

Amended imports and exports classification list to take effect in 2025

The Customs and Excise Department today (November 8) reminded importers and exporters that import or export declarations for shipments on or after January 1, 2025, must be completed in accordance with the amendments made to the Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonized System).

The amendments, published in the Gazette today, will take effect from January 1, 2025.

The amendments involve seven commodity items, namely animal products, plants, rubber tyres, iron and steel, automatic data processing machines, static converters and optical media.

These amendments will bring the classifications more in line with latest circumstances through the adoption of a more appropriate commodity sub-classifications and descriptions.

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

(1) by downloading the list from the website of the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) at www.censtatd.gov.hk/en/page_1364.html; or

(2) by calling the Import/Export Declaration and Cargo Manifest Enquiry Hotline of the C&SD at 2877 1818.

For enquiries about trade classifications, please contact the Trade Classification Section of the C&SD through the Commodity Code Enquiry Hotline at 3178 8933, by fax to 2824 2782 or by email to trade-declaration@censtatd.gov.hk.