

Online “Finding Commodity Codes” – Usage Guide

How to use the Online “Finding Commodity Codes”?

For lodging import/export declarations in Hong Kong, commodity code in full 8-digit Hong Kong Harmonized System (HKHS) code has to be used for classifying the goods. Online “Finding Commodity Codes” enables you to find suitable commodity codes for your goods by three approaches:

- (i) Search with keyword/phrase
- (ii) Search with partial (2, 4 or 6 digits) or full (8 digits) commodity code
- (iii) Browsing through Chapters, Headings and Sub-headings of HKHS

[For more efficient search, please use the latest version of modern browsers, such as Microsoft Edge, Mozilla FireFox, Apple Safari and Google Chrome.]

Search with Keyword/Phrase

You can enter a single word or a search phrase that best describes your product. Then, select the search option (including “All words”, “Any one word” or “Exact phrase”). Search results would be displayed as illustrated below. Keywords are highlighted for easy reference.

| Chemical Products (Chapter 28 - 38) | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Chapter | Heading | HKHS Code | Commodity Description(Chinese) | Commodity Description (Shown by Common Product Name) | Unit of Quantity |
| 28 | 2836 | 28363000 | 碳酸氫鈉 (小蘇打) | Sodium hydrogencarbonate (sodium bicarbonate) | KGM |

Input of English characters, Chinese characters or both are supported. For English characters, capital letters and small letters give the same result. This search function only supports character and numeric input, but not any other symbols (e.g. “+”, “-”, “,” , “;”) for searching.

Show Search Results by Common Product Name

In case that highlighted keywords under the search are not found in some of the search results, please click the link “Shown by Common Product Name”. Relevant information in another layout can then be seen. The common product name will then replace the commodity description, as illustrated below:

| Chemical Products (Chapter 28 - 38) | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Chapter | Heading | HKHS Code | Common Product Name(Chinese) | Common Product Name (Shown by Commodity Description) | Unit of Quantity |
| 28 | 2836 | 28363000 | 碳酸氫鈉 | Baking soda: Sodium hydrogencarbonate | KGM |

Using Proper Unit of Quantity

During the HKHS code search, the search result in 8-digit HKHS level will be shown with the unit of quantity on the right column. When the cursor moves to the abbreviations of the unit of quantity, the full description will be shown (e.g. “C62” stands for “Unit”).

The full list of units of quantity is given below:

| Code | Unit of quantity |
|------|------------------|
| MTQ | Cubic metre |
| GWH | Gigawatt hour |
| GRM | Gram |
| KGM | Kilogram |
| K6 | Kilolitre |
| KMT | Kilometre |
| LTR | Litre |
| MAL | Megalitre |
| MTR | Metre |

| Code | Unit of quantity |
|------|--------------------|
| CTM | Metric carat |
| NMP | Number of packs |
| PR | Pair |
| SET | Set |
| MTK | Square metre |
| MIL | Thousand |
| TNE | Tonne (metric ton) |
| C62 | Unit |

Each 8-digit HKHS code has one specific unit of quantity. Traders are required to report the quantities of merchandises traded with the specified “Unit of Quantity” of the commodity code during lodgement of import/export trade declarations.

Searching with partial or full commodity code

The Hong Kong Harmonized System (HKHS) are based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS in short), established by the World Customs Organization (WCO). The HS specifies the commodity classification up to the 6-digit subheading level for international comparison; countries/territories are free to use additional digits for more refined classification to meet their specific needs. The HKHS uses an 8-digit classification system. The first two, four and six digits correspond to Chapter, Heading and Subheading respectively. The additional seventh and eighth digits are to further refine the commodity classification to meet the needs of Hong Kong. For lodging import/export declarations in Hong Kong, the full 8-digit HKHS codes must be used.

Four searching options are provided in this function allowing search by a full commodity code at 8 digit level or with a partial commodity code at 2, 4 or 6 digits:

| Search Option | | Level | Range of Valid Numbers | Remarks |
|---------------|----------|------------|------------------------|--|
| (i) | 2 digits | Chapter | 01 – 98 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">When partial commodity code is input, the result will direct to the specified level.One can identify suitable 8 digit HKHS code by browsing through the possible list of available codes within the same Chapter, Heading and Subheading. |
| (ii) | 4 digits | Heading | 0101 – 9801 | |
| (iii) | 6 digits | Subheading | 010121 – 980100 | |
| (iv) | 8 digits | Item | 01012100 – 98010020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Full 8-digit HKHS code together with the corresponding product description and unit of quantity will be shown. |

For the same commodity traded among different countries/territories, the commodity code used should generally be the same at the first 6 digits level since it is the subheading level so specified by the WCO. As such, traders may consider to search by partial code at 6-digit level, and then select the most suitable 8-digit HKHS code from the search result for lodgement of import/export declarations in Hong Kong.

Browsing through Chapters, Headings and Subheadings

The latest HKHS in 2022 is structured into 22 Sections, 98 Chapters (at the 2-digit level), 1 230 Headings (at the 4-digit level), 5 614 Subheadings (at the 6-digit level) and 7 802 mutually exclusive Items (at the 8-digit level). Browsing allows you to look into details of the commodity codes under different levels one by one.

The 98 Chapters can be broadly grouped as:

| Chapter | Description | Chapter | Description | Chapter | Description |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| <u>01 - 05</u> | Live Animals; Animal Products | <u>44 - 46</u> | Wood & Articles of Wood; Manufactures of Plaiting Materials | <u>86 - 89</u> | Transport Equipment |
| <u>06 - 14</u> | Vegetable Products | <u>47 - 49</u> | Wood Pulp; Paper & Articles of Paper | <u>90 - 92</u> | Precision or Medical Instruments & Apparatus; Clocks & Watches; Musical Instruments |
| <u>15</u> | Animal, Vegetable or Microbial Fats & Oils | <u>50 - 63</u> | Textiles & Textile Articles | <u>93</u> | Arms & Ammunition |
| <u>16 - 24</u> | Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages, Spirits & Vinegar; Tobacco; Products Intended for Inhalation Without Combustion; Other Nicotine Containing Products Intended for Intake of Nicotine into Human Body | <u>64 - 67</u> | Footwear & Headgear; Articles of Feather; Artificial Flowers; Articles of Human Hair | <u>94 - 96</u> | Furniture; Toys & Games/Sports Requisites; Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles |
| <u>25 - 27</u> | Mineral Products | <u>68 - 70</u> | Articles of Stone, Plaster, Cement, Asbestos or Mica; Ceramic Products & Glassware | <u>97</u> | Works of Art, Collectors' Pieces & Antiques |
| <u>28 - 38</u> | Chemical Products | <u>71</u> | Pearls, Precious or Semi-Precious Stones, Precious Metals, Metals Clad with Precious Metal, & Articles thereof; Imitation Jewellery | <u>98</u> | Commodities Not Classified According to Kind |
| <u>39 - 40</u> | Plastics & Articles thereof; Rubber & Articles thereof | <u>72 - 83</u> | Base Metals & Articles of Base Metal | | |
| <u>41 - 43</u> | Hides, Skins, Leather & Furskins; Travel Goods & Handbags | <u>84 - 85</u> | Machinery & Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment | | |

Note: Chapter 77 is reserved for possible future use in the HS.

By clicking on the HS Chapters (such as 06-14), a table with the selected Chapters and the corresponding commodity description for each Chapter will be shown one by one:

| Chapter | Commodity Description(Chinese) | Commodity Description |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 06 | 活樹及其他植物；球莖、根及類似物；鮮花及裝飾用的葉子 | Live trees and other plants;bulbs,roots and the like;cut flowers and ornamental foliage |
| 07 | 食用蔬菜及某些根莖 | Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers |
| 08 | 食用水果及硬殼果；柑橘屬的果皮或瓜皮 | Edible fruit and nuts;peel of citrus fruit or melons |
| 09 | 咖啡、茶、馬黛茶及香料 | Coffee, tea, maté and spices |
| 10 | 穀物 | Cereals |
| 11 | 磨粉廠產品；麥芽；澱粉，菊粉、小麥麩質（麵筋） | Products of the milling industry;malt;starches;inulin;wheat gluten |
| 12 | 油子及含油果實；各類穀物、種子及果實；工業或藥用植物；稻草及草根類飼料 | Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits;miscellaneous grains,seeds and fruit;industrial or medicinal plants;straw and fodder |
| 13 | 蟲膠；樹膠、樹脂及其他植物的液汁 | Lac;gums,resins and other vegetable saps and extracts |
| 14 | 植物編結材料；未列明或未包括在其他編號的植物產品 | Vegetable plaiting materials;vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included |

By clicking one specific Chapter (such as 08), it takes you to the Chapter level together with its Headings covered in that specific Chapter:

| Chapter | Heading | Commodity Description(Chinese) | Commodity Description |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 08 | | 食用水果及硬殼果；柑橘屬的果皮或瓜皮 | Edible fruit and nuts;peel of citrus fruit or melons |
| 08 | 0801 | 椰子、巴西果及腰果，新鮮或乾，無論是否去殼或去皮 | Coconuts, Brazil nuts and cashew nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled |
| 08 | 0802 | 其他新鮮或乾硬殼果，無論是否去殼或去皮 | Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled |
| 08 | 0803 | 香蕉，包括大蕉，新鮮或乾 | Bananas, including plantains, fresh or dried |
| 08 | 0804 | 棗、無花果、菠蘿、鱈梨、番石榴、芒果及山竹，新鮮或乾 | Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh or dried |
| 08 | 0805 | 柑橘屬水果，新鮮或乾 | Citrus fruit, fresh or dried |
| 08 | 0806 | 葡萄（提子），新鮮或乾 | Grapes, fresh or dried |
| 08 | 0807 | 甜瓜（包括西瓜）及巴婆（木瓜），新鮮 | Melons (including watermelons) and papaws (papayas), fresh |
| 08 | 0808 | 蘋果、梨及榲桲，新鮮 | Apples, pears and quinces, fresh |
| 08 | 0809 | 杏、櫻桃、桃（包括油桃），梅（李）及黑刺李，新鮮 | Apricots, cherries, peaches (including nectarines), plums and sloes, fresh |
| 08 | 0810 | 其他水果，新鮮 | Other fruit, fresh |

| Chapter | Heading | Commodity Description(Chinese) | Commodity Description |
|---------|----------------------|--|---|
| 08 | 0811 | 水果及硬殼果，冷藏、未煮或經蒸煮或用水煮，無論是否含附加糖或其他甜物料 | Fruit and nuts, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter |
| 08 | 0812 | 水果及硬殼果，暫時保藏，但不適宜在該階段食用 | Fruit and nuts provisionally preserved, but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption |
| 08 | 0813 | 0801 至 0806 項以外的乾果；本章所包括的混合硬殼果或乾水果 | Fruit, dried, other than that of headings 0801 to 0806; mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this chapter |
| 08 | 0814 | 柑橘屬水果或甜瓜（包括西瓜）的果皮，新鮮、冷藏、乾或以鹽水、硫磺水或其他防腐溶液暫時保藏 | Peel of citrus fruit or melons (including watermelons), fresh, frozen, dried or provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions |

By clicking the 4-digit Heading (such as 0804), it takes you to the Heading together with all the 8-digit HKHS codes related to that specific Heading:

| Chapter | Heading | HKHS Code | Commodity Description(Chinese) | Commodity Description (Shown by Common Product Name) | Unit of Quantity |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------|
| 08 | | | 食用水果及硬殼果；柑橘屬的果皮或瓜皮 | Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons | |
| 08 | 0804 | | 棗、無花果、菠蘿、鱈梨、番石榴、芒果及山竹，新鮮或乾 | Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh or dried | |
| 08 | 0804 | 08041000 | 棗，新鮮或乾 | Dates, fresh or dried | KGM |
| 08 | 0804 | 08042000 | 無花果，新鮮或乾 | Figs, fresh or dried | KGM |
| 08 | 0804 | 08043000 | 菠蘿，新鮮或乾 | Pineapples, fresh or dried | KGM |
| 08 | 0804 | 08044000 | 鱈梨，新鮮或乾 | Avocados, fresh or dried | KGM |
| 08 | 0804 | 08045010 | 番石榴，新鮮或乾 | Guavas, fresh or dried | KGM |
| 08 | 0804 | 08045020 | 芒果，新鮮或乾 | Mangoes, fresh or dried | KGM |
| 08 | 0804 | 08045030 | 山竹，新鮮或乾 | Mangosteens, fresh or dried | KGM |

By clicking the 8-digit Item (such as 08044000), it takes you to the Item together with the commodity description and common product name for the item concerned:

| Chapter | Heading | HKHS Code | Commodity Description(Chinese) | Commodity Description | Unit of Quantity |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---|--|------------------|
| 08 | | | 食用水果及硬殼果；柑橘屬的果皮或瓜皮 | Edible fruit and nuts;peel of citrus fruit or melons | |
| 08 | 0804 | | 棗、無花果、菠蘿、鱘梨、番石榴、芒果及山竹，新鮮或乾 | Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh or dried | |
| 08 | 0804 | 08044000 | 鱘梨，新鮮或乾 常見貨品名稱: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 牛油果，新鮮 • 鱘梨，新鮮或乾 | Avocados, fresh or dried Common Product Name: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alligator pears, fresh • Avocados, fresh or dried | KGM |