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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 : 19 September 2022

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 13 September 2022 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2022 RATES OF DUTY
22-165	"UNIO® B24 EXTRACTION SYSTEM"	8479.89.69	MFN – 1% Ad Valorem
22-223	"UNITAM METER"	8543.70.90	MFN – 1% Ad Valorem
22-227	"UNITAM COMBOX"	8517.62.59	MFN – Zero*
22-228	"TVM5 BASE UNIT"	8543.70.90	MFN – 1% Ad Valorem
22-231	"UNITAM 3: TVM5 LITE-BASE UNIT"	8543.70.90	MFN – 1% Ad Valorem

Subject to submission of their corresponding CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN (COs).

For information, guidance and strict compliance.

CC: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS



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TCOC Ref. No. 22-065

13 September 2022



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ACTING COMMISSIONER YOGI FILEMON I. RUIZ

Bureau of Customs
G/F OCOM Building
16th Street, South Harbor
Gate 3 Port Area, Manila

Dear **Acting Commissioner Ruiz**:

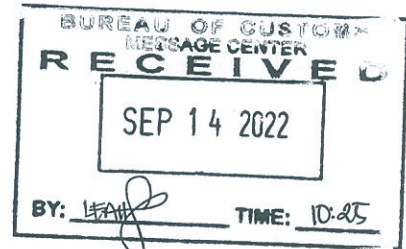
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Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MariLou P. Mendoza
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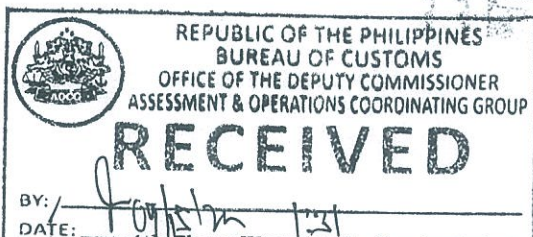
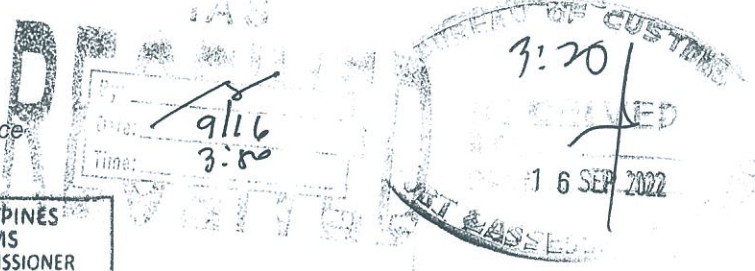
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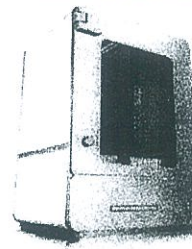
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TARIFF COMMISSION

ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 8479.89.69 MFN - 1% ad valorem		22-165
		3	DATE ISSUED
			13 September 2022

4	DESCRIPTION OF GOOD												
	“UNIO® B24 EXTRACTION SYSTEM”												
	<p>Based on the product’s user manual submitted, subject article is a robotic nucleic acids (DNA/RNA) extraction device capable of extracting up to 24 samples simultaneously from various biological sample materials (for example, whole blood, serum or plasma) using paramagnetic particles. Subject article automates the process of magnetic bead-based nucleic acid extraction method, reducing the time of the process and ensuring that the exact volumes of buffer and solution are used for prepared samples. An embedded touchscreen user interface is located at the bottom-front part to set up the desired protocols and for entering values for the desired elution and sample volumes. It has the following specifications:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Dimension (WxDxH)</td> <td>660 x 580 x 920 mm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net weight</td> <td>110 kg</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Power</td> <td>504 watts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operation capacity</td> <td>1 - 24 samples</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operation duration</td> <td>60 - 80 minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operation volume</td> <td>100 - 5000 µL</td> </tr> </table> 	Dimension (WxDxH)	660 x 580 x 920 mm	Net weight	110 kg	Power	504 watts	Operation capacity	1 - 24 samples	Operation duration	60 - 80 minutes	Operation volume	100 - 5000 µL
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5	REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION
	<p>Heading 84.79 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers machines and mechanical appliances having individual functions, not specified or included elsewhere in Chapter 84. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading is restricted to machinery having individual functions, which: (a) Is not excluded from this Chapter by the operation of any Section or Chapter Note; and (b) Is not covered more specifically by a heading in any other Chapter of the Nomenclature; and (c) Cannot be classified in any other particular heading of this Chapter since : (i) No other heading covers it by reference to its method of functioning, description or type; and (ii) No other heading covers it by reference to its use or to the industry in which it is employed; or (iii) It could fall equally well into two (or more) other such headings (general purpose machines).</p> <p>In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8479.89.69, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 1% ad valorem.</p> <p>This ruling shall be valid for five years from the date of issuance and shall continue to apply unless the law, facts, or circumstances supporting this ruling have changed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FOR THE COMMISSION <small>Digitally signed</small>  MARILOU P. MENDOZA Chairperson</p>



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1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 8543.70.90 MFN - 1% ad valorem		22-223
		3	DATE ISSUED
			13 September 2022

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

“UNITAM METER”

Based on the technical information submitted, subject article is an electronic device that registers, gathers, and transmits data such as television viewing time, channel being viewed, and viewer. Fitted with a graphic display, subject article has a battery, modem, and module that monitors the audio and video signals of the television/viewing device. Data input in the form of identification codes are gathered from the remote control (not included) and registered in the device. These codes are then transmitted/communicated to the base station. Subject article is a part of a system used for television research activity known as “TV ratings”.



5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 85.43 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers electrical machines and apparatus, having individual functions, not specified or included elsewhere in this Chapter. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers all electrical appliances and apparatus, not falling in any other heading of this Chapter, nor covered more specifically by a heading of any other Chapter of the Nomenclature, nor excluded by the operation of a Legal Note to Section XVI or to this Chapter. The principal electrical goods covered more specifically by other Chapters are electrical machinery of Chapter 84 and certain instruments and apparatus of Chapter 90.

Most of the appliances of this heading consist of an assembly of electrical goods or parts (valves, transformers, capacitors, chokes, resistors, etc.) operating wholly electrically. However, the heading also includes electrical goods incorporating mechanical features provided that such features are subsidiary to the electrical function of the machine or appliance.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8543.70.90, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 1% ad valorem.

This ruling shall be valid for five 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

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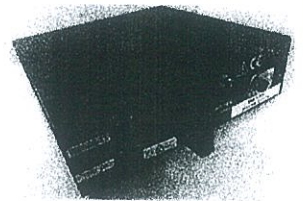
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1	AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY	2	TCC (AR) NO.
	AHTN 8517.62.59 MFN - Zero		22-227
		3	DATE ISSUED
			13 September 2022

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

“UNITAM COMBOX”

Based on the technical information submitted, subject article is an electronic device that collects and stores television viewing data from meters connected to household television sets. It also transmits the collected data to a remote server which collects statistical data on television viewing over a wide area. Transmission of data is via public switched telephone network (PSTN), 2G or 3G connection. Subject article has a frequency range of 900/1800 MHz.



5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 85.17 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, other apparatus for the transmission or reception of voice, images or other data, including apparatus for communication in a wired or wireless network (such as a local or wide area network), other than transmission or reception apparatus of heading 84.43, 85.25, 85.27 or 85.28. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers other communication apparatus. This group includes apparatus which allows for the connection to a wired or wireless communication network or the transmission or reception of speech or other sounds, images or other data within such a network.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8517.62.59, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero.

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

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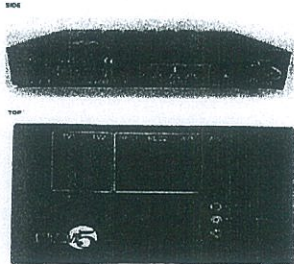
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1 AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY AHTN 8543.70.90 MFN - 1% ad valorem	2 TCC (AR) NO. 22-228
	3 DATE ISSUED 13 September 2022

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD														
“TVM5 BASE UNIT”														
<p>Based on the type approval certificate from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) and technical specifications submitted, subject article is an electronic device connected to a television, as part of a system designed to detect, collect, monitor, and transmit data on the viewing habits of a sample audience. It is programmed to record the duration, channel, and number of viewers at any given time. Being the core equipment of the system, it has the following specifications:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Processor</td> <td colspan="2">Texas Instruments Digital Signal Processor (DSP)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Memory (Mbit)</td> <td colspan="2">64 (RAM), 8 (flash), 1 (video RAM)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Input/Output (I/O) Unit</td> <td colspan="2">Programmable</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Power Supply</td> <td>External</td> <td>5 V, 3 A</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Battery</td> <td>3.7 V, 2200 mAh</td> </tr> </table> 	Processor	Texas Instruments Digital Signal Processor (DSP)		Memory (Mbit)	64 (RAM), 8 (flash), 1 (video RAM)		Input/Output (I/O) Unit	Programmable		Power Supply	External	5 V, 3 A	Battery	3.7 V, 2200 mAh
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