

## **Template:Hs description**

The **Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System**, also known as the **Harmonized System (HS)** of tariff nomenclature is an internationally standardized system of names and numbers to classify traded products. It came into effect in 1988 and has since been developed and maintained by the [World Customs Organization](#) (WCO) (formerly the Customs Co-operation Council), an independent intergovernmental organization based in Brussels, Belgium, with over 200 member countries.