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Part I. Brief Introduction to HS



- Harmonized System
- HS

Essence of HS Nomenclature

Structure of HS

- Sections
- Chapters
- Headings
- Subheadings

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Composition of HS

- Table of codes
- codes
- terms of headings
- notes
- general rules

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Classification

In light of the characteristics of commodities and the rules of classification, classify every import and export into its correct code based on HS



- Knowledge on the Commodities
- Methods of Classification

Methods of Classification

- Table of codes
- codes ?
- terms of headings√
- notes √
- general rules √

Part II: Classification Work of China Customs

Overview of HS Use in China

- Jan. 1, 1992: HS (Edition 2)
- Jan. 1, 1996: HS (Edition 3)
- Jan. 1, 2002: HS (Edition 4)
- Jan. 1, 2007: HS (Edition 5)

Nomenclature of Imports and Exports of China

- HS + Chinese subheadings
- + Chinese subheading notes

■ HS Nomenclature Chinese Nomenclature

Structure of Chinese Nomenclature

- Sections
- Chapters
- Headings
- Subheadings
- Chinese subheadings (the 7th- and 8th-digit subheadings)

Tariff Nomenclature

Chinese classification nomenclature

■ Tariff rates

Tariff nomenclature

Nomenclature of Statistics

Chinese classification nomenclature

Section 22

measuring units

Nomenclature of Statistics

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Roles of Classification in Customs Operations

- Classification and Duty Collection
- Classification and Statistics Compilation
- Classification and Customs Control
- Classification and Duty Reductions and Exemptions
- Classification and Other Matters

Legal Framework of Customs Classification

- The Customs Law
- Regulation of the PRC on Import and Export Duties
- Provisions of the PRC on Customs Classification of Import and Export Goods and Commodities
- Provisions of the PRC on the Customs Administration of Declaration of Import and Export Goods



- Classification rulings
- Classification decisions

Classification Quality Control

- Monitoring over classification
- Training in classification
- training for customs
- training for enterprises



- Customs Counseling
- Socialization of advance classification
- Online services



- 1. Every classification requires application of the general rules
- 2. Legal importance of Explanatory notes to HS
- 3. Status of imports and exports
- 4. Simplification of classification
- 5. Basic ideas of classification
- 6. Tiers of classification