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Commodity Codes (HS Codes)

To continue shipping goods cross-border between the UK and EU, you will have to learn about commodity codes.

Please see below guide on how to find the right code for your invoice.

What are commodity codes (HS Codes)?

HS Code stands for Harmonised Systems Code and is a description and coding system developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO). It covers over 5,000 commodity groups, each identified by a six to twelve digit code. The first six digits of the HS are used universally. Each country may then add to the original six to suit its own tariff and statistical needs, creating eight, ten, and sometimes twelve digit national codes.

Where do I find them?

On the government website via this **link**

Things to consider when selecting a commodity code

Selecting the correct commodity codes for imports into or exports out of the UK or EU

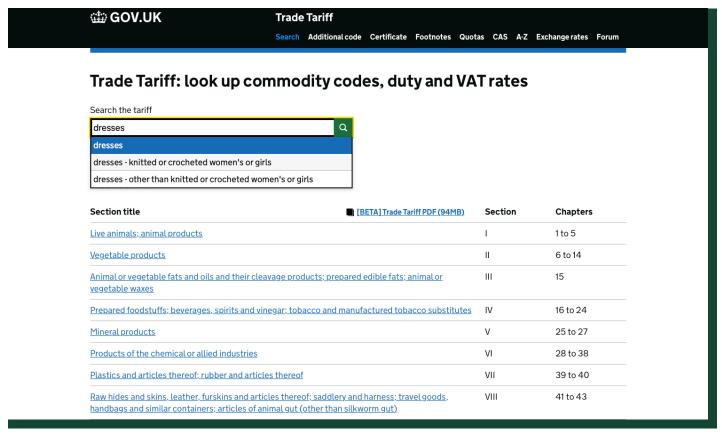
- What the product is?
- What it is made of?
- What it is used for?
- How the products work/function?

Example 1 - 'Dress'

70% Cotton, 30% Polyester enter "dresses" in the search box Select whether it is knitted or crocheted or other than knitted or crocheted



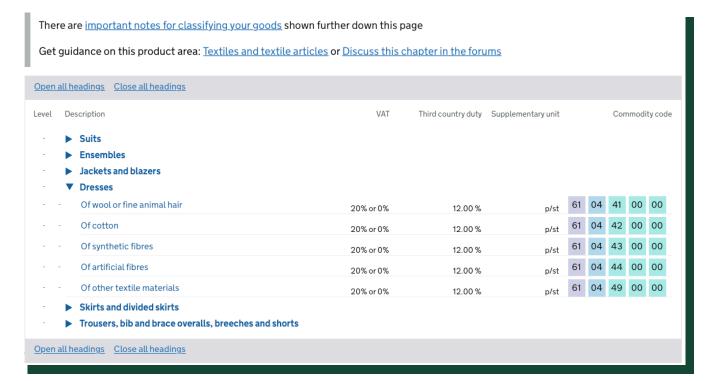
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Click on Dresses and select the type of material the dress is made from.

In this case as the dress is 70% cotton, select "Of cotton". (If not sure of the material the dress is made of select "of other textile materials" and "of other textile materials")

Select if the dress is hand printed or not. If not, the commodity code is 6204420090.





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Example 2 – 'Plastic salad bowl' (Composition of plastic unknown)

Enter Tableware in the search box.

Select "tableware, plastic" followed by "Other"

Commodity code is 3924900090







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