



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
MANILA

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CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM ORDER
NO. 28-95

TO : All Collectors of Customs
Chiefs, FED
Appraisers / Examiners
S G S
All Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Classification Scheme For Vermicelli

By authority of Section 608 of the TCCP, as amended and pending the development of a physically / chemically verifiable classification scheme for Vermicelli, the following instructions are hereby prescribed.

I. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To have uniform descriptions in the CRF and Examiner's Return of Vermicelli shipments
- 1.2 To facilitate gathering and publication of values for Vermicelli.
- 1.3 To prevent undervaluation thru the use of misleading descriptions.
- 1.4 To even-up the playing field among various importers of Vermicelli.

II. SCOPE

- 2.1 Vermicelli as used in this memo includes sotanghon, bean thread and similar other items.

III. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME

- 3.1 There shall only be four classifications of Vermicelli as follows :
 - 3.1.1 Pagoda Brand, Individual Packings. These are Pagoda brand Vermicelli in 1, 0.5, 0.25 0.10 & 0.005 kilo individual packs. The weight

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per pack & number of pack in the carton must be stated.

3.1.2 Pagoda Brand, Not Individually Packed. These are Pagoda Vermicelli in bags or cartons not individually packed as in 3.1.1 but contained in jute sacks normally 60 kgs. weight.

3.1.3 Non-Pagoda, Individual Packing. These are individually packed Vermicelli as in 3.1.1 but of brands different from Pagoda including no brands. The weight per pack & the number of packs per carton must be stated.

3.1.4 Non-Pagoda, Non-Individual Packing. These are not individually packed Vermicelli as in 3.1.2 except that they are of brands other than Pagoda to include no brands.

IV. CRF EXAMINER RETURN & PUBLICATION DESCRIPTION

4.1 CISS Inspectors, Customs Examiner and the VCL must describe Vermicelli following the above convention.

Example :

1. 100 MT Vermicelli, Pagoda Brand, 500 g x 50
 2. 100 MT Vermicelli, Non-Pagoda Brand (Dragon), 100 g x 250
 3. 100 MT Vermicelli, Non-Pagoda brand (Temple), Bulk Packing (60 Kg)
- 4.2 The Valuation Center and Library shall at least once every six (6) months publish value of Vermicelli following the above classification scheme. All Vermicelli values in the computer data bank as of this date must be moved from the current file to the historical file as soon as value following this classification scheme becomes available.
- 4.3 SGS shall provide the VCL with sources of information for Vermicelli following above classification.
- 4.4 For Customs Assessment purposes, non-pagoda brand Vermicelli must be valued at not less than 70% of the pagoda brand.
- 4.5 For Customs Assessment purposes, non-individually packed Vermicelli must be valued at not less than 90% of the 100 g x 25 individually packed Vermicelli.


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V. MODIFICATIONS

All comments, observations, recommendation received related to this classification scheme must be referred to the Commissioner of Customs (Attention : VCD) for immediate evaluation for possible inclusion in this CMO.

VI. EFFECTIVITY

This Order shall take effect immediately.


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Commissioner