

BUREAU OF CUSTO

MAKABAGONG ADUANA, MATATAG NA EKONOM

MEMORANDUM

TO

ALL DISTRICT and SUB-PORT COLLECTORS

ALL CHIEFS, FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION AND FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION PERSONNEL

FROM

ATTY. EQWARD JAMES A. DY BUCO

Deputy Commissioner, AOCG ...

SUBJECT

TARIFF COMMISSION CIRCULARS/ADVANCE RULINGS

(TCC/AR)

DATE

26 May 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 19 May 2022 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2017 AHTN CODE	2020 RATES OF DUTY
"MG D90 4WD"	8703.32.72	MFN – 30% Ad Valorem ACFTA – 5% Ad Valorem
"MG D90 2WD"	8703.32.75	MFN – 30% Ad Valorem ACFTA – 5% Ad Valorem
"DXN LINGZHI PINEAPPLE CAKE"	1905.90.40	MFN – 15% Ad Valorem ATIGA – Zero*
"NORTEK STATEPOINT LIQUID COOLING (SPLC) SYSTEM"	8419.50.10	MFN – Zero*
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TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2017 AHTN CODE	2020 RATES OF DUTY
22-042	"DAELIMPOLY UE400M	3902.30.90	MFN – 10% Ad Valorem AKFTA – Zero*
22-085	"FRIEND SHIP COFFEE VODKA"	2208.70.10	MFN – 10% Ad Valorem ATIGA – Zero*
22-094	"INSUCOAT RB"	3210.00.99	MFN – 7% Ad Valorem

For your information, guidance and strict compliance.

CC: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS







Tariff Commission

TCOC Ref. No. 22-039

19 May 2022



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 Rulings on Tariff Classification Related to Importation of Goods), this Commission is pleased to furnish your good Office with PDF copies of seven Advance Rulings on Tariff Classification, with TCC (AR) Nos. 21-334, 22-042, 22-085, 22-094, 22-096, 22-097, and 22-100, issued by this Commission on 19 May 2022. These Advance Rulings have also been posted on the Commission's website www.tariffcommission.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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MARILOU P. MENDOZA

Chairperson

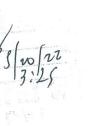
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cc: The Secretary

Department of Finance

Manila













Tariff Commission

ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

AHTN 2017 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 8703.32.72 MFN - 30% ad valorem ACFTA - 5% ad valorem

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	22-096
3	DATE ISSUED

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

"MG D90 4WD"

Based on the technical specifications submitted, subject article is a brand new, sports utility vehicle (SUV) imported completely built-up (CBU). It has the following specifications.

Engine cylinder capacity and fuel type	1,996 cc; diesel
Drive train	Four-wheel drive
Dimension (LxWxH) (mm)	5,005 x 1,932 x 1,875
Gross Vehicle Weight (kg)	3,100
Seating capacity	7 persons



5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 87.03 of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2017 covers motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers motor vehicles of various types (including amphibious motor vehicles) designed for the transport of persons; it does not, however, cover the motor vehicles of heading 87.02. The vehicles of this heading may have any type of motor (internal combustion piston engine, electric motor, gas turbine, combination of an internal combustion piston engine and one or more electric motors, etc.).

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2017 subheading 8703.32.72, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 30% ad valorem and ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) rate of duty of 5% ad valorem, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "E".

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

MARILOU P. MENDOZA

Chairperson









TARIFF COMMISSION

ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1 AHTN 2017 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 8703.32.75 MFN - 30% ad valorem ACFTA - 5% ad valorem

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	22-097
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In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2017 subheading 8703.32.75, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 30% ad valorem and ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) rate of duty of 5% ad valorem, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "E".

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FOR THE COMMISSION

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MARILOU P. MENDOZA
Chairperson









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1 AHTN 2017 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 1905.90.40 MFN - 15% ad valorem ATIGA - Zero

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	22-100
3	DATE ISSUED
	19 May 2022

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

"DXN® LINGZHI PINEAPPLE CAKE"

Based on the product ingredient declaration, product information sheet, manufacturing process flowchart, Certificate of Product Registration (CPR) from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), photograph of the product, and sample submitted, subject article is a baked pastry consisting of a crumbly and buttery crust with a sweet and tangy flavour of pineapple jam filling. It is made from pineapple jam, wheat flour, unsalted butter (milk), egg, icing sugar, and Ganoderma extract, among others. Subject article is packed in boxes containing 10 45-g pastries individually wrapped in aluminium foil pouches.



5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 19.05 of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2017 covers, among others, bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading includes, among others, pastries and cakes, containing ingredients such as flour, starches, butter or other fats, sugar, milk, cream, eggs, cocoa, chocolate, coffee, honey, fruit, liqueurs, brandy, albumen, cheese, meat, fish, flavourings, yeast or other leavening agents.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2017 subheading 1905.90.40, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 15% ad valorem and ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "D".

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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MARILOU P. MENDOZA Chairperson







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ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

AHTN 2017 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 8419.50.10 MFN - Zero

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	21-334
3	DATE ISSUED

19 May 2022

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

"NORTEK™ STATEPOINT LIQUID COOLING (SPLC) SYSTEM"

Based on the technical information submitted, subject article is an advanced hybrid evaporative cooler, designed specifically for datacenter applications, which uses outside air to cool process water. It consists of various air by-pass dampers, fanwalls, membrane exchangers, pumping modules, recovery coils, and water holding (bulk) tanks, among others. The heat transfer devices in the system are the recovery coils (standard finned-tube heat exchangers) and the StatePoint Exchangers (SPEX). Heated water flows from the datacenter's process cooling water (PCW) return line and through the recovery coils where it undergoes initial cooling. Water is further cooled using outside air by pumping it through the SPEX. The bulk tanks then hold the cooled water from the SPEX which will be pumped back to the datacenter's PCW supply line.

5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 84.19 of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2017 covers, among others, machinery, plant or laboratory equipment, whether or not electrically heated (excluding furnaces, ovens and other equipment of heading 85.14), for the treatment of materials by a process involving a change of temperature such as heating, cooking, roasting, distilling, rectifying, sterilising, pasteurizing, steaming, drying, evaporating, vaporising, condensing or cooling, other than machinery or plant of a kind used for domestic purposes. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers, among others, heating or cooling plant and machinery. This group covers plant of general use in many industries for the simple treatment of materials by heating, boiling, cooking, concentration, evaporation, vaporisation, cooling, etc. They include heat exchange units, in which a hot fluid (hot gas, steam or hot liquid) and a cold fluid are made to traverse parallel paths, but usually in opposite directions, separated by thin metal walls in such a manner that the one fluid is cooled and the other heated.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2017 subheading 8419.50.10, 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.

FOR THE COMMISSION

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MARILOU P. MENDOZA Chairperson



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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

TARIFF COMMISSION

ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

AHTN 2017 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 3902.30.90 MFN - 10% ad valorem AKFTA - Zero

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	22-042
3	DATE ISSUED
	19 May 2022

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

"DAELIMPOLY UE400M"

Based on the product composition statement, technical data sheet, material safety data sheet, manufacturing process flowchart, and third-party laboratory report submitted, subject article is a polypropylene block copolymer, containing by weight less than 95% polypropylene and more than 5% ethylene propylene rubber copolymer (EPR). It is in the form of pellets, with a melt flow index of 9 g/10 minutes at 230°C and a density of 0.9 g/cm³. Packed in 25-kg bags, subject article is used for injection molding of parts of electrical appliances, containers, and battery cases.

5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Note 4 to Chapter 39 of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2017 states that the expression "copolymers" covers all polymers in which no single monomer unit contributes 95% or more by weight to the total polymer content. For the purposes of this Chapter, except where the context otherwise requires, copolymers (including co-polycondensates, co-polyaddition products, block copolymers and graft copolymers) and polymer blends are to be classified in the heading covering polymers of that comonomer unit which predominates by weight over every other single comonomer unit.

The General Explanatory Notes to Chapter 39 state that block copolymers are copolymers composed of at least two connected polymeric sequence having different monomer unit compositions (e.g., a copolymer of ethylene and propylene containing alternating segments of polyethylene and polypropylene).

Moreover, Note 6(b) to this Chapter states that in headings 39.01 to 39.14, the expression "primary forms" applies only to blocks of irregular shape, lumps, powders (including moulding powders), granules, flakes, and similar bulk forms.

Heading 39.02 of the AHTN 2017 covers polymers of propylene or of other olefins, in primary forms.



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TCC (AR) NO. 22-042

5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2017 subheading 3902.30.90, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 10% ad valorem and an ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "AK".

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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MARILOU P. MENDOZA Chairperson





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Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1 AHTN 2017 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 2208.70.10 MFN - 10% ad valorem ATIGA - Zero

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	22-085
3	DATE ISSUED
	19 May 2022

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

"FRIEND SHIP® COFFEE VODKA"

Based on the list of ingredient percentage, manufacturing process flowchart, safety data sheet, product label, and photographs of the actual product submitted, subject article is a spirituous beverage with an alcoholic strength by volume of $\pm 19.75\%$ vol. It is in the form of a clear, caramel-colored liquid composed of water, distilled fermented molasses, sugar, instant coffee, natural caramel color, and synthetic flavor, among others. Subject article is marketed in 180-mL glass flasks, with a label containing the product name and information.



5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 22.08 of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2017 covers, among others, spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers, whatever their alcoholic strength, among others, liqueurs and cordials, being spirituous beverages to which sugar, honey or other natural sweeteners and extracts or essences have been added (e.g., spirituous beverages produced by distilling, or by mixing, ethyl alcohol or distilled spirits, with one or more of the following: fruits, flowers or other parts of plants, extracts, essences, essential oils or juices, whether or not concentrated). These products also include liqueurs and cordials containing sugar crystals, fruit juice liqueurs, egg liqueurs, herb liqueurs, berry liqueurs, spice liqueurs, tea liqueurs, chocolate liqueurs, milk liqueurs and honey liqueurs.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2017 subheading 2208.70.10, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 10% ad valorem and ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "D" (except for Indonesia, Malaysia, and Brunei).

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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MARILOU P. MENDOZA Chairperson











TARIFF COMMISSION

ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

AHTN 2017 CODE AND 2022 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 3210.00.99 MFN - 7% ad valorem

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	22-094
3	DATE ISSUED
	19 May 2022

4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

"INSUCOAT RB"

Based on the product data sheet, material safety data sheet, and component analysis submitted, subject article is a rubberized, cold-applied priming coat consisting of water, bitumen, bentonite, and modifier, among others. It is in the form of a highly viscous dark brown liquid emulsion packed in 9-kg, 14-kg or 19-kg pails, or in 180-kg drums. It is to be applied using a paint brush, a roller, or an airless spray gun on concrete foundations in contact with groundwater for general waterproofing and on a variety of surfaces, such as concrete, brick, and built-up roofing systems, as a protective coating.

5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

The Harmonized System (HS) General Explanatory Notes (EN) to Chapter 32 state that the chapter also includes colouring matter of vegetable, animal or mineral origin and synthetic organic colouring matter and most of the preparations obtained from these colouring matters (paints, ceramic colours, inks, etc.).

Heading 32.10 of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2017 covers, among others, other paints and varnishes (including enamels, lacquers and distempers).

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2017 subheading 3210.00.99, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 7% 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.

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