



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

AOCG Memo No. 058 - 20/6

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





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02 August 2016 CEIVE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AUG 02 2016 TIME: /2:15

Honorable Nicanor E. Faeldon Commissioner **Bureau of Customs** 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 Officer-in-Charge

Encl: As stated.

Cc: The Honorable Secretary Department of Finance Manila







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1	CLA	SSIFICATION
	AHTN 9018.90.30	MFN - 1% ad valorem

2	TCC NO.
	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,	40 x 40 x 34	9
BACK 3S	0.3 - 0.5	1.0 A, 50/60 Hz	50 x 50 x 114	30
BACK 3SE	0.3 - 1.0		50 x 50 x 114	30

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BACK 3

BACK 3







5 HEADING SUBHEADING CONSIDERED

90.18 AHTN 9018.90.30

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

Date Issuel: 01 August 2016

MARILOU P. MENDOZA

Commissioner





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1 CLASSIFICATION		ICATION	
	AHTN 8517.62.51	MFN – Zero	
		ATIGA – Zero	
		ACFTA - Zero	

2	TCC NO.	,
	16-222	

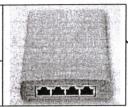
3 DATE 27 July 2016

4 DESCRIPTION

"XIRRUS® WI-FI ARRAY, COMPLETE WITH ACCESSORIES, MODEL NO. XR-320"

Based on the brochure submitted, subject article is a wall mounted wireless access point which provides connectivity between the local area network (LAN) and wireless devices or between multiple Wi-Fi equipped devices through multi-integrated access points. Its specifications are as follows:

Max Associated Devices	Max Wi-Fi Bandwidth (Gbps)	Chassis Dimensions (HxWxL)(mm)	Weight (lbs)	Integrated Antennas	Max VLANs
256	1.1//	26.8 x 86 x 150	1.0	4	52



5 HEADING SUBHEADING

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85.17 AHTN 8517.62.51

CONSIDERED

6 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 85.17 of the 2012 ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) provides for, 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 (ENs) state that this heading 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. They may be configured, for example, as public switched telephone networks, Local Area Networks (LAN), Metropolitan Area Networks (MAN) and Wide Area Networks (WAN), whether proprietary or open architecture.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under 2012 AHTN subheading 8517.62.51 with Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero and ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA) and ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "D" and "E", respectively.

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FOR THE COMMISSION

MARILOU P. MENDOZÁ

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Commissioner

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1	CLAS	SIFICATION
	AHTN 7312.10.91	MFN - 15% ad valorem
		ACFTA - Zero

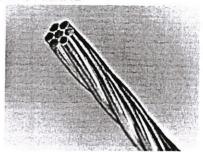
2	TCC NO.
	16-230

3 DATE 29 July 2016

4 DESCRIPTION

"PRE-STRESSED CONCRETE (PC) STEEL STRAND"

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.



5 HEADING SUBHEADING CONSIDERED

73.12 AHTN 7312.10.91

6 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

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.

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".

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