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Title: Trade mark filings by Class

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Information request:

How many UK trade marks applications and registrations (and International Registrations designating the UK) have been filed/registered in the following classes in the last 10 years, up-to the end of 2019?

- Class 29
- Class 30
- Class 31
- Class 32
- Class 33

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The figures for TM applications and registrations for each year are published in annual editions of our Facts & Figures and the attached four tables are compiled from the published figures, from 2009 to 2018 inclusive. The figures of domestic and International applications for 2009 to 2012 have not been included because prior to 2013 we counted only those figures of classes for published applications. If we ran a query now for all applications filed during those years we would not be able to guarantee accuracy, partly because of the changes to our system made in April 2013 and partly because of the difficulty in identifying which classes were applied for during each year and which classes were added at a later date.

As for the figures for 2019, they are exempt from disclosure for the time being under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act, which applies to information intended for future publication. S.22 is a qualified exemption which means we must consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in early disclosure. In this instance we are only mid-January and there may still be applications on paper not yet captured and period of grace (late payment) cases which are not yet on the system from the end of last year. Under the circumstances we do not think it would be in the public interest to release the figures for 2019 at this point.