

Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonised System) 2010 Amendments

The Census and Statistics Department ("C&SD") announced that the Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonised System) amendments in 2010 would take effect from 1 January 2010. For full details of the changes, please refer to C&SD webpage at:

http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/FileManager/EN/Content_93/HKIECL2010_amendment_booklet_20091120.pdf

To support these changes, Tradelink will deliver the Smart Upgrade Directive to your Inbox of the ValuNet Deluxe software shortly. You do not have to do anything with the upgrade directive. The first time you login the ValuNet Deluxe software on or after 1 January 2010, the "Smart Upgrade" will be executed automatically.

For Tradelink's Trade Declaration WebForm Service users, you do not have to execute any upgrade as Tradelink will perform an internal system enhancement on the WebForm to cater for the necessary changes.

Customers who have built their own list of product codes are reminded to amend the Product Code setting accordingly to reflect the latest HS Code amendments. Failure to do so may result in application errors.

The following Country / Territory description will also be changed with effect from 1 January 2010.

2009		2010	
Code	Country/Territory	Code	Country/Territory
BO	Bolivia	BO	Bolivia, Plurinational State of
MD	Moldova	MD	Moldova, Republic of
VE	Venezuela	VE	Venezuela, Republic of

Tradelink customers are reminded to use the 2009 HS Codes in Import and Export Declarations for 2009 shipments which are lodged on or before 14 January 2010. With effect from 15 January 2010, the new 2010 HS Codes are required to be used in all declarations regardless of the shipment dates. Tradelink customers are reminded to enter the correct arrival or departure dates for their shipments as the basis for determining the correct set of HS Codes to be used.

For enquiries, please call the Trade Classification Section of the C&SD at 2877 1818 or Tradelink Customer Service Hotline at 2917 8888.



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