

HS code

Determination of the HS code just by the name of the good may be a real problem for non-specialists. Employees of our company can easily help you evade the responsibility for the correct determination of the HS code. The product description (its technical data or composition) is everything you need to provide us.

The **Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity (CNFEA)** is the classifier of goods used by the customs authorities and organizations in the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) for the purpose of conducting customs operations. The classification code of certain goods according to the CNFEA of the EAEU defines the rate of import/export duties. Such classifier simplifies the system of identification of goods, establishment of customs duties and information processing of customs documents.

The commodity nomenclature includes a relevant 10-digit **HS code (Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System)** divided into 97 groups and contained commodity items, subitems and sub-subitems when classifying the product by certain criteria.

The requirement for determination of the HS code lies on the declarant (the person who exports or imports the goods). The declarant can find the HS code on his own using open resources or seek assistance from the professionals who know the classification features and are able to correctly determine the HS code of the product.

Sometimes customs authorities do not accept the code chosen by the declarant and classify the goods at their discretion. Different versions of the classifier's interpretation occur due to the lack of universal comprehensive reference guide that could contain the full diversity of products existing in the world.

We provide **determination of the HS code of the CNFEA** promptly and at minimal price. Moreover, we declare hundreds of goods to Customs daily and know how to clear them correctly, without the inspection body's delays. Leave all the formalities to professionals of our company.

What is the HS code?

The **HS code** is based on the decimal system, organized into 21 sections and arranged in 97 chapters. The classification of certain goods is defined under the relevant commodity item, then under the subitem and, lastly, under the sub-subitem.

The **Harmonized System (HS)** for classifying goods is a 10-digit code system. Each character conforms to the certain group of the goods. The table of HS codes contains the full name and a 10-digit code for every product. The first six digits of the code in most countries correspond to the equal groups of goods. When importing, you can ask a foreign supplier for the HS code and then use its first six characters.

- The first **two** digits – The commodity group
(66 – umbrellas, sun umbrellas)
- The first **four** digits – the commodity item

(6601 – umbrellas, sun umbrellas (including walking-stick umbrellas, garden umbrellas and similar umbrellas)

- The first **six** digits – subitem
(660199 – other)
- The first **eight** digits – sub-subitem
(66019920 – umbrellas with a cover of woven textile materials)
- **Ten** digits – the full HS code
(6601992000)

How to find HS code of the product

You can find the HS Code for the product on your own, ask a customs brokerage company for help or submit an application to the Federal Customs Office for the classification decision.

When classifying, it is necessary to pay attention to products characteristics: the materials of which they are made, the stage of processing, the purpose and functions of the goods. These data will be required both for independent determination of HS code by the name of the goods and for attracting third-party companies in the process of selection HS codes.

How to determine HS code by the name of the product on your own

For instance, you are supposed to define the code in the commodity nomenclature for the item “Sun garden umbrella”. In the reference guide of the CNFEA **the XII section** “Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair” should be chosen.

The commodity group 66: “Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof”. **The commodity item 6601**: “Umbrellas, sun umbrellas (including walking-stick umbrellas, garden umbrellas and similar umbrellas)”. **Sub-subitem 6601100000**: “Garden umbrellas or similar umbrellas”.

Where to find HS code for the products

The CNFEA with HS codes, which is used in the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), can be found on the websites of the Federal Customs Service (FCS) of Russia or other organizations related to the sphere of foreign trade.

How to obtain classification decision from the Russian Federal Customs Service

To get one of the types of classification decisions, the declarant can submit an

application to the Federal Customs Service of Russia. Decisions can be preliminary for different lots of goods and turnkey decisions for the products transported as components. Preliminary decision can be ordered through the Public Services Portal and the Federal Customs Service website. Turnkey decision can be ordered only through the FCS website. It is issued within 90 days. Digital signature is required for making a request.

What to do if you can not determine HS code correctly

The declarant has to strictly observe the principle of unambiguous classification of goods by groups while selecting HS code. If you manage to find the correct HS code, customs clearance of goods and assessment of duties occur without any obstacles. Administrative liability is envisaged for deliberately providing false declaration of goods, if this data leads to undervaluation and abolition of the Customs payments and taxes or other benefits.

Facing some troubles with classification of the goods, the declarant can request special organizations, which have wide experience in this field, for help in determination of the appropriate HS code.