



AOCG Memo No. 416 - 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL DISTRICT and SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
 ALL CHIEFS, FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION
 AND FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION PERSONNEL

FROM : ~~ATTY. EDWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO~~
 Deputy Commissioner, AOCG

SUBJECT : TARIFF COMMISSION CIRCULARS/ADVANCE RULINGS
 (TCC/AR)

DATE : 5 July 2021

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1603 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (Republic Act 10863) and Section 4.9 of Commission Order No. 2017-1 (Procedure on Application for an Advance Ruling on Tariff Classification related to Importation of Goods), the Tariff Commission furnished copies of the Advance Ruling (AR) on Tariff Classification with Tariff Classification Circulars (TCC/AR) issued on 24 June 2021 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2017 AHTN CODE	2020 RATES OF DUTY
21-109	"CONDALAB EC MEDIUM ISO"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-110	"CONDALAB HAEMOPHILUS TEST MEDIUM"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-111	"CONDALAB KING A MEDIUM (PSEUDOMONAS P AGAR)"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-112	"CONDALAB KING B MEDIUM (PSEUDOMONAS F AGAR)"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-113	"CONDALAB LB AGAR (LENNOX)"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-114	"CONDALAB PHENOL RED DEXTROSE BROTH"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-116	"CONDALAB MYCOBIOTIC AGAR (FUNGAL SELECTIVE AGAR)"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-117	"CONDALAB TRYPTICASEIN SOY BROTH (TSB) EP/USP/ISO"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-120	"CONDALAB BACTERIOLOGICAL PEPTONE"	3504.00.00	MFN – 1% Ad Valorem

***Subject to submission of their corresponding CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (CO).**



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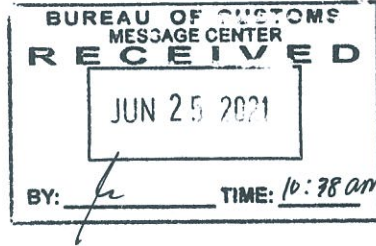
TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2017 AHTN CODE	2020 RATES OF DUTY
21-121	"CONDALAB EC WITH MUG FLUOROGENIC BROTH"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-122	"CONDALAB MIDDLEBROOK AGAR"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-124	"CONDALAB SIM MEDIUM"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
21-127	"CONDALAB TRYPTONE"	3504.00.00	MFN – 1% Ad Valorem
21-131	"CONDALAB STANDARD METHODS AGAR WITH POWDERED MILK APHA/ISO"	3821.00.10	MFN – 3% Ad Valorem
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For your information, guidance and strict compliance.

CC: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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TCOC Ref. No. 21-046

24 June 2021

COMMISSIONER REY LEONARDO GUERRERO
Bureau of Customs
Port Area, Manila



Dear Commissioner Guerrero:

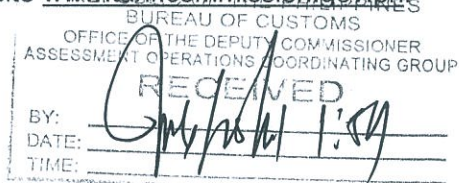
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1603(f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (Republic Act No. 10863) and Section 4.9 of Commission Order No. 2017-1 (Procedure on Application for an Advance Ruling on Tariff Classification Related to Importation of Goods), this Commission is pleased to furnish your good Office with PDF copies of fourteen Advance Rulings on Tariff Classification, with TCC (AR) Nos. 21-109, 21-110, 21-111, 21-112, 21-113, 21-114, 21-116, 21-117, 21-120, 21-121, 21-122, 21-124, 21-127 and 21-131 issued by this Commission on 24 June 2021. These Advance Rulings have also been posted on the Commission's website www.tariffcommission.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

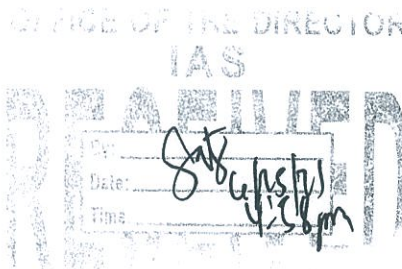
MariLou P. Mendoza
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MARILOU P. MENDOZA
Chairperson



Encl: As stated

cc: The Secretary
Department of Finance
Manila





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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
TARIFF COMMISSION

ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1 AHTN 2017 CODE AND 2021 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2 TCC (AR) NO.
AHTN 3821.00.10 MFN - 3% ad valorem	21-109
	3 DATE ISSUED
	24 June 2021

4 | **DESCRIPTION OF GOOD**

“CONDALAB EC MEDIUM ISO”

Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine clear beige powder. It is composed of enzymatic digest of casein, lactose, sodium chloride, potassium monohydrogen phosphate, bile salts No. 3, and potassium dihydrogen phosphate. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used in the water and food industries and in environmental monitoring for the selective identification of coliform bacteria and *Escherichia coli*.



5 | **REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION**

Heading 38.21 of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2017 covers prepared culture media for the development or maintenance of micro-organisms (including viruses and the like) or of plant, human or animal cells. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers various preparations in which bacteria, moulds, microbes, viruses, other micro-organisms and plant, human or animal cells required for medical purposes (e.g., for obtaining antibiotics) or for other scientific purposes or in industry (e.g., in the manufacture of vinegar, lactic acid, butyl alcohol) can find nourishment and multiply or in which they can be maintained. They are usually prepared from meat extracts, fresh blood or blood serum, eggs, potatoes, alginates, agar-agar, peptones, gelatin, etc., and often contain additional ingredients such as glucose, glycerol, sodium chloride, sodium citrate or dyes. Acids, digestive ferments or alkalis may be added to bring them to the required degree of acidity or alkalinity, etc. There are also other media, e.g., mixtures of sodium chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium sulphate, potassium hydrogensulphate, potassium aspartate and ammonium lactate in distilled water. They are usually in liquid form (broths), pastes or powders but may also be in tablets or granule form, and are sterilised and put up in sealed glass bottles, tubes, ampoules or tins.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2017 subheading 3821.00.10, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% ad valorem.

This ruling shall be valid for five (5) years from the date of issuance and shall continue to apply unless the law, facts, or circumstances supporting this ruling have changed.

FOR THE COMMISSION
Digitally signed
MariLou P. Mendoza
MARILOU P. MENDOZA
Chairperson

Note: In view of the Commission's adoption of a Work-From-Home Scheme in compliance with the Memorandum from the Office of the President (Community Quarantine over the Entire Luzon and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation) issued on 16 March 2020, this Advance Ruling is being issued without a dry seal, barcode, and hologram sticker. A COPY OF THIS RULING IS ALSO UPLOADED IN THE TARIFF COMMISSION WEBSITE.





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	AHTN 3821.00.10 MFN - 3% ad valorem		21-110
		3	DATE ISSUED
			24 June 2021

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	“CONDALAB HAEMOPHILUS TEST MEDIUM”
	<p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine beige powder. It is composed of Mueller Hinton base, bacteriological agar, yeast extract, hemin, and nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD). Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used for testing the antimicrobial susceptibility of <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>.</p>



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			24 June 2021

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	<p style="text-align: center;">“CONDALAB KING A MEDIUM (PSEUDOMONAS P AGAR)”</p> <p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine light-beige powder. It is composed of gelatin pancreatic digest, bacteriological agar, potassium sulfate, and magnesium chloride. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used in the water industry for the detection and differentiation of <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> from other <i>Pseudomonas</i> based on pyocyanin production.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
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4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD	<p style="text-align: center;">“CONDALAB KING B MEDIUM (PSEUDOMONAS F AGAR) ISO”</p> <p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine light-beige powder. It is composed of peptone mixture, bacteriological agar, dipotassium phosphate, and magnesium sulfate. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used in the water industry and in clinical study/diagnosis for the detection and differentiation of <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> among other <i>Pseudomonas</i> based on pyocyanin production.</p>
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4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	“CONDALAB LB AGAR (LENNOX)”
	<p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine beige powder. It is composed of bacteriological agar, tryptone, sodium chloride, and yeast extract. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used for the growth and maintenance of pure cultures of recombinant strains of <i>Escherichia coli</i> used in molecular microbiology procedures.</p>
	

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4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	“CONDALAB PHENOL RED DEXTROSE BROTH”
	<p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine pink powder. It is composed of casein peptone, dextrose, sodium chloride, and phenol red. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used for the differentiation of bacteria based on dextrose fermentation.</p> 
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4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	<p style="text-align: center;">“CONDALAB MYCOBIOTIC AGAR (FUNGAL SELECTIVE AGAR)”</p> <p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine beige powder. It is composed of bacteriological agar, dextrose, soy peptone, cycloheximide, and chloramphenicol. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used for the selective cultivation of fungal pathogens from diverse clinical samples and other materials contaminated with a mixed associated flora for clinical diagnosis/studies.</p>



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	<p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine beige powder. It is composed of pancreatic digest of casein, sodium chloride, and papaic digest of soyabean meal, among others. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used in microbiological laboratories for the cultivation of fastidious microorganisms such as <i>Pneumococci</i>, <i>Streptococci</i>, and <i>Neisseriae</i>.</p> 

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4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	“CONDALAB BACTERIOLOGICAL PEPTONE”
	<p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a bacteriological peptone in the form of a fine beige powder. It is a high-quality hydrolysate produced by the enzymatic digestion of animal tissues. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used as an ingredient in culture media.</p>
	

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4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	“CONDALAB EC WITH MUG FLUOROGENIC BROTH”
	<p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine beige powder. It is composed of tryptose, lactose, sodium chloride, and 4-methylumbelliferyl-β-D-glucuronide (MUG), among others. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used for the quick detection of <i>Escherichia coli</i> in water, food, milk, and other applications, using the membrane filtration technique.</p>



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4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	“CONDALAB MIDDLEBROOK AGAR”
	<p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine beige powder. It is composed of bacteriological agar, disodium phosphate, monopotassium phosphate, L-Glutamic acid, ammonium sulfate, and sodium citrate, among others. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used in clinical studies/diagnosis for the isolation and cultivation of mycobacteria.</p>
5	REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
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4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD
	“CONDALAB SIM MEDIUM”
	<p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine beige powder. It is composed of casein peptone, meat peptone, bacteriological agar, sodium thiosulfate, and ferric ammonium sulfate. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used for the identification and differentiation of <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> through sulfide production, indole formation, and motility.</p>
5	REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
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4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

“CONDALAB TRYPTONE”

Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a peptone in the form of a fine beige powder. It is a pancreatic digest of casein used as a source of amino acids and peptides, recommended for preparing culture media where enzymatic hydrolyzed casein is required. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used in the pharmaceutical, veterinary, and diagnostic culture media industries.



5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

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In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2017 subheading 3504.00.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 1% ad valorem.

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FOR THE COMMISSION
Digitally signed
MariLou P. Mendoza
MARILOU P. MENDOZA
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	<p>“CONDALAB STANDARD METHODS AGAR WITH POWDERED MILK APHA/ISO”</p> <p>Based on the product data sheet submitted, subject article is a dehydrated culture medium in the form of a fine beige powder. It is composed of bacteriological agar, enzymatic digest of casein, yeast extract, and skimmed milk powder, among others. Packed in 500-g plastic containers, subject article is used for enumerating microorganisms in dairy products.</p>
	
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