



Classification of goods and nomenclature of the Harmonized System

Course delivery formats: in person, on-line, blended

What are the practical challenges and opportunities for effective use of the Harmonized System (HS) as a unique way of identifying, coding and classifying goods in order to facilitate international trade and the application of trade and Customs regulations?

As government official or business representative you will have the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills required to better understand and apply the nomenclature for coding, description and classification of goods in international trade. We focus on the structure of the nomenclature of the Harmonized System and the related concepts, procedures and application, aiming to avoid misclassified entries and to use the Harmonized System in an effective, correct, uniform and consistent manner.

The course is **structured in 5 modules** that will take you through all the elements of comprehending all the practical and theoretical aspects of classification of goods and nomenclature of the Harmonized System.

Module 1 – Fundamentals of classification of goods and nomenclature of the Harmonized System

- Overview of the classification of goods and nomenclature of the HS
- Introduction to the nomenclature of the HS and the Customs Tariff
- Terminology used in the context of the classification of goods
- Summary of legislations related to classification of goods
- Synopsis and aims of the Harmonized System

Module 2 – The Harmonized System

- The Harmonized System Convention
- Commentary on the Harmonized System Convention
- Description and implementation of the HS
- HS and National Customs Tariffs
- HS and trade statistics

Module 3 – Classification of goods

- Elements of an effective, correct, uniform and consistent classification
- Classification infrastructure
- Classification procedures, processes, mechanisms and principles
- The General Rules of Interpretation of the HS
- Dispute settlement

Module 4 – Binding Classification/Tariff Information

- Legal basis
- Procedures for obtaining binding information
- Processes and procedures relating to binding information applications and decisions
- Legal effect of the ruling issued
- Procedure for appealing against binding information rulings

Module 5 – Challenges and opportunities of effective use of the HS

- HS-related WCO Recommendations
- Amending the HS – how can I influence the outcome?
- Rights of importers and exporters
- Application of the HS in other areas than Customs Tariffs and trade statistics
- Case studies and classification exercises

Language: English

Certification: After successful completion of the course you will receive a certificate of completion.

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