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World Customs Organization developed classification reference list for medical supplies COVID-19

On 9 April 2020, the World Customs Organization published an updated classification reference list to the medical supplies imported to fight against the spread of COVID-19.

The classification reference list is aimed at accelerating the cross-border movement of goods by systematizing codes of commodity nomenclatures of foreign economic activity for this group of goods.

The classification reference list does not have legal status, but its first version was actively used by national governments in preparing internal measures aimed at facilitating trade and transportation of goods.

Below is the Second Edition of the HS Classification reference list for COVID-19 medical supplies.

Section I. COVID-19 Test kits/ Instruments and apparatus used in Diagnostic Testing		
Product	Additional information	HS 2017 Classification
COVID-19 Test kits	Diagnostic reagents based on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) nucleic acid test.	3822.00
COVID-19 Test kits	Diagnostic reagents based on immunological reactions	3002.15
COVID-19 Diagnostic Test instruments and apparatus	Instruments used in clinical laboratories for In Vitro Diagnosis	9027.80
Swab and Viral transport medium set	A vial containing a culture media for the maintenance of a viral sample and a cotton tipped swab to collect the sample put up together	3821.00

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