fields of law for each country, which are designated through the following key letters:

A  Labor Law
B  Civil Law, Common Law and ancillary fields of law
BG  Bibliographies
D  Miscellaneous, books covering various subject areas
H  Commercial Law
IMR  Internet and Multimedia Law
L  Food, Wine and Pharmaceutical Law
S  Criminal and Procedural Law
V  Constitutional Law, Administrative and Administrative Procedural Law
Z  Law of Civil Procedure, Non-contentious Jurisdiction, Constitution of the Courts

Example:

Gr - II
L 33

GR  Country designation: Great Britain
II  Approximate classification monographs
L  Food Law
33  Consecutive numbering

Codes for specialised fields

In addition to literature on individual countries or groups of countries, the library holds books within the following subject areas:

DOK  Documentation; Law of Computer Sciences, Data Processing and Law
EC  Economics
HF  University Research
IPR  International Private Law
ISLAM  Islamic Law
IWR  International Economic Law
PH  Philosophy of Law
* within the subject areas, there is a distinction only between I and II.