

Your Partner For HTS and Schedule B Classification

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Accurate classification is the cornerstone of export & import trade compliance.

Harmonized classification is a fundamental legal reporting requirement for importers and exporters. It is the basis on which countries assess duties, taxes and other fees. It triggers other government agency oversight and is the foundation for demonstrating free trade agreement eligibility. An inaccurate classification program leads to regulatory intervention slowing your supply chain and resulting in unbudgeted duties and penalties. All of this undermines the success of your export or import program. Add to this, the classification process can be difficult.

Engage JD Goodrich & Associates for Classification

Classification is considered Customs Business. For importing purposes regulations allow the importer or a licensed customhouse broker to assign the codes. At JD Goodrich & Associates, a customhouse broker oversees all classification work. 19 CFR §111.1

Classification Warning Signs

Any of the following are considered higher risk classification behaviors:

- You don't have a corporate database.
- You use only a few codes for everything.
- Your Export & Import departments operate independently using different codes.
- You have no expertise on staff.
- You can't justify how, why and when you assigned codes.
- You are overly reliant on trading partners to assign codes.
- You ship goods without assigning a code.
- Trading partners routinely question your codes.
- Regulators dispute your numbers.
- You classify parts shipments using a single code.
- You use the numbers you have always used.

Classification Services

Allow JD Goodrich & Associates to help you develop a robust, and compliant corporate classification program.

Getting Started

- Learn the fundamentals of classification for your goods and services with a customized onsite workshop.
- Undergo a review of your process to identify classification risks and strengths in your company.

Develop Your Program

- Design your classification process
- Coach and develop internal staff to be independent and confident classifiers.
- Perform system-wide classification projects.
- Provide ad hoc classifications assistance.
- Draft classification ruling letters.
- Document policies and procedures.
- Review free trade agreements and other duty savings opportunities.