

Application of the Harmonized System General Interpretative Rules

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Reference Code: GIR2009-2
Time scheduled: 9.00 am - 6.00 pm (+3 hours of e-learning material)
Course Language: English
Location: WCO Headquarters - Brussels
Price (VAT excl.):* 1.850€ (1st participant) / 1.650€ (each extra participant)

* Price includes 3 hours of e-learning material, 2 days of on-site training in a group no larger than 24 participants, lunch & refreshments, a full documentation pack, and a WCO certificate.

* 21% VAT is applicable.

- ✓ **Explore** the core fundamentals of the Harmonized System and enhance your classification abilities,
- ✓ **Fully understand** the basic rules for classifying goods and legally justify your classification opinions,
- ✓ **Interact** with classification experts from the WCO and exchange experiences with a variety of industry colleagues,
- ✓ **Brief introduction** on the 2012 amendments to the HS nomenclature.

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Importers, exporters, manufacturers, customs brokers, clearing agents, consultants, and legal advisers will benefit from this course which focuses on the General Interpretative Rules of the Harmonized System. A basic understanding of classification issues is essential to profit fully from this training program.

TRAINING METHODS

The blended learning method combines e-learning modules followed by a face-to-face session for optimal learning results. E-learning modules will be completed at your own time and pace via the Internet.

The two-day face-to-face session will focus on presentations, interactive discussions and practical case studies. These expert-led sessions will equip participants with the skills needed in today's demanding business environment.

PROGRAMME

E-LEARNING MODULES

- General introduction to the Harmonized System :
 - Understand the principle of the HS Nomenclature.
 - How to use the rules and the legal notes relating to the application of the Harmonized System.

FACE-TO-FACE SESSION

- Introduction to the Harmonized System
- General Interpretative Rules with an emphasis on rules 1, 2 & 3
- Principles of goods put up in sets for retail sale
- Classification of composite goods

TRAINERS

Izaak WIND, Former Deputy Director (Harmonized System), WCO
Ed DE JONG, Technical Officer (Harmonized System), WCO

Enhanced knowledge about international Customs rules and standards enables the business community to respond more efficiently to the dynamics of the new global trade environment.

The implementation of the WCO tools contributes to build trade facilitation capacity. The expert training courses are the key to attain this level of excellence.

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Whether you are a novice or a specialist, this essential course will enhance your ability to classify goods with confidence.

IT'S BACK TO BASICS !

"Customs is instrumental in contributing to socio-economic development through revenue collection and trade facilitation for legitimate goods while providing increased security for the global supply chain and protecting society. In order to discharge these responsibilities in an efficient and harmonized manner, the customs community has developed, through the WCO, global customs standards and tools based on best practices from around the world."

Kunio Mukuriya
WCO Secretary General elect

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THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM IN A NUTSHELL

The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, better known as the Harmonized System or the HS, is one of the most successful trade facilitation instruments developed by the World Customs Organization. It is responsible for regulating approximately 98 % of all goods traded globally and is used by more than 200 countries and Customs or Economic Unions across the globe. The HS is widely recognised as the true "language of international trade".

ROLE OF THE WCO

The WCO manages this instrument, secures its uniform interpretation and application, and updates it to ensure that it reflects technological advances, changing trade patterns and development in security issues. This focused maintenance ensures that the HS continues to reflect the nature and structure of international trade. Given the important role played by the HS in today's trade environment, its administration and management is a key priority for the WCO.

GENERAL INTERPRETATIVE RULES

The Harmonized System incorporates a series of preliminary provisions codifying the principles on which the System is based and laying down general rules that are applied in hierarchical fashion to ensure its uniform interpretation. These rules form the foundation for classification as they enable goods to be simply and unequivocally assigned to a single heading (or subheading as the case may be) in the Harmonized System goods nomenclature. They therefore provide a step-by-step basis for the classification of goods.

E-LEARNING

The World Customs Centre of Learning's range of e-learning programmes dedicated to expanding your grasp of the Harmonized System, are designed to provide users with the necessary understanding of both core and key HS issues. And by means of practical goods classification exercises, users will be equipped with the necessary knowledge to expertly apply the HS Nomenclature with ease and with confidence. For optimal learning results it is recommended that participants complete e-learning modules prior to attending the face-to-face training sessions. Modules may be chosen according to your individual needs and may be done at your own time and pace via the Internet.

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