



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Finance
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
Manila 1099

AOCG Memo No. 058-2016

MEMORANDUM –

FOR : All District Collectors
SUBJECT : Tariff Commission Circulars
DATE : August 4, 2016

Attached herewith are copies of Tariff Commission Circulars (TCC) issued by the Tariff Commission for your information and reference in the classification of therein subject articles, summarized as follows:

TCC NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2012 AHTN CODE	RATE OF DUTY
16-173	"WINBACK®, MODELS: BACK 1S, BACK 3S AND BACK 3SE"	9018.90.30	MFN – 1% ad valorem
16-222	"XIRRUS® WI-FI ARRAY,, COMPLETE WITH ACCESSORIES, MODEL NO. XR-320"	8517.62.51	MFN – 0% ad valorem ATIGA – 0% ACFTA-0%
16-230	"PRE-STRESSED CONCRETE (PC) STEEL STRAND"	7312.10.91	MFN – 15% ad valorem ACFTA-0%

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

ATTY. VINCENT PHILIP C. MARONILLA
Officer-In-Charge
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group





REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
TARIFF COMMISSION

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Honorable Nicanor E. Faeldon
Commissioner
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Port Area, Manila

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1603 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (RA 10863), the Commission is pleased to furnish your good Office with copies of our classification rulings with TCC Nos. 16-173, 16-222 and 16-230, together with their respective brochures/technical literature, issued on 29 July to 01 August 2016.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MariLou P. Mendoza
MARILOU P. MENDOZA
Officer-in-Charge

Encl: As stated.

Cc: The Honorable Secretary
Department of Finance
Manila

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1	CLASSIFICATION	2	TCC NO.
	AHTN 9018.90.30 MFN - 1% ad valorem		16-173

3 DATE 29 July 2016

4 DESCRIPTION

“WINBACK® , MODELS: BACK 1S, BACK 3S AND BACK 3SE”

Based on the brochure submitted, subject articles are sets of high frequency medical diathermy devices consisting of TECAR machine, CET and RET (electrodes, probe and fix pad), return plate, flex cable, heat disk, elastic bands and user manual. These devices generate high-frequency current that raise the tissues' temperature (diathermy) which eliminates muscle spasm and fibrosis, improves venous and lymphatic reabsorption and relieves pain, among others. Simultaneously, these devices stimulate local blood flow and cell regeneration for faster healing. The therapist manages the heat intensity with the power output, and electrode movement speed and size. Their other specifications are as follows:

Model	Frequency (MHz)	Power Rating	Gross Dimension (cm) (L x W x H)	Gross Weight (kg)
BACK 1S	0.3 - 0.5	100 – 240 VAC, 1.0 A, 50/60 Hz	40 x 40 x 34	9
BACK 3S	0.3 - 0.5		50 x 50 x 114	30
BACK 3SE	0.3 - 1.0		50 x 50 x 114	30

5 HEADING 90.18
SUBHEADING AHTN 9018.90.30
CONSIDERED

6 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 90.18 of the 2012 ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) covers instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary sciences, including scintigraphic apparatus, other electro-medical apparatus and sight-testing instruments. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (ENs) state that this heading covers, among others, electro-medical apparatus for preventive, curative or diagnostic purposes, other than X-ray, etc., apparatus of heading 90.22. This group includes, among others, diathermy apparatus to treat certain diseases which require heat. These operate by the use of high-frequency (shortwave, ultrasonic, ultra shortwave, etc.) currents, and employ electrodes in a variety of forms (e.g., plates, rings, tubes).

In view thereof, subject articles are classified under 2012 AHTN subheading 9018.90.30 of the Code, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 1% ad valorem.

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This advance ruling is issued pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

FOR THE COMMISSION

MariLou P. Mendoza
MARILOU P. MENDOZA
 Commissioner

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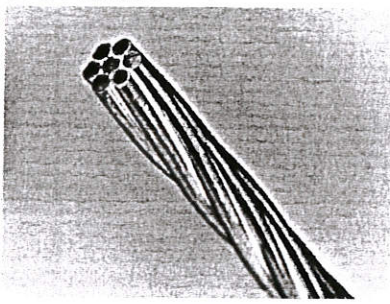
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1	CLASSIFICATION
	AHTN 7312.10.91 MFN - 15% ad valorem ACFTA - Zero

2	TCC NO.
	16-230

3	DATE 29 July 2016
4	<p>DESCRIPTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“PRE-STRESSED CONCRETE (PC) STEEL STRAND”</p> <p>Based on the brochure and sample submitted, subject article is a seven-wire prestressed concrete (PC) steel strand with 15.24 mm diameter and conforming to ASTM A416-2012 standards. Subject article is used in construction for prestressing concrete.</p> 
5	<p>HEADING 73.12 SUBHEADING AHTN 7312.10.91 CONSIDERED</p>
6	<p>REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION</p> <p>Heading 73.12 of the 2012 ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) covers stranded wire, ropes, cables, plaited bands, slings and the like, of iron or steel, not electrically insulated. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (ENs) state that the heading covers stranded wire (or wire strand) obtained by closely twisting together two or more single wires, and cables and ropes of all sizes which are in turn formed by twisting such strands together.</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under 2012 AHTN subheading 7312.10.91, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 15% ad valorem, and ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) rate of duty of zero, subject to the submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form “E”.</p>
7	<p>This advance ruling is issued pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863, otherwise known as the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FOR THE COMMISSION <i>Mariou P. Mendoza</i> MARILOU P. MENDOZA Commissioner</p> <p>Date Issued: 29 July 2016</p>