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Amendments to the HS Explanatory Notes and Classification Opinions

The European Commission has published a communication regarding changes to the Explanatory Notes of the Nomenclature and to Classification Opinions by the WCO's HS (Harmonised System) Committee (based on the report of the 50th session of the HS Committee).

The following product groups are affected by these changes:

- enzymes,
- rubber,
- felt,
- nonwovens,
- textile fabrics impregnated,
- rubberised textile fabrics,
- motor vehicles for persons or goods,
- air-conditioning machines,
- fruit or vegetable juice extractors
- food grinders and mixers,
- accessories for machines in heading 8469 to 8472,
- electromechanical domestic appliances,
- sugar products
- pharmaceutical products,
- solid-state non-volatile storage devices,
- medical instruments.

A Binding Tariff Information (hereafter referred to as BTI) issued by the relevant authorities in one of the EU Member States for products from the above listed groups ceases to be valid from the day the BTI becomes incompatible with the interpretation of the Customs Nomenclature according to the new Explanatory Notes.

What does it mean for you?

Your products from the above listed groups may need to be classified differently in the Customs Nomenclature as a result of the amended Explanatory Notes and Classification Opinions.

Should you have BTI's for products from the above listed groups, it may be that, due to said amendments, your BTI's cease to be valid.

What to do?

We suggest consulting the communication published by the European Commission ([2013/C 180/03](#)) and, if your

product would be subject to any of the changes, checking if the Customs Nomenclature should be interpreted differently in view of classifying that product.

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