How to use ApproveSpec to check an existing specification for compliant terms



This guide provides step-by-step instructions on how to use the ApproveSpec tool to check an existing specification for compliant terms.

By following these steps, you can easily navigate through the process of importing data, identifying the approved terms, finding replacements, and exporting the results.



Choose the jurisdiction you want to check compliance in.

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	64 COUNTRIES AVAILABLE		
	MOST POPULAR		
	Canada		
	China		
	European Union		
	United States		
	WIPO (Madrid)		

In Canada/USA and Australia you can import the specification direct from the IP office.

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		Language: E	nglish	

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	Canada
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	Import details from IP Office website: Yes O No
	Language: English
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7 The review page shows the trademark you've imported. If you're ready to proceed, click "NEXT"

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COUN	TRY & TRAD	EMARK DETAILS	
Count Trade Renew	ry : Canada mark : FOXS v date :	CUR Trademark number : 2166527 Owner : Language : English	
	CLASS	27 ITEMS TO CHECK FOR IPO APPROVAL	INFO / INSIGHTS
	9	COMPUTER HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICAL GOODS.	
		anti-intrusion alarms	
		control panels for security alarms	
		keypads for security alarms	
		security cameras	
		video surveillance cameras	
		electronic garage door openers	
		keycard-activated door locks	
	37	BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, INSTALLATION SERVICES	
		Installation, repair, and maintenance of fire alarms, some alarms, burglar alarms, security alarms, gas alarms, and carbon monoxide alarms	
		home security installation advisory services	
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8 Page 3 is the working page, here you can instantly see the IP office approved terms, marked with the flag icon.

As you can see, "security alarms" is not pre-approved by the Canadian IP Office.

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	ORIGINAL TERMS		/IENT APPROVE	ED TERM		INFO / INSIGHTS	QUICK FIXES (pre- approved)
	SOFTWARE, ELECTRONICS			hide all (17) 🔨			
	Fire alarms					(*)	
	fire alarm systems					(+)	
	smoke alarms					(+)	
	gas alarms					(+)	
	electronic burglar alarms					(+)	
	security alarms						
	electronic door alarms					(+)	
	electronic window alarms					(+)	
	digital door locks					(+)	
	door alarms					(+)	
	anti-intrusion alarms					(+)	
	control panels for security alarms					(+)	
	keypads for security alarms					(+)	
	security cameras					(+)	
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To find an approved replacement term, select the term and click "FIND REPLACEMENT".

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	Fire alarms	
	fire alarm systems	
	smoke alarms	
	gas alarms	
	electronic burglar alarms	
\checkmark	security alarms	
	electronic door alarms	
	electronic window alarms	
	digital door locks	
	door alarms	
	anti-intrusion alarms	
	control panels for security alarms	
	keypads for security alarms	
	security cameras	
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10 The popup shows potential replacement terms. All suggestions in both columns are approved by the IP office.

In this example there are some relevant amendments we can make by selecting the terms.

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(*) 20 IP Office pre-approved terms fou		personal security alarms	Computers	
	ORIGINAL TERMS	keypads for security alarms [<i>Already in spec</i>]	□ cameras	
	SOFTWARE, ELECTRONICS	control panels for security alarms	fire alarms [<i>Already in spec</i>]	
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	das alarms			
	electronic burglar alarms			_
	security alarms		telephones	- 1
	electronic door alarms		·	- 1
	electronic window alarms		theft alarms	
	digital door locks			
	door alarms		televisions	
	anti-intrusion alarms			
	control panels for security alarma		Computer hardware	

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		televisions	*) *)
	[Already in spec]		1SI
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		✓ burglar alarms	*) *)
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		telephones	*)
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		televisions	+) +)
rm		Computer hardware	+)
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11 When you've chosen your replacement terms, click "OK"

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arms	fire alarms [<i>Already in spec</i>]	(4)		
	burglar alarms	(+) (+)		
	🗌 radios	(*) (*)		
	telephones	 (*)		
	✓ theft alarms	 (*) (*)		
	televisions	 (+) (+)		
	computer hardware	 ((())		
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Now you can review your amendments and see the flag icon, indicating your changes are pre-approved. Once you've worked your way through the spec. repeating the replacement steps above – click"NEXT".

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		ORIGINAL TERMS	REPLAC	EMENT APPROVE	D TERM		INFO / INSIGHTS	QUICK FIXES (pre- approved)
	9	SOFTWARE, ELECTRONICS			hide all (17) \land			
		Fire alarms					(+)	
		fire alarm systems					(+)	
		smoke alarms					(*)	
		gas alarms					(+)	
		electronic burglar alarms					(*)	
		security alarms	personal	security alarms; burgl	lar alarms; theft alarms		(+)	
		electronic door alarms					(+)	
		electronic window alarms					(+)	
		digital door locks					(+)	
		door alarms					(+)	
		anti-intrusion alarms					(+)	
		control panels for security alarms					(+)	
-		keypads for security alarms					(+)	
	2	security cameras					(+)	
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13 The final page displays your specification in several formats:

- Original specification
- Marked up specification
- Final (clean) specification
- Table showing amendments

You can select and de-select at the top of the page, depending on what you'd like to export.

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YOUR SPECIFICATION						
ORIGINAL SPECIFICATION	Pre-approved goods and servic security systems; co	ces are shown in bold ontrol of building security	y systems; rental of secur	ity surveillance equipment, of	pening of door locks.	
MARKED UP SPECIFICATION						
Class 9	Fire alarms; fire alar alarms; digital door garage door openers	m systems; smoke alarm locks; door alarms; anti-ii s; keycard-activated door	is; gas alarms; electronic ntrusion alarms; control p locks.	burglar alarms; <u>personal</u> secu anels for security alarms; key	rity alarms; <u>burglar alarms; theft alarm</u> oads for security alarms; security cam	s; electronic door alarms; electronic window eras; video surveillance cameras; electronic
Class 37	Installation, repair, a repair of security loc	nd maintenance of fire al ks.	arms, some alarms, burg	ar alarms, security alarms, ga	s alarms, and carbon monoxide alarm	s; home security installation advisory services;
Class 42	Inspection of fire ala	arm, smoke alarm, burgla	r alarm, security alarm, ga	as alarm, and carbon monoxid	e alarm systems.	
Class 45	Alarm response and security systems; co	verification services; mo ontrol of building security	nitoring of fire alarms, sn systems; rental of securi	noke alarms, burglar alarms, s ty surveillance equipment; ope	ecurity alarms, gas alarms, and carbor ening of door locks.	n monoxide alarms; monitoring of home
FINAL SPECIFICATION						
Class 9	Fire alarms; fire alar alarms; digital door garage door openers	m systems; smoke alarm locks; door alarms; anti-ii s; keycard-activated door	is; gas alarms; electronic ntrusion alarms; control p locks.	burglar alarms; personal secu anels for security alarms; key	rity alarms; burglar alarms; theft alarm pads for security alarms; security cam	s; electronic door alarms; electronic window eras; video surveillance cameras; electronic
Class 37	Installation, repair, a repair of security loc	nd maintenance of fire al ks.	larms, some alarms, burg	ar alarms, security alarms, ga	s alarms, and carbon monoxide alarm	s; home security installation advisory services;
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ERM	IPO APPROVED	APPROVED AMENDMENTS
	yes	
	yes	personal security alarms; burglar alarms; theft alarms
	yes	
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14 Click "Export", choose your preferred format and you're done.

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AMENDMENT DETAILS							
	security alarms			yes	pers	SAVE TO MY SORTIFY	
	electronic door alarms			yes			
	electronic window alarms					SEND YOUR EMAIL	
	digital door locks			yes			
	door alarms			yes			
	anti-intrusion alarms			yes		DOWNLOAD WORD	
	control panels for security alarms			yes			
	keypads for security alarms			yes		DOWNLOAD XML	
	security cameras			yes			
	video surveillance cameras			yes			
	electronic garage door openers						
	keycard-activated door locks						
Class 37	Installation, repair, and maintenance of alarms, gas alarms, and carbon monoxi	Installation, repair, and maintenance of fire alarms, some alarms, burglar alarms, security alarms, gas alarms, and carbon monoxide alarms					