

US HTS CHANGES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 03, 2012

On February 3, 2012, as part of Presidential Proclamation 8771, changes to the US Harmonized Tariff Schedule (USHTS) will take effect reflecting modifications recommended by the World Customs Organization (WCO).

The official electronic and printed versions will not be released until next Friday, February 3, 2012; however a document containing an unofficial version of the New USHTS, showing chapters 1 through 97, is currently available @ <http://www.usitc.gov/publications/docs/tata/hts/bychapter/> with the affected chapters found near the bottom of this document.

Further, the WCO-recommended changes are posted in an International Trade Commission report available @ http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/hts_documents/pub_4276_Combined_report_for_printing.pdf.

We highly recommended that importers review their product classifications to see whether any products are part of these changes, as most of these classification changes will necessitate updates to their NAFTA Certificate of Origin and import documentation.

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