1. Nonwarranty and conditions of use

No liability whatsoever will be accepted for the eCl@ss standard, its numbering system, keywords or property lists. This particularly applies to the use and any damage that may result from this. The classification in no way claims to be complete, particularly as it is subject to a continuous updating process due to the industry's innovation processes.

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2. General information about eCl@ss

Using a „common language", which is understandable for both man and machine, is mandatory for a successful electronic and automated communication.

With eCl@ss a common language is available: a global, cross-industry standard for classification and unambiguous description of products and services, which is conform to international and national standards. By using eCl@ss within the entire supply chain – from development to disposal - internal business processes as well as data exchange with business partners are optimized in a much more efficient way.

eCl@ss is developed by the association eCl@ss e.V., a non-profit organization, which is supported by ordinary and sponsoring members from companies, associations and institutions. Their common goal is to enhance eCl@ss in accordance with current and future market requirements as well as to promote its international use. Members of the eCl@ss association come from international companies from different industries (e.g. automotive, chemical and electrical engineering, utilities, service and trade).

You can find up-to-date information on http://www.eclass.eu.

3. Description of the files

The ZIP-file contains all relevant files for the class structure of the eCl@ss BASIC version in XML file format.

You can find a detailed description of the files and further information in the eCl@ss wiki:
http://wiki.eclass.eu/wiki/read_me

4. Support: Authorized eCl@ss IT Service Providers

During the introduction of eCl@ss, questions frequently occur on the concrete implementation of eCl@ss into various IT systems. Often not all questions can be answered with own resources, so that it turned out to be useful to access external know-how on some issues.

The authorized eCl@ss-service-providers and the eCl@ss e.V. support companies with consulting and offer software solutions for the introduction of eCl@ss in the company and thus sustainably promote the distribution of eCl@ss.

All service providers assigned with implementing tasks defined by the eCl@ss association, guarantee to observe the current rules, guidelines and requirements of the eCl@ss e.V. regarding the eCl@ss data model based on international standards.

All information concerning the eCl@ss-service-providers is available on www.eclass.de.

The individual service offers can be viewed on the following link:
http://wiki.eclass.de/wiki/Category:IT_Service_Providers