

Export Commodity Classification

Economic Indicators Division
International Trade Indicator
Micro Analysis Branch



Presentation Overview

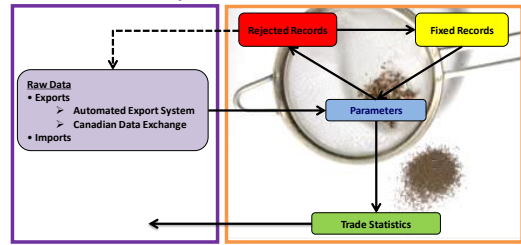
- Classification Matters
- The Harmonized System and Schedule B
- Classification Guidelines

www.census.gov/scheduleb

The screenshot shows the website interface with tabs for Main, About, Data, Outreach, AES, Regulations, Reference, Definitions, Schedule B, and FAQs. The main content area is titled 'Schedule B' and includes sections for 'Sections', 'Schedule B Search', and 'Browse'. A search bar is highlighted with a red circle.

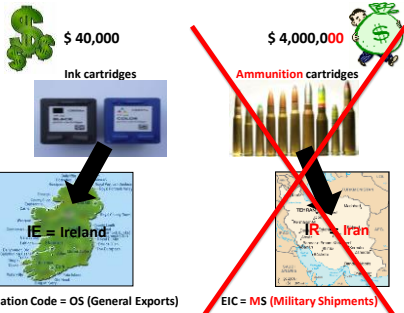
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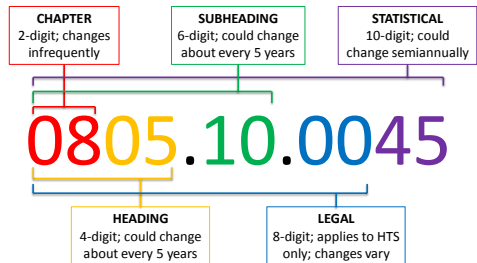
Potential Reporting Errors



Export Information Code = OS (General Exports)

EIC = MS (Military Shipments)

International Harmonized System and HS-based Classification



Schedule B vs. Harmonized Tariff Schedule

| Schedule B No. and Headings | Commodity Description | Unit of Quantity | Second Quantity |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|
| 92 | Musical Instruments; Parts and Accessories of Such Articles | | |
| 92.01 | Pianos, including player pianos; harpsichords and other keyboard stringed instruments: | | |
| 9201.10.0000 | Upright pianos | No. | |
| 9201.20.0000 | Grand pianos | No. | |
| 9201.90.0000 | Other | No. | |

| Heading/ Subheading | Stat. Eq. No. | Article Description | Unit of Quantity | Rates of Duty | |
|---------------------|---------------|---|------------------|---------------|--|
| | | | | General | Special |
| 9201.10.00 | | Pianos, including player pianos, harpsichords and other keyboard stringed instruments: Upright pianos. | | 4.7% | Free (A, AU, BH, CL, D, E, E.L., J, K, R, S, MA, MC, O, P, PE, SG) |
| | 05 | Used | No. | | |
| | 11 | Other: Containing a case measuring less than 111.76 cm in height. | No. | | |
| | 21 | Containing a case measuring 111.76 cm or more but less than 121.92 cm in height. | No. | | |
| | 31 | Containing a case measuring 121.92 cm or more but less than 129.54 cm in height. | No. | | |
| | 41 | Containing a case measuring 129.54 cm or more in height. | No. | | |

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Notice to Exporters and Nots List

- Notice to Exporters:** A list of codes where the Schedule B (export code) is more detailed than the HTS (import code). In these cases, the Schedule B must be reported in AES.

Notice to Exporters
hts.usitc.gov

- View
- Notice to Exporters

Nots List
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- Download
- Concordance files for AES Users
- HTS codes that are not valid for AES

Nots List Example

| HTS | |
|------------|--|
| 1209.30.00 | Seeds of herbaceous plants cultivated principally for their flowers..... |
| 10 | Petunia..... kg |
| 90 | Other..... kg |

On NOTS List

| Schedule B | |
|--------------|---|
| 1209.30 | -- Seeds of herbaceous plants cultivated principally for their flowers: |
| 1209.30.0010 | --- Petunia..... kg |
| 1209.30.0020 | --- Pansy..... kg |
| 1209.30.0080 | --- Other..... kg |

Must use one of these valid Schedule B codes

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General Rule of Interpretation 1

- The table of contents, index, and chapter titles offer guidance, but choose your **4-digit heading** based on the heading descriptions and section and/or chapter notes.

| Section I - Chapter 1 |
|---|
| Live Animals |
| Note |
| 1. This chapter covers all live animals except: (a). Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, of heading 0301, 0306, 0307 or 0308. (b). Cultures of micro-organisms and other products of heading 3002; and (c). Animals of heading 9508. |

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General Rule of Interpretation 2

- Applies to unfinished or disassembled goods, and mixtures and combinations:
 - Unfinished or disassembled goods are classified as the complete articles as long as they have the same essential character.
 - Mixtures and combinations are classified based on the essential character unless the mixture is specifically referenced.



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Essential Character

The essential character of a product is its **nature, purpose or function.**

Depending on the commodity, essential character may be determined by:

- Bulk
- Quantity
- Value
- Volume
- Weight



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Kit Example



Tire repair kit: Schedule B 8414.80.1685 – Portable air compressors under 0.57 cubic meters per minute

General Rule of Interpretation 3

3. For goods that can be classified in two or more areas:
 - A. Choose the heading with the most specific or detailed description.
 - B. Choose the heading that best describes the essential character.
 - C. Choose the last heading in numerical order.



| Heading | Description |
|---------|------------------|
| 1001 | Wheat and meslin |
| 1002 | Rye |
| 1003 | Barley |

General Rule of Interpretation 4

4. Classify under the heading of the most similar good.
(should be used infrequently)



General Rule of Interpretation 5

5. Containers:



- A. Specially fitted containers, such as cases for cameras or instruments, are not classified when they are shipped together with the goods.
- B. Disposable packing materials and containers, such as bubble wrap and cardboard boxes, are not classified when they are used for packaging.

General Rule of Interpretation 6

6. Choose your 6-digit subheading based on the descriptions and related notes, and paying attention to indents.

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 01.02 | ✓ - Live bovine animals: |
| | ✓ - - Cattle: |
| 0102.21 | - - - Purebred breeding animals: |
| | - - - - Dairy: |
| | - - - - Male |
| 0102.21.0010 | - - - - Female |
| 0102.21.0020 | - - - - Other: |
| | - - - - Male |
| 0102.21.0030 | - - - - Female |
| 0102.21.0050 | - - - - Other |
| 0102.29.0000 | ✓ - - - Other |



Additional U.S. Rule of Interpretation

1. Except where specifically noted, the following rules apply:



- A. End use is determined by use in the U.S. immediately prior to export.

- B. Goods that are specifically provided for in the Schedule B must be classified as such and not as "parts".



- C. Mixtures of two or more textile materials are classified first as the predominant material by weight, or last as the material covered by the last heading in numerical order.



Schedule B Search Tips

Schedule B Search Engine

DESCRIBE YOUR PRODUCT

Click here to watch an Export Training Video on how to Classify Your Commodity.

USA Trade Online (<http://usa.trade.gov>) is the official source of U.S. merchandise trade data, offers current and historical U.S. import and export statistics for the USA Trade Online.

- Find the right trade codes and essential statistics
- Explore market research and development
- Measure the impact of trade competition
- Use trade data as a critical resource for determining trade policies

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Tip #1: Use the ° and *

Schedule B Search Engine

DESCRIBE YOUR PRODUCT

The more information you provide about your product, the better.

For best results, describe your item first, then insert a comma and add additional attributes. For example:

"Pears, Frozen"

You can also search by HS code, by entering the number (or part of the number) directly into the product description field. For example:

"2005.13"

Finally, chemical substances can be searched both by proper name (e.g., Calcium Perchlorate) and by CAS number. To search by CAS number, type "CAS" followed by the number in the product description field. For example:

"CAS 13477-36-6"

For additional hints, please consult the Help Files.

Need more trade data? USA Trade Online click here

Tip #2: Know your goods' essential character

Here is What We Know About Your Fruit Jelly

Did You Mean Grape

Assumed Characteristics

Type: Other than confectionery

Tell Us More About

homogeneity: Please Select An Option

Homogenized

Other

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Homogenized

Other

For the purposes of subheading 1602.10, the expression "homogenized preparations" means preparations of meat, meat offal or blood, finely homogenized, put up for retail sale as infant food or for dietetic purposes in containers of a net weight content not exceeding 250 g. For the application of this definition no account is to be taken of small quantities of any ingredients which may have been added to the preparation for seasoning, preservation or other purposes. These preparations may contain a small quantity of visible pieces of meat or meat offal. This subheading takes precedence over all other subheadings of heading 16.02. For the purposes of subheading 2005.10, the expression "homogenized vegetables" means preparations of vegetables, finely homogenized, put up for retail sale as infant food or for dietetic purposes. In containers of a net weight content not exceeding 250 g. For the purposes of subheading 2007.10, the expression "homogenized preparations" means preparations of fruit, finely homogenized, put up for retail sale as infant food or for dietetic purposes, in containers of a net weight content not exceeding 250 g. (Source: Legal Notes, Chapter 16, SN 1)

Tip #3: Choose the best heading and subheading

Known Characteristics

homogeneity: Other than homogenized

source: Other than citrus fruit

Schedule B Legal Notes

Please read all 10-digit descriptions to find the one that best matches your product

U.S. Census Bureau - Foreign Trade Schedule B (2017)

Chapter 20
CHAPTER 20 - PREPARATIONS OF VEGETABLES, FRUIT, NUTS OR OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS

| SCHEDULE B NUMBER | DESCRIPTION | UOM |
|-------------------|--|-----|
| 20 07 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut puree and fruit or nut pastes, obtained by cooking, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter. | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> - Other | |
| 2007 99 | <input type="checkbox"/> - - Other | |

Tip #4: Drill down to your 10-digit code

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> - Other | |
| 2007 99 | <input type="checkbox"/> - - Other | |
| 2007 99 8000 | <input type="checkbox"/> - - - Pastes and purees | kg |

Tip #5: Read the related notes

SCHEDULE 03 Legal Notes

Highlight these terms: We found 0 results in the notes

SECTION IV
PREPARED FOODSTUFFS; BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND VINEGAR; TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES

Note

1 In this section, the term 'pellets' means products which have been agglomerated either directly by compression or by the addition of a binder in a proportion not exceeding 3 % by weight.

CHAPTER 20
PREPARATIONS OF VEGETABLES, FRUIT, NUTS OR OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS

Notes

1 This chapter does not cover:

- (a) vegetables, fruit or nuts, prepared or preserved by the processes specified in Chapter 7, 8 or 11;
- (b) food preparations containing more than 20 % by weight of sausage, meat, meat offal, blood, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates, or any combination thereof (Chapter 16);
- (c) bakers' wares and other products of heading 1905; or
- (d) homogenised composite food preparations of heading 2104.

[Heading 2002 and 2003 do not apply to fruit pellets that contain agglomerated pellets of 20 % by weight or more of sausage, meat, meat offal, blood, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates, or any combination thereof \(Chapter 16\).](#)