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## MEMORANDUM

**TO :** ALL DISTRICT and SUB-PORT COLLECTORS  
ALL CHIEFS, FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION  
AND FORMAL ENTRY DIVISION PERSONNEL

**FROM :** **ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN**  
Deputy Commissioner  
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG)

**SUBJECT :** **TARIFF COMMISSION CIRCULARS/ADVANCE RULINGS  
(TCC/AR)**

**DATE :** 14 September 2023

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 06 September 2023 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2023 RATES OF DUTY
23-678	"UNITED SHIHAO CTC 20%"	3003.20.00	MFN – 3% ad valorem ACFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
23-679	"CHLORTETRACYCLINE HYDROCHLORIDE 15%"	3003.20.00	MFN – 3% ad valorem ACFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*

For information, guidance and strict compliance.

**CC: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**



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TCOC Ref. No. 23-074

06 September 2023

**COMMISSIONER BIENVENIDO Y. RUBIO**

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

Dear **Commissioner Rubio**:

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 Ruling on Tariff Classification Related to Importation or Exportation of Goods), this Commission is pleased to furnish your good Office with PDF copies of two Advance Rulings on Tariff Classification, with TCC (AR) Nos. 23-678 and 23-679, issued by this Commission on 06 September 2023. These Advance Rulings have also been posted on the Commission's website [www.tariffcommission.gov.ph](http://www.tariffcommission.gov.ph).

Thank you.

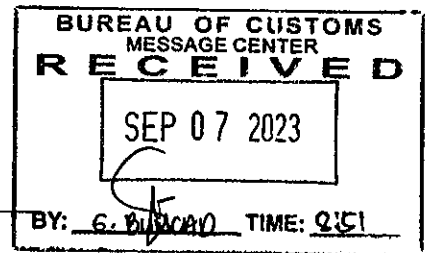
Very truly yours,

*MariLou P. Mendoza*  
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**MARILOU P. MENDOZA**  
Chairperson

Encl: As stated

cc: The Secretary  
Department of Finance  
Manila

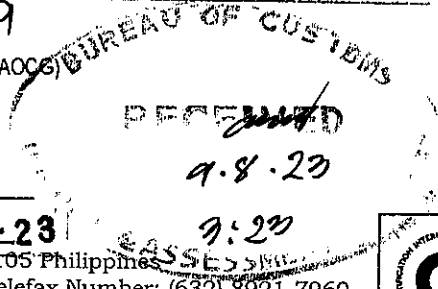


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# TARIFF COMMISSION

## ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

<b>1</b>	<b>AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2023 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>TCC (AR) NO.</b>
	AHTN 3003.20.00 MFN - 3% ad valorem ACFTA - Zero RCEP - Zero		23-678
		<b>3</b>	<b>DATE ISSUED</b>
			06 September 2023

**4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD**

**“UNITED SHIHAO CTC 20%”**

Based on the product specifications, manufacturing process, Certificate of Product Registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), product label, and photograph of the packaging submitted, subject article is an antibacterial feed premix, in the form of brown granules, containing 200 grams chlortetracycline hydrochloride (active ingredient) per kilogram of premix granules, and calcium carbonate (excipient). It is effective against both gram-positive and gram-negative pathogenic bacteria, including *Mycoplasma*, *Chlamydia*, and *Rickettsia spp.* It is also indicated for the treatment of infectious synovitis, chronic respiratory disease (CRD), and paratyphoid in poultry; leptospirosis, cervical abscess, necrotic enteritis, and bacterial pneumonia in swine; bacterial enteritis and bacterial pneumonia in cattle; and vibronic dysentery in sheep. Packed in 10-kg, 15-kg, 20-kg, and 25-kg bags, subject article is added to animal feeds at a rate of 0.5 to 3 kg per ton of feed for five to seven days.

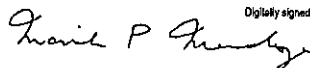
**5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION**

Heading 30.03 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail sale. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers medicinal preparations for use in the internal or external treatment or prevention of human or animal ailments. These preparations are obtained by mixing together two or more substances. The heading includes preparations containing a single pharmaceutical substance together with an excipient, sweetening agent, agglomerating agent, support, etc.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3003.20.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% ad valorem; ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA) rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form “E”; and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement rate of duty of zero, subject to submission of CO Form “RCEP” or Declaration of Origin (DO) issued by an Approved Exporter.

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

**Note:** In line with the Commission's objective to provide alternative mediums/channels of communication and to further enhance the accessibility of its frontline services to its stakeholders, this Advance Ruling is being issued in digital format, without a dry seal, barcode, and hologram, and is also uploaded in the Tariff Commission website. A hard copy thereof, accompanied by said dry seal, barcode, and hologram, may be issued upon request.





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**4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD**

**"CHLORTETRACYCLINE HYDROCHLORIDE 15%"**

Based on the product specifications, formulation, manufacturing process flowchart, Certificate of Product Registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), product label, and photograph of the packaging submitted, subject article is an antibacterial feed premix, in the form of brown to dark-brown granules, containing 150 grams chlortetracycline hydrochloride (active ingredient) per kilogram of premix granules, and calcium carbonate (excipient). It is effective against both gram-positive and gram-negative pathogenic bacteria, including *Mycoplasma*, *Chlamydia*, *Rickettsia spp.*, and *Tubercle bacillus*, and in the inhibition and treatment of dysentery, enteritis, pneumonia, typhoid, paratyphoid, and cholera in poultry, duck, swine, ox, and sheep. Packed in 10-kg, 15-kg, 20-kg, and 25-kg bags, subject article is added to animal feeds at a rate of 150 to 600 g per ton of feed for five to seven days.

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