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Tariff Classification and HS Codes

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HS Code / Tariff Classification



It is the responsibility of the importer of record to use “reasonable care” to “enter,” “classify” and “value” the goods and provide any other information necessary to enable the CBP to assess the correct duties....

Product Description

Too broad

Car parts
Clothing
Sample
Gift
Furniture
Hardware
Spare Parts
Tools

Too specific

Widetgy
wonkey
Industrial
description

Just Right!

- Broad or common description that can be understood by a layperson
- Specific technical description
- Component materials
- Where goods were made
- Explain how the goods will be used



THANKS!



HTS

Harmonized Tariff Schedule | 2024 HTS Revision 3

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United States
International Trade Commission

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GENERAL RULES OF INTERPRETATION

Classification of goods in the tariff schedule shall be governed by the following principles:

1. The table of contents, alphabetical index, and 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:
 - (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 entered, the incomplete or unfinished article has the essential character of the complete or finished article. It shall also include a reference to that article complete or finished (or failing to be classified as complete or finished by virtue of this rule), entered 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 entered 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 entered 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 of a heading shall be determined according to the terms of those subheadings and any related subheading notes and, mutatis mutandis, to the above rules, on the understanding that only subheadings at the same level are comparable. For the purposes of this rule, the relative section, chapter and subchapter notes also apply, unless the context otherwise requires.



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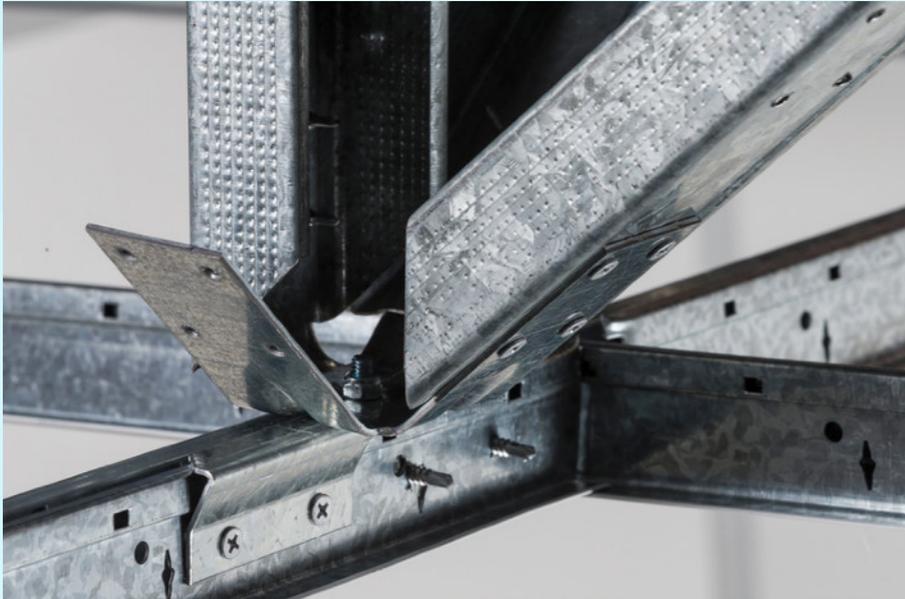
An air purifier from falls under heading 8421

Heading/ Subheading	Stat. Suf- fix	Article Description
8524		Flat panel display modules, whether or touch-sensitive screens: Without drivers or controls circuits
8524.11		Of liquid crystals:
8524.11.10	00	Flat panel display module; display modules for article 8528.59, 8528.69, 8528.7
8524.11.90	00	Other ^{3/4/}
8524.12.00	00	Of organic light-emitting diode
8524.19.00	00	Other

Heading/ Subheading	Stat. Suf- fix	Article Description
8421		Centrifuges, including centrifugal dryers; filtering or purifying machinery and apparatus, for liquids or gases; parts thereof: Centrifuges, including centrifugal dryers:
8421.11.00	00	Cream separators.....
8421.12.00	00	Clothes-dryers.....
8421.19.00	00	Other.....



Importing Product



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Source: <https://www.bracelok.com/gridlok-installed/4j9cnd79zfem0pw9vzvvgx4hkgqw7k3>

= HS code: 8302.41.6080

Classification

8302		Base metal mountings, fittings and similar articles suitable for furniture, doors, staircases, windows, blinds, coachwork, saddlery, trunks, chests, caskets or the like; base metal hat racks, hat-pegs, brackets and similar fixtures; castors with mountings of base metal; automatic door closers of base metal; and base metal parts thereof:
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8302.41.60		Of iron or steel, of aluminum or of zinc		3.9% 1/
		Suitable for interior and exterior doors (except garage, overhead or sliding doors):		
	15	Doorstops, chain door fasteners, door pulls, kick plates, door knockers and escutcheons	kg	
	45	Other	kg	
	50	For curtains, draperies and window shades	kg	
	80	Other	kg	

“The applicable subheading for the Right Angle Wall Bracket BC30 will be 8302.41.6080”

Source: https://rulings.cbp.gov/search?term=fly&collection=ALL&sortBy=DATE_DESC&pageSize=30&page=1

NY N335543

HS Codes and Tariff Classification

USA HS codes and WCO Standard

The first six digits of HS codes generally harmonize globally. The digits following the first six are reserved for country specific use. Note, these are general statements. Do not over rely on a foreign HS code to determine the US equivalent.

A thin film LCD display module falls under heading 8524: Flat panel display modules, whether or not incorporating touch sensitive screens.

Global Classification: 8524.11

US Classification: 8524.11.90.00

Heading/ Subheading	Stat. Suf- fix	Article Description
8524		Flat panel display modules, whether or not incorporating touch-sensitive screens:
8524.11		Without drivers or controls circuits
8524.11.10	00	Of liquid crystals: Flat panel display modules, other than flat panel display modules for articles of subheadings 8528.59, 8528.69, 8528.72 and 8528.73.....
8524.11.90	00	Other ^{3/4/}
8524.12.00	00	Of organic light-emitting diodes (OLED).....
8524.19.00	00	Other.....

Getting an Advance/ Binding Ruling



Information Necessary for an e-Ruling

Ruling requests must contain a complete statement of all relevant facts relating to the transaction including:

- The name, address, email address and phone number of the requesting party.
- The names, addresses, email addresses and other identifying information of all interested parties (if known) and the manufacturer ID code (if known).
- The name(s) of the port(s) in which the merchandise will be entered (if known).
- A description of the transaction; for example, a prospective importation (merchandise) from (country).
- A statement that there are, to the importer's knowledge, no issues on the commodity pending before CBP or any court.
- A statement as to whether advice has been sought from a CBP office; and if so, from whom, and what advice was rendered, if any.

Source: <https://www.cbp.gov/trade/rulings/eruling-requirements>

Important note: Countervailing (CVD) and antidumping rates (AD) of duty are becoming more common. The AD/ CVD - if applicable- is not always readily apparent in the tariff schedule. The best practice is to get a Binding Ruling prior to shipping or contact a Customs attorney.

HS Codes and Tariff Classification

FINDING AN HS CODE

- Review online resources and become familiar with the fundamentals
- Ask the seller (if exporting, confirm with the buyer)
- Consult with a customs broker or attorney
- Use AI to find an HS code? Not yet!
- **Ask for an eRuling (binding ruling) from US Customs**

The HTSUS is subject to periodic amendments. The text of the most recent HTSUS and the accompanying duty rates are provided at <https://hts.usitc.gov/current>

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