
TRADELINK ELECTRONIC TRADING NEWSFAX UPDATE

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Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonised System) 2008 Amendments for Import and Export Trade Declaration (TDEC) and Textiles Trader Registration Scheme (TTRS)

(A) For TDEC traders

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 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.

Tradelink will deliver the "2008 Harmonised System Code" and "2008 Calendar Table" Smart Upgrade Directive for TDEC to your ValuNet Deluxe Inbox in coming few days. You do not have to do anything with the upgrade for the time being. When you login ValuNet Deluxe on or after 1 January 2008, the "Smart Upgrade" will be executed automatically.

The following country codes for TDEC will also be changed 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

All customers are reminded to amend the Product Code setting to reflect the latest HS code amendments if they have built their own list of product codes. 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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(B) For TTRS traders

For textiles notifications under the Textiles Trader Registration Scheme (TTRS), the computer program modification to allow the input of the 2008 HS Codes will be implemented on 1 February 2008. Around mid January 2008, we will deliver to you the Smart Upgrade Directive for 2008 HS Codes for use in TTRS which will automatically be executed when you first login ValuNet Deluxe on or after 1 February 2008. Customers are reminded to use the 2008 HS Codes on or after 1 February 2008.

As an interim arrangement, customers lodging electronic textiles notifications between 1 January 2008 to 31 January 2008 (the "interim period") should continue to use the 2007 HS Codes. For customers whose products fall within the following six affected 2007 HS Codes, they are additionally required to provide the corresponding 2008 HS Codes in the data field of "Full descriptions of goods". The six affected 2007 HS codes are **5208 5900, 5210 1900, 5210 4900, 5514 3000, 6211 4200 and 6211 4300**.

Should customers have questions or difficulties in providing the corresponding 2008 HS Codes, please call the Trade Classification Section of the C&SD hotline at 2877 1818.

During the interim period, customers using data on textiles notifications to generate corresponding TDECs are reminded that they should make sure the HS codes so copied and used in such TDECs are valid 2008 HS Codes.

For other enquiries, please call Tradelink Customer Hotline at 2917 8878.



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