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# REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS

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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 Commission

Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG)

SUBJECT

TARIFF COMMISSION CIRCULARS/ADVANCE RULINGS

(TCC/AR)

DATE

11 March 2025

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 07 March 2025 and the same having been reviewed and summarized as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2025 RATES OF DUTY
"FC GARLIC NAT / F2079405"	3302.10.30	MFN – 1% ad valorem
"BUTIPEARL™" /	2309.90.20	MFN – Zero ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
"PENTAVITIN®"	3824.99.99 /	MFN – 3% ad valorem
"BAJAJ PULSAR N160"	8711.20.94	MFN – 30% ad valorem AIFTA – 30% ad / valorem*
	ARTICLES  "FC GARLIC NAT / F2079405"  "BUTIPEARL™" /  "PENTAVITIN®"	### CODE  "FC GARLIC NAT   3302.10.30  "BUTIPEARL™"   2309.90.20  "PENTAVITIN®"   3824.99.99



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TCC. NO.	DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	2022 AHTN CODE	2025 RATES OF DUTY
25-0049	"BAJAJ DOMINAR 400"/	8711.30.90 <sup>/</sup>	MFN – 30% ad valorem AIFTA – 5% ad / valorem*
25-0063	"CASCADE / RECTANGULAR ANTI- SLIP BATHMAT"	3924.90.90	MFN – 15% ad valorem ACFTA – Zero* RCEP – 15% ad valorem*
25-0067	"WORLDCLASS PVC WALL CLADDING, MT. / EVEREST FLUTE"	3925.90.00	MFN – 15% ad valorem ACFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
25-0069	"CONCENZYME"	3507.90.00	MFN – 3% ad valorem ATIGA – Zero* AANZFTA – Zero* ACFTA – Zero* AHKFTA – Zero* AIFTA – Zero* AJCEPA – Zero* AKFTA – Zero* RCEP – Zero*
25-0087	"MANGO JAM"	2007.99.20	MFN – 15% ad valoren

For information, guidance and strict compliance.

CC: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

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# REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

# TARIFF COMMISSION

Ref. No. 25-030

07 March 2025

# 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 nine Advance Rulings on Tariff Classification, with TCC (AR) Nos. 24-921, 24-1031, 25-0028, 25-0048, 25-0049, 25-0063, 25-0067, 25-0069, and 25-0087, issued by this Commission on 07 March 2025. These Advance Rulings have also been posted on the Commission's website www.tariffcommission.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MARILOU P. MENDOZA

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Chairperson

Encl:

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The Secretary

Department of Finance

Manila









# TARIFF COMMISSION

### ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2025 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 3302.10.30 MFN - 1% ad valorem

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	24-921
3	DATE ISSUED

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#### 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "FC GARLIC NAT F2079405"

Based on the product composition, technical data, production process flow diagram, product label, and photographs of the product and packaging submitted, subject article is a flavouring preparation composed of oil of garlic (odoriferous substance) and gum arabic. It is in the form of a tan-coloured spray-dried powder with a garlic aroma and flavour. Packed in 50-lb drums, subject article is used as a flavouring in food products.

# 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 33.02 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures (including alcoholic solutions) with a basis of one or more of these substances, of a kind used as raw materials in industry. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers the following mixtures provided they are of a kind used as raw materials in the perfumery, food or drink industries (e.g., in confectionery, food or drink flavourings) or in other industries (e.g., soapmaking), among others, mixtures of one or more odoriferous substances (essential oils, resinoids, extracted oleoresins or synthetic aromatics) combined with added diluents or carriers such as vegetable oil, dextrose or starch.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3302.10.30, 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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Chairperson







# TARIFF COMMISSION

# ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

# AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2025 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

#### AHTN 2309.90.20

MFN - Zero AANZFTA - Zero ATIGA - Zero ACFTA - Zero AIFTA - Zero

AHKFTA - Zero AJCEPA - Zero

RCEP - Zero

AKFTA - Zero

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#### **DESCRIPTION OF GOOD**

## "BUTIPEARL™"

Based on the product specifications, certificate of composition, safety data sheet, and photograph of the packaging submitted, subject article is encapsulated butyric acid in the form of cream to ecru-coloured microcapsules (micropearls™). It is composed of butyric acid calcium salt, vanilla flavour, and hydrogenated vegetable oil. Packed in 25-kg bags, subject article is added to the feeds of swine, poultry, calves, and aquaculture species as a source of intestinally-released butyrate for animals to ensure improved villi growth and better absorption of nutrients, which results in improved feed efficiency and performance.

#### REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION 5

Heading 23.09 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers preparations of a kind used in animal feeding. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers sweetened forage and prepared animal feeding stuffs consisting of a mixture of several nutrients designed, among others, for use in making complete or supplementary feeds. These preparations, known in trade as "premixes", are, generally speaking, compound compositions consisting of a number of substances (sometimes called additives) the nature and proportions of which vary according to the animal production required. These substances include those which improve digestion and, more generally, ensure that the animal makes good use of the feeds and safeguard its health.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2309.90.20, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of zero and the following applicable rates of duty under the various Philippine free trade agreements (FTA), subject to submission of the corresponding proof of origin:



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Free Trade Agreement	Applicable Rates of Duty (%, ad valorem)	Proof of Origin
ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)	0	Certificate of Origin (CO) Form D, Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-Form D), or Origin Declaration by Approved Exporter
ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA)	0 -	CO Form AANZ
ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA)	0	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	0	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	0	CO Form Al
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	0	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	0	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	0	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





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# ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

1 AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2025 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 3824.99.99 MFN - 3% ad valorem

4	TCC (AR) NO.
	25-0028
3	DATE ISSUED

#### 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "PENTAVITIN®"

Based on the product data sheet, brochure, manufacturing principle, safety data sheet, and packaging information submitted, subject article is a pale yellow to slightly amber-coloured viscous liquid composed of saccharide isomerate, citric acid, sodium citrate, and water (as carrier). Packed in 1-kg, 10-kg, or 25-kg plastic containers, subject article is used as an ingredient for cosmetic and personal care products. It is to be incorporated into the aqueous phase of formulations for skin care preparations, shampoos, hair conditioners, and treatments, at a concentration ranging from 0.2% to 5% as a moisturizer.

# 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 38.24 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries (including those consisting of mixtures of natural products), not elsewhere specified or included. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that the chemical or other preparations are either mixtures (of which emulsions and dispersions are special forms) or occasionally solutions. Aqueous solutions of the chemical products of Chapter 28 or 29 remain classified within those Chapters, but solutions of these products in solvents other than water are, apart from a few exceptions, excluded therefrom and accordingly fall to be treated as preparations of this heading. The preparations classified here may be either wholly or partly of chemical products (this is generally the case) or wholly of natural constituents.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3824.99.99, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% 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

Marilou P. MENDOZA

Chairperson







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## ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

#### 1 AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2025 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 8711.20.94 MFN - 30% ad valorem AIFTA - 30% ad valorem

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	25-0048
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## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

#### "BAJAJ PULSAR N160"

Based on the brochure and technical specifications submitted, subject article is a two-wheeled, completely built-up motorcycle powered by a single-cylinder, four-stroke internal combustion piston engine with a displacement of 164.82 cc. It features a five-speed constant mesh transmission, one-down four-up gear shifting pattern, electric starter, and front and rear disk brakes. Subject article measures (L x W x H) 2,002 mm x 743 mm x 1,050 mm and has a gross vehicle weight of 304 kg.



#### 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 87.11 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, with or without side-cars. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers a group of two-wheeled motorised vehicles which are essentially designed for carrying persons.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8711.20.94, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 30% ad valorem and ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA) rate of duty of 30% ad valorem, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "AI".

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)

# 1 AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2025 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 8711.30.90 MFN - 30% ad valorem AIFTA - 5% ad valorem

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	25-0049
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## 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "BAJAJ DOMINAR 400"

Based on the brochure and technical specifications submitted, subject article is a two-wheeled, completely built-up motorcycle powered by a single-cylinder, four-stroke internal combustion piston engine with a displacement of 373.27 cc. It features a six-speed constant mesh transmission, one-down five-up gear shifting pattern, electric starter, and front and rear disk brakes. Subject article measures (L x W x H) 2,156 mm x 836 mm x 1,112 mm and has a gross vehicle weight of 334.5 kg.



# 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 87.11 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, with or without side-cars. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers a group of two-wheeled motorised vehicles which are essentially designed for carrying persons.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 8711.30.90, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 30% ad valorem and ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA) rate of duty of 5% ad valorem, subject to submission of Certificate of Origin (CO) Form "AI".

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FOR THE COMMISSION

MARILOU P. MENDOZA

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#### ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

#### AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2025 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 3924.90.90 MFN - 15% ad valorem ACFTA - Zero RCEP - 15% ad valorem

2	TCC (AR) NO.
	25-0063
3	DATE ISSUED

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#### 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

## "CASCADE RECTANGULAR ANTI-SLIP BATHMAT"

Based on the technical specifications, product composition and use, manufacturing process, product label artwork, photograph of the product, and sample submitted, subject article is a non-porous and anti-slip, soft, transparent white bathmat with protruding oval- and circular-shaped grip patterns. It is made from polyvinyl chloride (PVC), with dimensions of 70 cm x 38 cm (W x H), and weighs 0.52 kg. Packed in cartons containing 24 pieces of bathmats, subject article is designed for bathroom use, to prevent falls or slips.



### 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 39.24 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and hygienic or toilet articles, of plastics. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading covers the following articles of plastics, among others, soap dishes, towel rails, tooth-brush holders, toilet paper holders, towel hooks and similar articles for bathrooms, toilets or kitchens, not intended for permanent installation in or on walls.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3924.90.90, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 15% 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 15% ad valorem, 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.

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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)

### 1 AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2025 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 3925.90.00 MFN - 15% ad valorem ACFTA - Zero RCEP - Zero

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#### 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

#### "WORLDCLASS PVC WALL CLADDING, MT. EVEREST FLUTE"

Based on the product brochure, manufacturing process, and material safety data sheet submitted, subject article is a lightweight, waterproof, and flexible fluted panel. It is produced by extruding a mixture of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), chlorinated polyethylene (CPE), calcium carbonate (CaCO $_3$ ), stabilizer, stearic acid, paraffin, and titanium oxide. With dimensions (L x W x T) of 2,900 mm x 150 mm x 10 mm, subject article is intended for wall cladding and is to be installed in an interlocking method using the tongue-and-groove system.

#### 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Note 11 (b) to Chapter 39 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 states that heading 39.25 applies only to the following articles, not being products covered by any of the earlier headings of sub-Chapter II, among others, structural elements used, for example, in floors, walls or partitions, ceilings or roofs.

Heading 39.25 of the AHTN 2022 covers builders' ware of plastics, not elsewhere specified or included. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that this heading applies only to the articles mentioned in Note 11 to this Chapter.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3925.90.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 15% 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









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Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

## 1 AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2025 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

#### AHTN 3507.90.00

MFN - 3% ad valorem ATIGA - Zero ACFTA - Zero AHKFTA - Zero AIFTA - Zero

AJCEPA - Zero RCEP - Zero 2 TCC (AR) NO. 25-0069 3 DATE ISSUED

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#### 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

#### "CONCENZYME"

AKFTA - Zero

Based on the Certificate of Product Registration from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), product information, brochure, product composition, manufacturing process, packaging information, and product label submitted, subject article is a complex enzyme preparation in the form of a brownish, free-flowing powder. It is composed of acid protease, glucoamylase, xylanase, beta-glucanase, cellulase, pectinase, mannanase, butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), silicon dioxide, rice hulls, and limestone. Packed in 25-kg bags, subject article is added to swine, poultry, and bovine feeds to, among others, enhance the nutritional value and improve the utilization of protein, amino acids, and mineral content in feeds.

## 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Heading 35.07 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 covers, among others, prepared enzymes not elsewhere specified or included. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that enzymes are organic substances produced by living cells; they have the property of causing and regulating specific chemical reactions inside or outside living cells, without themselves undergoing any change in their chemical structure. The heading includes prepared enzymes not elsewhere specified or included. Prepared enzymes are obtained by further dilution of enzymatic concentrates or by intermixing isolated enzymes or enzymatic concentrates. Preparations with substances added, which render them suitable for specific purposes, are also included in this heading, provided they are not covered by a more specific heading in the Nomenclature.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 3507.90.00, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 3% ad valorem and the following applicable rates of duty under the various Philippine free trade agreements (FTA), subject to submission of the corresponding proof of origin:



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Free Trade Agreement	Applicable Rates of Duty (%, ad valorem)	Proof of Origin
ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA)	0	Certificate of Origin (CO) Form D, Electronic Certificate of Origin (e-Form D), or Origin Declaration by Approved Exporter
ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA)	0	CO Form AANZ
ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA)	0	CO Form E
ASEAN-Hong Kong, China Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA)	0	CO Form AHK
ASEAN-India Free Trade Area (AIFTA)	0	CO Form AI
ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (AJCEPA)	0	CO Form AJ
ASEAN-Korea Free Trade Area (AKFTA)	0	CO Form AK
Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement	0	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

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# ADVANCE RULING ON TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 1100 of RA 10863 (CMTA)

# AHTN 2022 CODE AND 2025 RATE/S OF IMPORT DUTY

AHTN 2007.99.20 MFN - 15% ad valorem

-	TCC (AR) NO.
	25-0087
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### 4 DESCRIPTION OF GOOD

#### "MANGO JAM"

Based on the product information sheet, product specifications, manufacturing process, packaging information, and photograph of the product submitted, subject article is in the form of a viscous orange liquid with a characteristic mango taste. It is obtained by mixing and boiling diced mango, mango purée, sucrose, pectin, DL-malic acid, citric acid, sodium citrate, and flavor, among others. Subject article is packed in 2.5-kg plastic bottles.

#### 5 REASONS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Note 5 to Chapter 20 of the ASEAN Harmonised Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) 2022 states that for the purposes of heading 20.07, the expression "obtained by cooking" means obtained by heat treatment at atmospheric pressure or under reduced pressure to increase the viscosity of a product through reduction of water content or other means.

Heading 20.07 of the AHTN 2022 covers jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut purée and fruit or nut pastes, obtained by cooking, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter. The pertinent Harmonized System (HS) Explanatory Notes (EN) state that jams are made by cooking whole fruit or fruit pulp or certain vegetables (e.g., marrows, aubergines) or other products (e.g., ginger, rose petals) with sugar in approximately equal proportions. When cool they are moderately firm consistency and contain pieces of the fruit.

In view thereof, subject article is classified under AHTN 2022 subheading 2007.99.20, with a Most Favoured Nation (MFN) rate of duty of 15% 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

MARILOU P. MENDOZA

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Chairperson

