# HS Codes & Tariff Classifications



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# Fundamental for International Shipping

- A way to classify goods using a globally recognized system
- Importers and Exporters are responsible for correct classification (even if using a customs broker)



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# Harmonized System HS Code Tariff Classification



# **HS** Code

Country of Origin Value

Pre-shave, shaving or after-shave preparations, personal deodorants, bath preparations, depilatories and other deodorants, bath preparations, not elsewhere perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations, not elsewhere or specified or included; prepared room deodorizers, whether or specified or included; prepared room deodorizers, whether or not perfumed or having disinfectant properties:

Sheet pilling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched or sections, of iron or steel:

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3926.20.60

8416.20.00

= Resulting duty assessment

Other furnace burners, including combination burners Tools, tool bodies, tool handles, broom or brush bodies and 4417.00 handles, of wood; boot or shoe lasts and trees, of wood: 3926.20 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (including gloves, Aluminum reservoirs, tanks, material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), or 7611.00.00 exceeding 300 liters, whether or not lined or heat insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipme Aluminum reser. material (other than compressed or lique exceeding 300 liters, whether or not lined or heat insulated, but 7611.00.00 not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment

**WANTED AND SET USE OF THE CODE OF THE COD** 



Plastic rainwear, including jackets, coats, ponchos, parkas and slickers, featuring an outer shell of polyvinyl chloride plastic with or without attached hoods, valued not over

\$10 per unit

# What is a shoe?











1234.56.78.90

8466.00.00



8205.00.00



8240.20.10.00













#### **Tariff Codes and Product Classification**

- A globally recognized way to classify goods for exports and imports
- Developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO)
- Each country have their own system built on WCO standards

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General Rules
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Interpretation

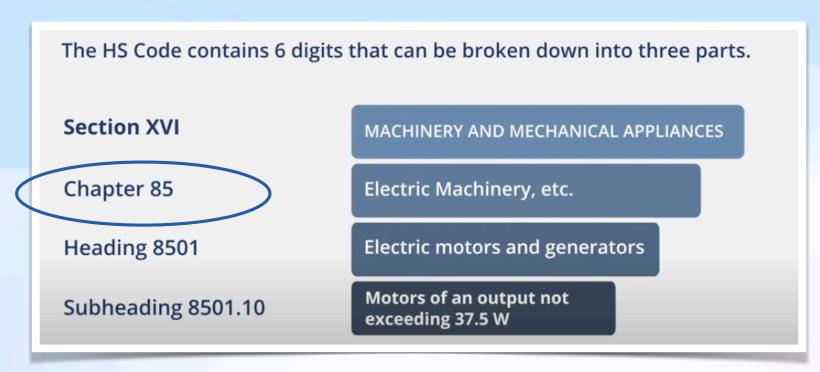




## **General Rules of Interpretation**

#### **First General Rule of Interpretation:**

The classification is based on the terms of the headings and any relative section or chapter notes. If the heading or notes do not expressly require a specific interpretation, the terms are to be taken in their usual trade sense.





# **General Rules of Interpretation**

Second Rule of Interpretation: Essential character

When goods consist of different materials or are made up of different components, classification is determined according to the material or component that gives the goods their essential character. If that cannot be determined, it is classified based on the material or component that comes first in the numerical order of the headings.

SCHEDULE B NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UOM
85.01	☐ Electric motors and generators (excluding generating sets):	
8501.10	$\oplus$ - Motors of an output not exceeding 37.5 W:	



SCHEDULE B NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	UOM
85.12	⊟ Electrical lighting or signaling equipment (excluding articles of heading 8539), windshield wipers, defrosters and demisters, of a kind used for cycles or motor vehicles; parts thereof:	
8512.40	$\hfill \Box$ - Windshield wipers, defrosters and demisters:	
8512.40.2000	Defrosters and demisters	No.
8512.40.4000	Windshield wipers	No.

Canada's Rules of Interpretation is included on Jet's blog on HS Codes

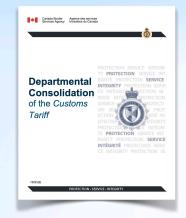


Canadian, USA and other countries HS Codes

The first 6 digits of Canadian and US HS codes are the global standard. The difference between HS codes is usually in the following digits. The additional digits are reserved for each country to assign as needed.

- In Canada: The Harmonized schedule Canadian Customs Tariff
- In the United States: The Harmonized Tariff Schedule is via the USHTS
- All countries publish their own versions







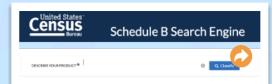
Links to Canada and USA full tariff schedules are on Jet's blog on HS Codes



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#### US Census Bureau Find a HS Code



















Singapore Customs: Find My Harmonised System Code

#### Taiwan



## Canada Export Development Corp



#### Vietnam



#### Chile



#### Malaysia







#### **Generic Harmonized System (GHS) to Canada**

Canada has a tariff classification process for qualified postal and courier imports. The system may be used in lieu of a more detailed classification. Some other countries offer similar options.

This gives the option to apply one of three generic Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN) tariff rates. Assessment on "special classification provisions" found in Chapter 98 of Canada's Customs Tariff.



GHS Tariff Structure				
Tariff Item	MFN Tariff	Preferential Tariff Treatment		
9825.10.00	20%	e.g. UST/MT/ CT - Free		
9825.20.00	8%	e.g. UST/MT/ CT - Free		
9825.30.00	0%	e.g. UST/MT/ CT - Free		



# **Advance Ruling**

Companies can request and advance ruling to confirm they are applying the correct HS code. This is particularly helpful for difficult classifications and for high value imports. It can protect against a post entry audit claiming otherwise. Most customs authorities offer this type of service.









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