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Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonised System) 2008 Amendments

The Census and Statistics Department ("C&SD") announced that the Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonised System) amendments in 2008 would take effect from 1 January 2008. For full details of the changes, please refer to C&SD web page at

http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/corner_on_trade_matters/import_export_declaration_lodgement_and_related_ma/index.jsp. Importers and exporters are reminded that import and export declarations for shipments on or after 1 January 2008 must be completed in accordance with the amended classification.

To support these changes, Tradelink will deliver the "2008 Harmonised System Code" and "2008 Calendar Table" Smart Upgrade Directive to your ValuNet Deluxe Inbox next week. You do not have to do anything with the upgrade for the time being. The first time you login ValuNet Deluxe on or after 1 January 2008, 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.

Together with the HS code amendments, the following country codes will be changed as well. Please refer to the following new country codes with effect from 1 January 2008.

2007 Country Code		2008 Country Code (revised)	
9O	North American countries/territories, n.e.s.	XA	North American countries/territories, not elsewhere specified or included
9P	Western European countries/territories, n.e.s.	XB	Western European countries/territories, not elsewhere specified or included
9Q	Commonwealth of Independent States and Eastern European countries/territories, n.e.s.	XC	Commonwealth of Independent States and Eastern European countries/territories, not elsewhere specified or included
9R	Central and South American countries/territories, n.e.s.	XD	Central and South American countries/territories, not elsewhere specified or included
9S	Middle East countries/territories, n.e.s.	XE	Middle East countries/territories, not elsewhere specified or included
9T	Asian countries/territories, n.e.s.	XF	Asian countries/territories, not elsewhere specified or included
9U	African countries/territories, n.e.s.	XG	African countries/territories, not elsewhere specified or included
9V	Australasian and Oceanian countries/territories, n.e.s.	XH	Australasian and Oceanian countries/territories, not elsewhere specified or included

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 as appropriate. Failure to do so may result in application errors.

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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