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Communication of the European Union on the Explanatory Notes of the Nomenclature

The European Commission has published a communication regarding changes to the Explanatory Notes of the Customs Nomenclature done by 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,
- presses used for beverages,
- machines used for manufacturing food,
- 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: BTI) for products from aforementioned product groups ceases to be valid from the day the BTI becomes incompatible with the interpretation of the Customs Nomenclature as a result of the new Explanatory Notes.

What does it mean for you?

Your products from aforementioned product groups may need to be classified differently in the Customs Nomenclature as a result of the new Explanatory Notes.

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

What to do?

Consult the communication published by the European Commission (2013/C 180/03). The link to this publication can also be found in the related link section of this Customs Flash. When your product is subject to the changes, check if the interpretation of the Customs Nomenclature may now be different when classifying this product in the Nomenclature.

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