

# Application of the Harmonized System for High-Tech Products

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EXCLUSIVE**

**Reference Code:** HSHT2009  
**Time scheduled:** 9.00 am - 6.00 pm (+5 hours of e-learning material)  
**Course Language:** English  
**Location:** WCO Headquarters - Brussels  
**Price (VAT excl.):\*** 1.850€ (1<sup>st</sup> participant) / 1.650€ (each extra participant)

\* Price includes 5 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.

- ✓ **Gain** a greater understanding of the rules for classifying high-tech products in the Harmonized System (HS),
- ✓ **Become au courant** with the major changes in HS 2007 and their consequential effects on the classification of high-tech products,
- ✓ **Receive** first-class training from the World Customs Organization's experts and exchange experiences with fellow professionals,
- ✓ **Update** yourself on the latest issues arising from the application of HS 2007.

## PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Importers, exporters, manufacturers, customs brokers, clearing agents, consultants, and legal advisers will benefit from this course, which focuses on classification issues relating to high-tech products such as mobile phones, printers, computers, digital cameras, modems, etc.

While the preliminary e-learning modules will provide participants with a uniform level of knowledge on the Harmonized System prior to the face-to-face session, some experience with merchandise classification would permit an attendee to profit maximally from this training programme.

## 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 in advance, 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.

## PROGRAMME

### E-LEARNING MODULES

- General introduction to the Harmonized System
- Section XVI: Presentation on machinery and electronic equipment
- Chapter 84: Computers, printers and non-electrical machinery
- Chapter 85: Electrical machinery

### FACE-TO-FACE SESSION

- General rules for classification in the HS
- In-depth presentation on Section XVI and Chapter 90
- Review of important changes in classification in 2007
- Navigating the changes in the Legal Notes
- Simplification of classification in the 2007 HS
- Newly emerging classification issues

## TRAINERS

**Izaak WIND**, Former Deputy Director (Harmonized System), WCO  
**Ronald HELLER**, Technical Officer (HS), WCO

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**Are you aware of the major changes in 2007 for the classification of high-tech products under the Harmonized System? Which classification problems have been eliminated? What problems have recently emerged ?**

**CLASSIFY HIGH-TECH  
WITH CONFIDENCE !**

*"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

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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 instruments developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO). It is responsible for regulating nearly all goods traded globally and is used by more than 200 countries and Customs for Economic Unions across the globe. The HS is widely recognised as the "language of international trade".

## **HARMONIZED SYSTEM 2007**

Regular revisions since its inception in 1988 have ensured that the Harmonized System retains its status as an important instrument for international trade. The third major revision of the HS entered into force on 1 January 2007 and encompasses 354 sets of amendments, many of which reflect new trade terminology and technological progress. This version includes major changes in the classification of telecommunications equipment, copiers and printers, networking equipment, media, equipment for manufacturing semiconductors and flat panel displays, and many other goods.

## **ROLE OF THE WCO**

The WCO manages this instrument, amends it to secure its uniform interpretation and application, and updates it to incorporate the latest developments in trade, technology and security issues. This ensures that the HS continues to reflect the nature and structure of international trade. As the HS plays a key role in relations between Customs, international organizations and the private sector, its administration and management is a key priority for the WCO.

## **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. By means of practical 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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