

**Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonised System)
2009 Amendments for Trade Declaration WebForm Service Users**

The Census and Statistics Department (“C&SD”) announced that the Hong Kong Imports and Exports Classification List (Harmonised System) amendments in 2009 would take effect from 1 January 2009. For full details of the changes, please refer to C&SD webpage at http://www.censtatd.gov.hk/corner_on_trade_matters/import_export_declaration_lodgement_and_related_m/index.jsp. Importers and exporters are reminded that import and export declarations for shipments on or after 1 January 2009 must be completed in accordance with the amended classification.

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.

The following Unit of Quantity and Country / Territory codes will also be changed with effect from 1 January 2009.

Unit of Quantity			
2008		2009	
Code	Unit of Quantity	Code	Unit of Quantity
NMB	number	C62	number

Country / Territory			
2008		2009	
Code	Country / Territory	Code	Country / Territory
GP	Guadeloupe	GP	Guadeloupe
		BL	Saint Barthélemy
		MF	Saint Martin
MD	Moldova, Republic of	MD	Moldova

Meanwhile, to cope with the Government's new requirement for Trade Declaration submissions, a new button “?” is introduced next to the Unit of Measure Code. When you click the button, the description of the Unit of Measure Code (e.g. “MTK-SQUARE METRE”) will be shown on screen. With this new feature, you can make sure the correct code is used.

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.

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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