

TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Product Classification According to the HTS of the U.S.



8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1-hour lunch and two 15-min breaks)
Reference book *Doing Your Duty: Product Classification HTSUS*

I. THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM CONVENTION

- Introduction & History
- Harmonized Structure and Convention Obligations
- Legal Text of Harmonized System
- Heading and Subheading Provisions
- Rates of Duty
- Amendment, Maintenance & Dispute Settlement

II. OVERVIEW OF HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE OF U.S.

- HTSUS Structure
- Chapters 98 & 99
- Amendment and Maintenance
- HTSUS Table of Contents
- Section and Chapter Notes
- Tariff Page
- Abbreviations for Units of Quantity
- Conversion Tables for Measures and Weights
- Deciphering a Tariff Page
- General Notes

III. THE EXPORT SCHEDULE B

- What is the Schedule B?
- Similarities and Differences between Schedule B and Harmonized Tariff Schedule
- Has the freight forwarder filed EEI and reported the proper Schedule B code?
- Census Bureau Classification Assistance, and Finding the Schedule B
- Controlling the Reporting of the Schedule B on the EEI
- Using the Schedule B or the HTS
- Tariffs in Other Countries

IV. CLASSIFICATION PROCESS

- Steps in Classifying your Product
- The General Rules of Interpretation (GRIs)
- Additional U.S. Rules of Interpretation
- Classifications of Parts

V. EXTRINSIC INTERPRETIVE AIDS

- Explanatory Notes, CBP Rulings & Opinions
- Informed Compliance Documents, Dictionary and Other Resources
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VI. DUTY DETERMINATION

- Column 1 and Column 2 Duties
- Overview of FTA's & Duty Preference Programs, and Paying Duties

VII. MECHANICS OF CLASSIFICATION

- Business Controls & Classification Process and Business Models for Classification
- Document the Classification Process
- HTS Database and Record Retention
- Who Should Classify?
- Classification Exercises