

Amended imports and exports classification list to take effect in 2019

The Customs and Excise Department today (November 16) reminded importers and exporters that import and export declarations for shipments on or after January 1, 2019, must be completed in accordance with the amended classifications made to the current edition of the Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonized System).

The amendments, published in the Gazette today, will take effect on January 1, 2019.

The amendments involve seven commodity items, including foodstuffs, chemical products, base metal and machinery. Another 11 commodity items involve amendments of the unit of quantity in Chinese.

These amendments will bring the classifications more in line with current requirements through the introduction and adoption of more appropriate sub-classifications.

Importers and exporters can obtain the amended list free of charge in the following ways:

(a) by downloading the list from the website of the Census and Statistics Department at www.censtatd.gov.hk/trader/declaration/index.jsp; or

(b) by calling the Import/Export Declaration and Cargo Manifest Enquiry Hotline of the Census and Statistics Department at 2877 1818.

Enquiries can be made to the Trade Classification Section of the Census and Statistics Department through the Commodity Code Enquiry Hotline at 3178 8933, by fax to 2824 2782 or by email to trade-declaration@censtatd.gov.hk.