

Harmonized System: HS

What's ? **HS is a standard commodity classification** that is widely adopted to standardize the definition/ specification of goods, primarily for the sake of undergoing Customs formalities, import/export tariff appraisal, and compilation of international merchandise trade statistics (IMTS). The use of HS allows cross-country analysis and comparison of IMTS with trading partner and rival countries.

Currently, Thailand's HS code comprises 11 digits



First 6 Digits

Defined by the World Customs Organization (WCO) as a standard commodity classification.

Last 3 Digits

Created by the Thai Customs to accommodate local context, enabling more detailed breakdown of merchandises.

7th and 8th Digit

Referred to as *ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN)*, serving as standard codes for 10 ASEAN member states.



Examples



Laptop

HS: 8471.30.20.000



Mobile Phone

HS: 8517.13.00.000



Mango

HS: 0804.50.10.000



Jasmine Rice

HS : 1006.30.40.000

Adoption of HS 2022

5-year revision round

Generally, HS is revised once every 5 years by WCO. The recent round is the transition from HS2017 to HS2022, effective 1 January 2022.

Change of tariff & statistical codes for significant items

Adding codes for goods with high trading volume, significance for analysis/policy formulation

Removing codes for goods with low trading volume, merging with related categories

Improved clarity in assigning tariff codes

Specific codes for targeted goods

e.g., for interests/concerns on public health, environment, social, international convention, innovation/technology, etc.

Changes introduced for HS 2022

Agriculture : 77 items

Adding: Crabs, Rice, Mushrooms, Insects

Machinery : 63 items

Adding: Biological safety cabinets, Industrial robots

Chemical : 58 items

Adding: Cell therapy products, Diagnostic test kits

Wood : 31 items

Adding: Tropical woods, Teaks, Wood briquettes

Metal : 27 items

Adding: Container for LPG/NGV

Vehicle : 22 items

Adding: Unmanned aircrafts, Tankers

Garment : 21 items

Adding: Carbon fibres, Straining cloths used in oil process

Others : 52 items

Adding: Synthetic diamonds

Removing: Globes



Product Group (PG) Adjustment by Bank of Thailand

Export

- Adding high-valued PGs significant for analysis/policy formulation
e.g., medical products, major agricultural produces, and selected electrical appliances



- Reclassifying some PGs to better reflect actual production process
i.e., reclassifying tapioca products to agro-business



Import

- Reclassifying selected goods, particularly vehicles & communication devices, to respective PG according to their end-use
i.e., consumer goods, raw materials and intermediate goods, capital goods



Impacts on statistical tables published on BOT Website

Aforementioned changes to PGs would affect the format of 4 tables (exports & imports classiified by product groups and economic classification), as follows:

Table No.	Heading
EC_XT_004_S2	Imports Classified by Economic Classification
EC_XT_005_S2	Imports Classified by Economic Classification (US\$)
EC_XT_008_S2	Total Value and Quantity of Exports Classified by Product Group
EC_XT_009_S2	Total Value and Quantity of Exports Classified by Product Group (US\$)

Remarks: On 28 February 2022, new format of the 4 tables above will be disseminated with data for 2017 to present. Data prior to 2017 will be disseminated subsequently.

To view new table format, plesse follow this link :

https://www.bot.or.th/Thai/Statistics/EconomicAndFinancial/ExternalSector/Doc/Trade_HS2022_BOT.xlsx



The disseminated format of international trade statistics classified by SITC, country, receipt & payment structure, and trade indices remain unchanged.

