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New Tariff Numbers for 2017

1st January 2017

Revised Harmonised System Codes HS 2017

The new version of the Harmonized System (HS) Nomenclature entered into force on 1 January 2017. Developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO) and adopted in 1983, this is the Sixth Edition of this global standard, used by over 200 countries and Economic or Customs Unions (including the 154 Contracting Parties to the HS Convention) for classifying goods in international trade.

"Given the vital role this instrument plays in facilitating trade and in ensuring connectivity between trade actors, I would urge its speedy implementation by Customs and by the public and private sectors worldwide", said WCO Secretary General Kunio Mikuriya.

This is a significant amendment with the new 2017 edition of the HS Nomenclature including 5,386 six-digit subheadings compared to 5,205 in the 2012 edition. Though new numbers have been added perhaps the most difficult part of the change for compliance purposes is where the HS Code

remains in force but it no longer covers the same goods - this can very easily lead to incorrect customs declaration.

The HS amendments affect all countries' tariffs and apply to the first 6-digits of the commodity code. This means each country will be issuing a new national tariff. The EU has incorporated the HS 2017 changes in the new Combined Nomenclature (covering 8-digits) effective from 1st January 2017.

[CORRELATION TABLE HS 2012 TO HS 2017](#)

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It is vitally important companies assess their commodity codes/tariff numbers ASAP to prevent non-compliance. Remember significant changes to the tariff also has an impact on origin and preference rules and the qualification criteria under Free Trade Agreements. Please [contact us](#) if you require further information or guidance, you may also be interested in the following training courses

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