

PREAMBLE

Since January 1, 1989, the Export and Import Permits Bureau (EIPB) has adopted the use of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) to classify and identify products as well as, to provide information concerning the import or export control of the product as described on the Import Control List (ICL) and for the export of textiles and apparel goods to the USA pursuant to the Free Trade Agreement. As a result, a concordance was developed between the HS and ICL and goods covered by the FTA. For this purpose a 14-digit coding scheme was perfected to identify these products.

Most products are identified by the first 10 digits of the HS followed by four zeros. However, some products like dairy products other for example, do not utilize the first 10 digits of the HS as the HS does not meet the coverage of goods described on the Import Control List.

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