

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 ¹

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

RV Comparative Law
TECH Technology and Natural Sciences
VR International Public Law

* within the subject areas, there is a distinction only between I and II.