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## General

### Introduction

The New Zealand Customs Service Working Tariff Document is a consolidation sourced from two legislative bases, namely the Tariff Act 1988 and the Customs & Excise Act 1996.

The First Schedule to the Tariff Act 1988 contains the legal Tariff and is the basis of the Working Tariff Document.

The Third Schedule to the Customs & Excise Act 1996 provides for the imposition of an excise tax on certain goods (for example—alcoholic beverages, tobacco, fuel). Such taxes are applied equally to such goods whether they be locally manufactured or imported.

The Working Tariff Document is published in two parts, namely:

### Part I—The Standard Tariff

The Standard Tariff is structured in terms of New Zealand's obligations as a signatory to the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System Nomenclature, commonly known as the Harmonised System Tariff (HS Tariff). The Nomenclature comprises the General Rules for the Interpretation of the Tariff, then numbered headings and subheadings covering all goods in international commerce. The HS arranges these divisions in systematic order under 21 Sections and 98 Chapters. Legal Notes at HS Section and Chapter levels support the nomenclature.

The General Rules for the Interpretation of the Tariff govern the operation of the whole Tariff; the Legal Notes define the scope of the Sections, Chapters, headings, and subheadings to which they apply. For the purposes of defining expressions of special significance in the New Zealand Tariff, additional Legal Notes have been inserted. These are distinguished from the Legal Notes of the H.S. Nomenclature by being headed separately, but their legality is in no way subordinate by reason of their New Zealand origin; they have been enacted as the First Schedule to the Tariff Act 1988.

In the Standard Tariff it has been necessary to show subdivisions under Nomenclature headings and subheadings to provide sufficient detail for duty or statistical purposes. The terms are defined in the Tariff Act 1988 as follows:

- “ ‘Tariff heading’ or ‘heading’ means a heading of the Standard Tariff (printed in bold type) being a heading of the Harmonised System established by the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System signed in Brussels on the 14th day of June 1983 and identified by 4 digits; and includes any modification or amendment thereof that may hereafter be made.
- “ ‘Tariff item’ means a Tariff item of the Standard Tariff identified by 8 digits; and includes a heading thereto so identified.
- “ ‘Tariff subheading’, or ‘subheading’, means a subheading appearing in the Standard Tariff and identified by 6 digits or not identified by any number.
- “ ‘Statistical key’ means the code number and unit identified by 2 numeric and one alphabetical digits shown under the heading ‘Statistical Key’ in the Standard Tariff and includes all the descriptions shown beside such numbers preceded by dots.”

To find the classification of particular goods, the appropriate heading must first be ascertained. The first step, under Rule 1, is to take account of the terms of any likely headings in which the goods could be classified; in many cases the Tariff Index or List of Section or Chapter Titles will assist in identifying the range of headings concerned. It is of equal importance at this stage to study the Legal Notes at the appropriate Section or Chapter levels since they may have a direct bearing on the final classification. If the goods comply with the terms of a particular heading (for example, as to the material from which they are made) and there is no Note to the contrary, classification in this heading follows.

Where goods cannot be classified as above (for example, if they consist of more than one material and cannot be classified by use of Rule 1) then, and only then, are Rules 2 to 4 used to determine the correct heading. It is important to note that the methods of classification provided by Rule 3 are to be used in the order in which they appear. Thus the question of deciding which material or component provides the essential character of composite goods (Rule 3 (b)) can be considered only after it has been decided that no heading provides the more specific description of the goods in question (Rule 3(a)).

If the correct heading is one which has been further subdivided, the appropriate subheadings and/or items thereunder must then be ascertained. Rule 6 sets out the manner in which goods are to be classified within a heading.

The statistical code should then be ascertained, again using Rule 6.

In brief, the order of classification is, firstly as between headings (that is, text printed in bold type) by use of Rules 1 to 4; then, within the selected heading, using the same Rules again under the authority of Rule 6, by reference to subheadings or items at the same level of indentation; then, using the same principles, ascertain the correct statistical code.

For ease of reference the different “levels” of subheadings, etc., are shown by the use of “dashes” and similarly the statistical key description subheadings, etc., are shown by the use of “dots”.

It should be mentioned that it has been necessary to add to the Rules derived from the Nomenclature to take account of certain conditions applicable to the New Zealand Tariff. Hence Rule 6 has been amended to include items and statistical keys (shown in italics). This, however, in no way affects its validity for all Rules form part of the legal Tariff.

As additional aids to classification there are available Explanatory Notes and Tariff Notes which supplement the Tariff in respect of the Sections, Chapters, headings, and subheadings of the Nomenclature and provide additional information regarding certain statistical headings and items of New Zealand significance. The Explanatory Notes and Tariff Notes do not form part of the Tariff but nevertheless represent the official view on the manner in which the provisions of the Tariff are to be interpreted.

The Customs and Excise Act 1996 puts the onus on the importer (or their agent) to ensure that goods are entered correctly. If there is any doubt in any particular case, inquiry should be made with the nearest office of the New Zealand Customs Service. Formal rulings on tariff classification are available from the Service’s National Tariff Advisory Unit (NTAU) based in Wellington. An application for such a ruling should be made, direct to the NTAU, on Form C7 (available from local Customs offices) and should be supported by full particulars of the nature, composition, and use of the goods. A sample of the goods to be classified would also facilitate the giving of a ruling.

## **Rates of Duty**

The Normal rates of duty published in the Working Tariff Document will be held at their 1 July 2009 levels until 30 June 2011. Preferential tariffs negotiated under Free Trade Agreements will continue to reduce in line with agreed commitments.

The % sign has been omitted in the duty columns. A number without any other qualification in these columns signifies that an ad valorem duty applies at the percentage rate signified by the number. Thus “15” means that duty is payable at a rate of 15 % of the Customs value of the goods concerned.

The Tariff provides two duty columns which are read as follows:

### ***Normal Tariff:***

- (i) These duties apply to goods from all countries except those goods entitled to be entered at Preferential Tariff duty rates.
- (ii) A date, e.g., 7/2009, shown within a tariff listing indicates that as from the 1st day of that month the corresponding rate of duty applies.

### ***Preferential Tariff:***

- (i) In this column rates of duty are prefixed with one of the under mentioned abbreviations, which represent a particular country or group of countries. Where the rate of duty of Free appears in this column by itself, however, goods being the produce or manufacture of Australia, Canada, LDC, LLDC, Pac, or Other Preferential Sources (OPS) countries only, shall be entered free of duty under the Tariff.
- (ii) Again, a date (e.g., 1/2009) shown within a tariff listing indicates that as from the 1st day of that month the corresponding rate of duty applies.

**AU** refers to goods entitled to be entered as the produce or manufacture of Australia.

**CA** refers to goods entitled to be entered as the produce or manufacture of Canada.

**CN** refers to goods entitled to be entered as the produce or manufacture of China. Note that, in some instances, a preferential rate for China does not apply immediately on entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement (on 1 October 2008). However, in such instances, because China will also continue to belong to the Less Developed Country group, goods imported from China which meet the requirements for LDC preference will qualify for the LDC rate listed in the ‘Preferential Tariff’ duty column. If there is no current preferential duty rate for China and the goods do not meet the requirements for LDC preference then the rate specified in the ‘Normal Tariff’ duty column will apply.

**GB** refers to goods entitled to be entered as the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

**LDC** refers to goods entitled to be entered as the produce or manufacture of Less Developed Countries. Unless otherwise stated, where a Less Developed Country has also entered into a bilateral or multilateral trade agreement with New Zealand, and provided that the goods meet the requirements for preference under any such agreement, the goods can be entered at either the appropriate rate of duty specified by the relevant trade agreement, or at the LDC rate if the goods meet the requirements for LDC preference.

**LLDC** refers to goods entitled to be entered as the produce or manufacture of Least Developed Countries.

**Pac** refers to goods entitled to be entered as the produce or manufacture of SPARTECA countries.

**TH** refers to goods entitled to be entered as the produce or manufacture of Thailand.

**TPA** refers to goods entitled to be entered as the produce of specified Parties to the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement. Brunei Darussalam and Chile are specified TPA Parties. Chile also belongs to the Less Developed Country group. Note – Singapore is not a specified TPA Party for the purposes of the Tariff Act 1988 and therefore goods the origin of Singapore do not receive TPA rates of duty. However, goods entitled to be entered as the origin of Singapore are entitled to be entered at the SG rate of duty shown in the Tariff. In determining whether goods are the origin of Singapore either the rules of origin derived from the Agreement between New Zealand and Singapore on a Closer Economic Partnership (ANZSCEP) or the rules of origin derived from the TPA may be used.

(iii) **OPS** (Other Preferential Sources) refers to goods entitled to be entered as the produce or manufacture of the following country:

**SG** – Singapore.

In the absence of Preferential Tariff rates, goods of Canadian, United Kingdom, and Less Developed Countries origin, are liable to duty at the rates specified in the “Normal Tariff” duty column.

## **Part II—Concessions**

Part II of the Tariff sets out sixteen concession categories under which the duty that would otherwise be levied under Part I may be reduced or waived. Notes 1, 2 and 3 to Part II set out the general concession authorities followed by two digit Concession Reference Numbers, which identify the types of duty concessions available.

### **Procedures**

Applications for Reference 99 concessions should be made on the Ministry of Economic Development form headed “Application For Tariff Concession Under Tariff Part II Reference 99”, which can be downloaded from the Ministry of Economic Development website. Applications, together with the appropriate fee, are to be lodged with Tariff Concessions, Ministry of Economic Development, PO Box 1473, Wellington 6140. A Guide for Applicants on the Reference 99 Tariff Concession Scheme can also be downloaded from the Ministry’s website.

Upon receipt, applications for Reference 99 concessions are notified in Tariff Concession (Advertisement) Notices in the *Customs Edition of the New Zealand Gazette* and on the Ministry of Economic Development website. A period of three weeks is allowed for submissions from any interested parties. Applications which have been granted or declined are likewise published in the *Gazette* and on the Ministry’s website.

At regular intervals, published decisions are collated and incorporated in the *Consolidated List of Approvals Relating to Part II of the Tariff of New Zealand*. These lists are available on subscription from: New Zealand Customs Service, Corporate Support, Private Bag 1928, Dunedin 9054, Email: [nzcs.publications@customs.govt.nz](mailto:nzcs.publications@customs.govt.nz)

Inquiries concerning goods admissible under other Concession References are to be made to the New Zealand Customs Service.

## Statistics

The statistical requirements are provided for in a separate statistical key (see the definition on page v) to each Tariff item. Each code number within this statistical key incorporates a computer “check” letter. Use of this format provides for the collection of New Zealand’s external trade statistics for both imports and exports.

The statistical key must be shown clearly and accurately on entries. The code number in the column beside the Tariff item number, the unit in the appropriate column, and a brief identification of the statistical description must appear in the “Description” column of the entry.

For entries presented electronically, Statistical Units may be in a format different to that set out in the Working Tariff Document (as from the First Schedule to the Tariff Act 1988). The following provides a concordance between the Tariff and the electronic systems:

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Tariff Code</i>	<i>CusMod Code</i>	<i>Tariff Ref. (Example)</i>
Bone Dry Unit	BDU of 1089.6 kg	BDU	4401.21.00.01G
Hundred	Hd	CEN	4817.10.00.00B
Dozen	doz	DZN	0407.00.00.01B
Gigajoule	GJ	GIG	99.75.50A
Gram	g	GRM	7106.10.00.00J
Hundred Boxes	HBx	HBX	3605.00.00.01E
Hank	hnk	HNK	0504.00.00.01D
Kilograms	kg	KGM	Various
Kilos of Tobacco Content	KTC	KTC	2402.10.00.02D
Litre Pure Alcohol	lal	LPA	2208.20.02.01J
Litre Motor Spirit	lms	LMS	2710.19.25 00A
Litre	l	LTR	2201.10.01.00C
Thousand	Th	MIL	2402.20.90.00L
Square Metre	m <sup>2</sup>	MTK	Various
Cubic Metre	m <sup>3</sup>	MTQ	4408.10.01.01B
Metre	m	MTR	Various
Number of Cells	Cl	NCL	8506.10.00.02F
Number	No.	NMB	Various
Number of Packs	pk	NMP	9504.40.01.00F
Number of Pairs	pr	NPR	Various
Number of Rolls	rls	NRL	4814.20.09.01G
Tonne	tne	TNE	Various

## Supplementary Units

In the excise areas of Chapter’s 22, 27, 38 and 99 (the Third Schedule), where duty is based on the ‘litres of alcohol’ or ‘litres of motor spirit’ present—a supplementary unit is required on the entry. In every situation where the Working Tariff Document requires a Statistical Unit of “lal” or “lms”, the entry should also state the Supplementary Unit “l” and its corresponding quantity. Comparison of the “lal”, “lms” and “l” figures will therefore permit identification of the strength of the product being declared.

## **Publications Relating to the Nomenclature and the Tariff**

The following publications issued by the World Customs Organisation (WCO) about the H.S. Nomenclature may be ordered from the WCO's website bookshop: [www.wcoomd.org](http://www.wcoomd.org) under bookshop.

1. *The Explanatory Notes to the Harmonised System*: These Notes describe the goods falling in each heading and, where appropriate each subheading of the Nomenclature, often giving details of their physical characteristics, method of production, and uses. In addition they include a commentary on the Rules of Interpretation and an explanation of the practical effects of the various Section and Chapter Notes.
2. *Alphabetical Index to the Harmonised System*: This lists in alphabetical order the articles and products mentioned in the headings, Legal Notes of the Tariff, or in the Explanatory Notes.
3. *Compendium of Classification Opinions*: This compendium consists of a numerical list set out in the order of the headings and subheadings of the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System (Harmonised System), of the Classification Opinions adopted by the World Customs Organisation.
4. *Harmonised System Commodity Data Base on CD-ROM*: This CD-ROM includes a comprehensive listing of over 200,000 products and commodities with their six digit HS codes. It also includes the HS Explanatory Notes and Classification Opinions.

## **Customs Entry Procedure**

The Customs and Excise Act 1996 requires that all goods imported or to be exported must be entered in such form and manner as may be prescribed before they are released from the control of Customs.

The Tariff Act 1988 determines the tariff classification of goods to be entered and the duty rate applicable on imported goods.

The form of entry may vary according to the value of the goods and the circumstances of their import or export. Details of this information may be found on Customs Fact Sheets 6, 6A, 7 and 7A on the Customs website ([www.customs.govt.nz](http://www.customs.govt.nz)) or obtained from any Customs office.

### ***Preparation of Entries***

Import and export entries for goods are required to be lodged with Customs electronically either via the internet or by EDI. A requirement of lodging entries electronically is that the person making the entry declaration must be registered with Customs. Details of becoming a registered user of the Customs computerised entry processing system may be found on Customs Fact Sheet 11.

### ***Information on Entries***

It is essential that information supplied on an entry is factually correct and complete. The statistical information provided on entries from imports and exports is used by Government to assist in determining New Zealand's economic position and provide industry with statistical summary reports on imported and exported goods.

The Customs and Excise Act 1996 provides for Administrative Penalties to be imposed on import entries that are materially incorrect and where an entry or omission on an entry has resulted in an under payment or under declaration of the duty payable. Errors or omissions that make an entry materially incorrect are subject to a penalty of \$50. Errors or omissions on an entry that result in under payment or under declaration of the duty payable, are subject to a penalty of either \$50 or an amount equal to 20 percent of the duty unpaid, whichever is the greater up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Entries requiring no further attention by Customs after lodgement are automatically cleared from the control of Customs pending the payment of duties. Importers may apply to Customs for a Deferred Payment Account subject to having a satisfactory credit rating (refer Customs Fact Sheet 17). Such accounts allow for importers to be invoiced once a month for all due revenue payments incurred in the month previous. Importers not holding a deferred payment account are required to pay all duties owing on a given import transaction prior to uplifting their goods.

### ***Entry Transaction Fees***

An Import Entry Transaction Fee of \$24.75 (incl. GST) is payable on:

- Every commercial import entry and import declaration for goods with a duty and/or GST liability of \$50 or more.
- Every private import declaration for goods with a value of \$1,000 or more and with a duty and/or GST liability of \$50 or more.

The biosecurity risk screening levy of \$4.00 (including GST) is collected by Customs on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) and this fee is added to the Import Entry Transaction Fee to make a total of \$28.75.

An Export Entry Transaction Fee is charged on every export entry lodged with Customs, including export entries for drawback. The fee is \$10 (incl. GST) when the entry is for goods being exported under a customs-approved Secure Export Scheme under section 53C of the Customs and Excise Act 1996, and \$14.25 (incl. GST) for other goods. Accounts for export entry transaction fees are sent monthly.

Further information on Entry Transaction Fees charged by Customs is available on Fact Sheet Number 7A—Goods Clearance Fees.

### **Measurement Equivalents**

The Tariff expresses measurements in terms of the metric system. The following conversion equivalents will be found useful for checking purposes but, even though taken to three or four decimal places, they are merely approximations and have no legal force.

<i>Metric—Imperial</i>		<i>Imperial—Metric</i>	
1 mm	.. 0.0394 in	1 in	.. 2.540 cm or 25.400 $\mu$ m
1 cm	.. 0.3937 in	1 ft	.. 30.480 cm or 0.3048 m
1 m	.. 39.3701 in or 1.0936 yd	1 yd	.. 0.9144 m
1 cm <sup>2</sup>	.. 0.1550 sq. in	1 sq. in	.. 6.4516 cm <sup>2</sup>
1 m <sup>2</sup>	.. 10.7639 sq. ft or 1.1960 sq. yd	1 sq. ft	.. 0.0929 m <sup>2</sup>
1 cm <sup>3</sup>	.. 0.06102 cu. in	1 sq. yd	.. 0.8361 m <sup>2</sup>
1 litre	.. 1.7598 pints or 0.2200 gal	1 cu. ft	.. 0.028 m <sup>3</sup>
		1 cu. yd	.. 0.7645 m <sup>3</sup>
		1 pint	.. 0.568 litres
		1 gal	.. 4.546 litres
		1 U.S. gal	.. 3.785 litres (0.832 68 Imp. gals)
1 g	.. 0.0353 oz	1 oz	.. 28.350 g
1 kg	.. 2.2046 lb	1 lb	.. 0.4536 kg
1 tonne	.. 0.9842 ton	1 central	.. 45.359 kg
		1 cwt	.. 50.803 kg
		1 ton	.. 1016.047 kg or 1.016 tonne
		1 short ton (2000 lb)	.. 0.907 tonne
1 b.h.p.	.. 745.7 W	1 W	.. 0.0013 b.h.p.
1 kJ	.. 0.9478 Btu	1 Btu	.. 1.055 kJ

## New Zealand Alphabetical Country List and Codes

The following is a full list of countries with their appropriate computer codes.

†AF	Afghanistan	*EG	Egypt
*AL	Albania	*SV	El Salvador
*DZ	Algeria	†GQ	Equatorial Guinea
AD	Andorra	†ER	Eritrea
†AO	Angola	EE	Estonia
*AI	Anguilla	†ET	Ethiopia
AQ	Antarctica	FO	Faeroe Islands
*AG	Antigua and Barbuda	*FK	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
*AR	Argentina	‡ *FJ	Fiji
AM	Armenia	FI	Finland
AW	Aruba	FR	France
AU	Australia	GF	French Guiana
AT	Austria	PF	French Polynesia
AZ	Azerbaijan	TF	French Southern Territories
BS	Bahamas	*GA	Gabon
BH	Bahrain	†GM	Gambia
†BD	Bangladesh	PS	Gaza Strip/Palestine/West Bank
BB	Barbados	GE	Georgia
BY	Belarus	DE	Germany
BE	Belgium	*GH	Ghana
*BZ	Belize	*GI	Gibraltar
†BJ	Benin	GR	Greece
BM	Bermuda	GL	Greenland
†BT	Bhutan	*GD	Grenada
*BO	Bolivia	GP	Guadeloupe
*BA	Bosnia–Herzegovina, Republic of	GU	Guam
*BW	Botswana	*GT	Guatemala
*BR	Brazil	†GN	Guinea
*IO	British Indian Ocean Territory	†GW	Guinea-Bissau
#BN	Brunei Darussalam	*GY	Guyana
*BG	Bulgaria	†HT	Haiti
†BF	Burkina Faso	*HN	Honduras
†BI	Burundi	HK	Hong Kong (Special Administrative Region)
†KH	Cambodia	HU	Hungary
*CM	Cameroon	IS	Iceland
CA	Canada	*IN	India
†CV	Cape Verde	*ID	Indonesia
KY	Cayman Islands	*IR	Iran, Islamic Republic of
†CF	Central African Republic	*IQ	Iraq
†TD	Chad	IE	Ireland
# *CL	Chile	IL	Israel
*CN	China, People's Republic of	IT	Italy
*CX	Christmas Island	*CI	Ivory Coast
*CC	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	*JM	Jamaica
*CO	Colombia	JP	Japan
†KM	Comoros, Islamic Federal Republic of	*JO	Jordan
*CG	Congo	KZ	Kazakhstan
†CD	Congo, Democratic Republic of the	*KE	Kenya
‡CK	Cook Islands	‡ †KI	Kiribati
*CR	Costa Rica	KP	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
*HR	Croatia, Republic of	KR	Korea, Republic of
*CU	Cuba	KW	Kuwait
CY	Cyprus	KG	Kyrgyzstan
CZ	Czech Republic	†LA	Lao, People's Democratic Republic of
DK	Denmark	LV	Latvia
†DJ	Djibouti	*LB	Lebanon
*DM	Dominica	†LS	Lesotho
*DO	Dominican Republic	†LR	Liberia
†TL	East Timor	*LY	Libya
*EC	Ecuador	LI	Liechtenstein

## New Zealand Alphabetical Country List and Codes—*continued*

LT	Lithuania	PM	St Pierre and Miquelon
LU	Luxembourg	*VC	St Vincent and the Grenadines
*MK	Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of	‡ †WS	Samoa
MO	Macau (Special Administrative Region)	AS	Samoa, American
†MG	Madagascar	SM	San Marino
†MW	Malawi	†ST	Sao Tome and Principe
*MY	Malaysia	*SA	Saudi Arabia
†MV	Maldives	†SN	Senegal
†ML	Mali	RS	Serbia
MT	Malta	*SC	Seychelles
‡MH	Marshall Islands	†SL	Sierra Leone
MQ	Martinique	SG	Singapore
†MR	Mauritania	SK	Slovakia
*MU	Mauritius	SI	Slovenia
YT	Mayotte	‡ †SB	Solomon Islands
*MX	Mexico	†SO	Somalia
‡ *FM	Micronesia, Federated States of	ZA	South Africa
MD	Moldova	GS	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
MC	Monaco	ES	Spain
*MN	Mongolia	*LK	Sri Lanka
ME	Montenegro	†SD	Sudan
*MS	Montserrat	*SR	Suriname
*MA	Morocco	*SZ	Swaziland
†MZ	Mozambique	SE	Sweden
†MM	Myanmar	CH	Switzerland
*NA	Namibia	*SY	Syria Arab Republic
‡NR	Nauru	TW	Taiwan
†NP	Nepal	TJ	Tajikistan
NL	Netherlands	†TZ	Tanzania, United Republic of
AN	Netherlands Antilles	*TH	Thailand
NC	New Caledonia	†TG	Togo
NZ	New Zealand	TK	Tokelau
*NI	Nicaragua	‡ *TO	Tonga
†NE	Niger	*TT	Trinidad and Tobago
*NG	Nigeria	*TN	Tunisia
‡NU	Niue	*TR	Turkey
*NF	Norfolk Island	TM	Turkmenistan
MP	Northern Mariana Islands	*TC	Turks and Caicos Islands
NO	Norway	‡ †TV	Tuvalu
*OM	Oman	†UG	Uganda
*PK	Pakistan	UA	Ukraine
‡ *PW	Palau	AE	United Arab Emirates
*PA	Panama	GB	United Kingdom
‡ *PG	Papua New Guinea	US	United States of America
*PY	Paraguay	*UY	Uruguay
*PE	Peru	*UM	US Minor Outlying Islands
*PH	Philippines	UZ	Uzbekistan
*PN	Pitcairn Islands	‡ †VU	Vanuatu
PL	Poland	VA	Vatican City State
PT	Portugal	*VE	Venezuela
PR	Puerto Rico	*VN	Vietnam
QA	Qatar	*VG	Virgin Islands, British
RE	Réunion	VI	Virgin Islands, United States
*RO	Romania	*WF	Wallis and Futuna Islands
RU	Russia	EH	Western Sahara
†RW	Rwanda	†YE	Yemen
*SH	St Helena	†ZM	Zambia
*KN	St Kitts–Nevis	*ZW	Zimbabwe
*LC	St Lucia		

## List of Section and Chapter Titles

### Section I

#### Live Animals; Animal Products

- 1 Live animals
- 2 Meat and edible meat offals
- 3 Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates
- 4 Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included
- 5 Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included

### Section II

#### Vegetable Products

- 6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage
- 7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers
- 8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons
- 9 Coffee, tea, maté and spices
- 10 Cereals
- 11 Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten
- 12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medical plants; straw and fodder
- 13 Lacs, gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts
- 14 Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included

### Section III

#### Animal or Vegetable Fats and Oils and Their Cleavage Products; Prepared Edible Fats; Animal or Vegetable Waxes

- 15 Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes

### Section IV

#### Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages, Spirits and Vinegar; Tobacco and Manufactured Tobacco Substitutes

- 16 Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates
- 17 Sugars and sugar confectionery
- 18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations
- 19 Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products
- 20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants
- 21 Miscellaneous edible preparations
- 22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar
- 23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder
- 24 Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes

### Section V

#### Mineral Products

- 25 Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement
- 26 Ores, slag and ash
- 27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes

**Section VI**  
**Products of the Chemical and Allied Industries**

- 28 Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes
- 29 Organic chemicals
- 30 Pharmaceutical products
- 31 Fertilisers
- 32 Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, pigments and other colouring matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks
- 33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations
- 34 Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, artificial waxes, prepared waxes, polishing or scouring preparations, candles and similar articles, modelling pastes, "dental waxes" and dental preparations with a basis of plaster
- 35 Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes
- 36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations
- 37 Photographic or cinematographic goods
- 38 Miscellaneous chemical products

**Section VII**  
**Plastics and Articles Thereof; Rubber and Articles Thereof**

- 39 Plastics and articles thereof
- 40 Rubber and articles thereof

**Section VIII**  
**Raw Hides and Skins, Leather, Furskins and Articles Thereof; Saddlery and Harness; Travel Goods, Handbags and Similar Containers; Articles of Animal Gut (Other Than Silk-Worm Gut)**

- 41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather
- 42 Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)
- 43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof

**Section IX**  
**Wood and Articles of Wood; Wood Charcoal; Cork and Articles of Cork; Manufactures of Straw, of Esparto or of Other Plaiting Materials; Basketware and Wickerwork**

- 44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal
- 45 Cork and articles of cork
- 46 Manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork

**Section X**  
**Pulp of Wood or of Other Fibrous Cellulosic Material; Recovered (Waste and Scrap) Paper or Paperboard; Paper and Paperboard and Articles Thereof**

- 47 Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard
- 48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard
- 49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans

## Section XI

### Textiles and Textile Articles

- 50 Silk
- 51 Wool, fine or coarse animal hair; horsehair yarn and woven fabric
- 52 Cotton
- 53 Other vegetable textile fibres; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn
- 54 Man-made filaments; strip and the like of man-made textile materials
- 55 Man-made staple fibres
- 56 Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof
- 57 Carpets and other textile floor coverings
- 58 Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery
- 59 Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use
- 60 Knitted or crocheted fabrics
- 61 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted
- 62 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted
- 63 Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags

## Section XII

### Footwear, Headgear, Umbrellas, Sun Umbrellas, Walking-Sticks, Seat-Sticks, Whips, Riding-Crops and Parts Thereof; Prepared Feathers and Articles Made Therewith; Artificial Flowers; Articles of Human Hair

- 64 Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles
- 65 Headgear and parts thereof
- 66 Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof
- 67 Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers; articles of human hair

## Section XIII

### Articles of Stone, Plaster, Cement, Asbestos, Mica or Similar Materials; Ceramic Products; Glass and Glassware

- 68 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials
- 69 Ceramic products
- 70 Glass and glassware

## Section XIV

### Natural or Cultured Pearls, Precious or Semi-Precious Stones, Precious Metals, Metals Clad with Precious Metal and Articles Thereof; Imitation Jewellery; Coin

- 71 Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin

## Section XV

### Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal

- 72 Iron and steel
- 73 Articles of iron or steel
- 74 Copper and articles thereof
- 75 Nickel and articles thereof
- 76 Aluminium and articles thereof
- 77 *(Reserved for possible future use in the Harmonised System)*
- 78 Lead and articles thereof

- 79 Zinc and articles thereof
- 80 Tin and articles thereof
- 81 Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof
- 82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal
- 83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal

### **Section XVI**

#### **Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment; Parts Thereof; Sound Recorders and Reproducers, Television Image and Sound Recorders and Reproducers, and Parts and Accessories of Such Articles**

- 84 Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof
- 85 Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles

### **Section XVII**

#### **Vehicles, Aircraft, Vessels and Associated Transport Equipment**

- 86 Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway or tramway track fixtures and fittings and parts thereof; mechanical (including electro-mechanical) traffic signalling equipment of all kinds
- 87 Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof
- 88 Aircraft, spacecraft and parts thereof
- 89 Ships, boats and floating structures

### **Section XVIII**

#### **Optical, Photographic, Cinematographic, Measuring, Checking, Precision, Medical or Surgical Instruments and Apparatus; Clocks and Watches; Musical Instruments; Parts and Accessories Thereof**

- 90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof
- 91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof
- 92 Musical instruments; parts and accessories of such articles

### **Section XIX**

#### **Arms and Ammunition; Parts and Accessories Thereof**

- 93 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof

### **Section XX**

#### **Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles**

- 94 Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated name-plates and the like; prefabricated buildings
- 95 Toys, games and sports requisites; parts and accessories thereof
- 96 Miscellaneous manufactured articles

### **Section XXI**

#### **Works of Art, Collectors' Pieces, and Antiques**

- 97 Works of art, collectors pieces, and antiques
- 98 Miscellaneous New Zealand Provisions
- 99 *(Reserved)*

## References to Certain Sections and Chapter Notes of General Application

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Where Reference is to be Found</i>	<i>Extent of Application</i>
Alcoholic strength .....	Chapter 22, Note 2 .....	Chapters 20, 21, 22
Alloys of base metal .....	Section XV, Note 5 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Artificial fur .....	Chapter 43, Note 5 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Composition leather .....	Chapter 41, Note 2 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Containers and contents .....	Chapter 22, NZ, Note 2 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Dried products .....	Section 1, Note 2 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Elastomeric yarn .....	Section XI, Note 13.....	Throughout the Tariff
Fine and coarse animal hair .....	Chapter 51, Note 1 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Furskins .....	Chapter 43, Note 1 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Glass .....	Chapter 70, Note 5 .....	Throughout the Tariff
High tenacity yarn .....	Section XI, Note 6 .....	Section XI
Horsehair .....	Chapter 5, Note 4 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Impregnated .....	Section XI, Note 11 .....	Section XI
Ivory .....	Chapter 5, Note 3 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Made up .....	Section XI, Note 7 .....	Section XI
Man-made fibres .....	Chapter 54, Note 1 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Metal clad with precious metal .....	Chapter 71, Note 7 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Parts of general use .....	Section XV, Note 2 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Parts of vehicles, etc. ....	Section XVII, Notes 2, 3 .....	Section XVII
Pellets .....	Sections II, IV, Note 1 .....	Sections II, IV
Plastics .....	Chapter 39, Note 1 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Polyamides .....	Section XI, Note 12 .....	Sections XI
Precious metal alloys .....	Chapter 71, Note 6 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Retail sale (yarn) .....	Section XI, Note 4(A) .....	Chapters 50, 51, 52, 54, 55
Rubber .....	Chapter 40, Note 1 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Sewing thread .....	Section XI, Note 5 .....	Chapters 52, 54, 55
Steel, stainless steel, alloy steel .....	Chapter 72, Note 1 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Stitch-bonded goods .....	Chapter 60, Note 3 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Twine, cordage, ropes and cables .....	Section XI, Note 3 .....	Section XI
Vulcanised fibre .....	Chapter 39, Note 1 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Wool .....	Chapter 51, Note 1 .....	Throughout the Tariff
Worked metal .....	Section XV, NZ, Note 1 .....	Chapters 72, 74, 76
Works of art .....	Chapter 97, Note 4 (a) .....	Throughout the Tariff
Yarns .....	Section XI, Subheading, Note 1 ....	Throughout the Tariff

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## Notes

### 1. General Rules for the Interpretation of Part I of the Tariff.

Classification of goods in Part I of the Tariff shall be governed by the following principles:

1. The titles of Sections, Chapters, and sub-Chapters are provided for ease of reference only; for legal purposes, classification shall be determined according to the terms of the headings and any relative Section or Chapter Notes and, provided such headings or Notes do not otherwise require, according to the following provisions:
2. (a) Any reference in a heading to an article shall be taken to include a reference to that article incomplete or unfinished, provided that, as presented, the incomplete or unfinished article has the essential character of the complete or finished article. It shall also be taken to include a reference to that article complete or finished (or falling to be classified as complete or finished by virtue of this Rule), presented unassembled or disassembled.  
(b) Any reference in a heading to a material or substance shall be taken to include a reference to mixtures or combinations of that material or substance with other materials or substances. Any reference to goods of a given material or substance shall be taken to include a reference to goods consisting wholly or partly of such material or substance. The classification of goods consisting of more than one material or substance shall be according to the principles of Rule 3.
3. When by application of Rule 2(b) or for any other reason, goods are, prima facie, classifiable under two or more headings, classification shall be effected as follows:  
(a) The heading which provides the most specific description shall be preferred to headings providing a more general description. However, when two or more headings each refer to part only of the materials or substances contained in mixed or composite goods or to part only of the items in a set put up for retail sale, those headings are to be regarded as equally specific in relation to those goods, even if one of them gives a more complete or precise description of the goods.  
(b) Mixtures, composite goods consisting of different materials or made up of different components, and goods put up in sets for retail sale, which cannot be classified by reference to 3(a), shall be classified as if they consisted of the material or component which gives them their essential character, insofar as this criterion is applicable.  
(c) When goods cannot be classified by reference to 3(a) or 3(b), they shall be classified under the heading which occurs last in numerical order among those which equally merit consideration.
4. Goods which cannot be classified in accordance with the above Rules shall be classified under the heading appropriate to the goods to which they are most akin.
5. In addition to the foregoing provisions, the following Rules shall apply in respect of the goods referred to therein:  
(a) Camera cases, musical instrument cases, gun cases, drawing instrument cases, necklace cases and similar containers, specially shaped or fitted to contain a specific article or set of articles, suitable for long-term use and presented with the articles for which they are intended, shall be classified with such articles when of a kind normally sold therewith. This Rule does not, however, apply to containers which give the whole its essential character;  
(b) Subject to the provisions of Rule 5(a) above, packing materials and packing containers presented with the goods therein shall be classified with the goods if they are of a kind normally used for packing such goods. However, this provision is not binding when such packing materials or packing containers are clearly suitable for repetitive use.
6. For legal purposes, the classification of goods in the subheadings, *items and statistical keys* of a heading shall be determined according to the terms of those subheadings, *items and statistical keys* and related Subheading Notes or *New Zealand Notes and, mutatis mutandis*, to the above Rules, on the understanding that only subheadings, *items and statistical keys* at the same level are comparable. For the purposes of this Rule the relative Section and Chapter Notes also apply, unless the context otherwise requires.

## 2. Terms, Abbreviations and Symbols

The following terms, abbreviations and symbols have the meaning shown opposite them.

AC	alternating current	kVAr	kilovolt ampere reactive
BDU	bone dry unit	kW	kilowatt
¢	cent	l	litre
cg	centigram	l al	litre of alcohol contained in a mixture
C1	number of cells	l ms	litre of motor spirit contained in a mixture
cm	centimetre	m	metre
cm <sup>2</sup>	square centimetre	m <sup>2</sup>	square metre
cm <sup>3</sup>	cubic centimetre	m <sup>3</sup>	cubic metre
cc	cubic centimetre	mg	milligram
°C	degrees Celsius	ml	millilitre
DC	direct current	mm	millimetre
\$	dollar	mN	millinewton
doz	dozen	MPa	megapascal
GJ	gigajoule	Pb	lead
g	gram	N	newton
g.v.w.	gross vehicle weight	No.	number
Hd	hundred	pk	number of packs
HBx	hundred boxes	pr	pair
hnk	number of hanks	%	percent
Hz	hertz	rls	rolls
IR	infra-red	SWG	standard wire gauge
kcal	kilocalorie	t	tonne
kg	kilogram	tne	tonne
kJ	kilojoule	Th	thousand
kN	kilonewton	UV	ultra-violet
kPa	kilopascal	V	volt
KTC	kilo tobacco content	W	watt
kV	kilovolt	x°	x degrees
kVA	kilovolt ampere		

■ — Or such higher rate of duty as the Minister may in any case decide.

.. — The use of this sign in the Preferential Tariff duty column, indicates that the duties payable under the Normal Tariff apply.

A number without any qualification in the “Normal Tariff” or “Preferential Tariff” duty columns signifies that an ad valorem duty applies at the percentage rate indicated by the number.

A month and year, e.g., 7/2009, shown against a duty rate indicates that as from the 1st day of that month the corresponding rate of duty applies.

The rate of duty of Free, appearing by itself in the Preferential Tariff duty column, means that the goods being the produce or manufacture of Australia, Canada, LDC, LLDC, Pac countries, Singapore, Thailand, or TPA countries are entered free of duty.