



ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

Harmonized System Codes

Harmonized System Codes assigned to chemicals subject to the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure under the Rotterdam Convention

The World Customs Organization (WCO) has assigned specific Harmonized System (HS) codes to many of the individual chemicals or groups of chemicals listed in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention and subject to the PIC procedure.

The specific HS codes for the chemicals listed in Annex III entered into force on 1 January 2007. A complete listing of these codes may be found in the table attached to this note. Work is underway to assign specific HS codes for the remaining chemicals listed in Annex III.

Harmonized System

The Harmonized System or HS is a multi purpose international product nomenclature developed and maintained by the WCO. The system is used by more than 200 countries and customs or economic unions as the basis for customs tariffs and for the collection of international trade statistics. It is also used by governments, international organizations and the private sector for many other purposes such as internal taxes, trade policies, monitoring of controlled goods, freight tariffs, transport statistics, quota controls etc. The Harmonized System is thus a universal economic language and code for goods and an indispensable tool for international trade.

Harmonized System codes

Each Harmonized System code is composed of 6 digits. The first 4 digits are referred to as *heading* while the first 6 are known as *sub-heading*.

An example:

<i>HS code for Aldrin:</i>	2903.52
<i>Heading:</i>	29.03
<i>Sub-heading:</i>	2903.52

Countries are not permitted to alter in any way the descriptions associated with the codes or the codes themselves. However individual countries may extend an HS code to 8 or 10 digits for other purposes as noted above.

Further information on the Harmonized System and its codes may be found at:

www.wcoomd.org.

Rotterdam Convention and HS Codes

Article 13 of the Rotterdam Convention, requires that, when specific Harmonized System codes have been assigned to individual chemicals or groups of chemicals listed in Annex III, each Party ensure that the shipping document for that chemical bears the code when exported. The use of the specific HS codes will facilitate the work of Customs Authorities and Designated National Authorities in importing and exporting Parties in identifying chemicals subject to the Prior Informed Consent procedure and ensuring that exports are in compliance with the decisions of importing Parties.

Further information on the Rotterdam Convention may be found at: www.pic.int.

Annex III Chemicals and Pesticides	CAS Number	HS Code Pure Substance	HS Code Mixtures, Preparations containing Substance
2,4,5-T and its salts and esters	93-76-5	2918.91	3808.50
Aldrin	309-00-2	2903.52	
Binapacryl	485-31-4	2916.36	
Captafol	2425-06-1	2930.50	
Chlordane	57-74-9	2903.52	
Chlordimeform	6164-98-3	2925.21	
Chlorobenzilate	510-15-6	2918.18	
DDT	50-29-3	2903.62	
Dieldrin	60-57-1	2910.40	
Dinitro-ortho-cresol (DNOC) and its salts (such as ammonium salt, potassium salt and sodium salt)	534-52-1; 2980-64-5; 5787-96-2; 2312-76-7	2908.99	3808.91 – Insecticides 3808.92 – Fungicides 3808.93 – Herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant-growth regulators
Dinoseb and its salts and esters	88-85-7	2908.91	3808.50
Dinoseb acetate	2813-95-8	2915.36	
EDB (1,2-dibromoethane)	106-93-4	2903.31	
Ethylene dichloride	107-06-2	2903.15	
Ethylene oxide	75-21-8	2910.10	3808.50 3824.81
Fluoroacetamide	640-19-7	2924.12	3808.50
HCH (mixed isomers)	608-73-1	2903.51	
Heptachlor	76-44-8	2903.52	
Hexachlorobenzene	118-74-1	2903.62	
Lindane	58-89-9	2903.51	
Mercury compounds (including inorganic mercury compounds, alkyl mercury compounds and alkyloxyalkyl and aryl mercury compounds)	See also: http://www.pic.int/en/CasNumbers/mercury%20compounds%20CAS%20numbers.pdf	2852.00	
Monocrotophos	6923-22-4	2924.12	
Parathion	56-38-2	2920.11	
Pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters	87-86-5	2908.11 – Pentachlorophenol 2908.19 – salts of Pentachlorophenol	3808.50 – only pesticides containing pentachlorophenol 3808.91, 92, 93, 94, 99 – pesticides containing salts or esters of pentachlorophenol
Toxaphene	8001-35-2	–	3808.50

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Dustable powder formulations containing a combination of: - benomyl at or above 7%, - carbofuran at above 10%, - thiram at or above 15%	17804-35-2; 1563-66-2; 137-26-8	—	3808.92
Methamidophos (Soluble liquid formulations of the substance that exceed 600 g active ingredient/l)	10265-92-6	2930.50	3808.50
Phosphamidon (Soluble liquid formulations of the substance that exceed 1000 g active ingredient/l)		2924.12	
mixture, (E)&(Z) isomers	13171-21-6		
(Z)-isomer	23783-98-4		
(E)-isomer	297-99-4		
Methyl-parathion (emulsifiable concentrates (EC) at or above 19.5% active ingredient and dusts at or above 1.5% active ingredient)	298-00-0	2920.11	
Asbestos		2524.10 - Crocidolite 2524.90 - Other	Articles of asbestos-cement, of cellulose fibre-cement or the like. 6811.40 – Containing asbestos. Fabricated asbestos fibres; mixtures with a basis of asbestos or with a basis of asbestos and magnesium carbonate; articles of such mixtures or of asbestos (for example, thread, woven fabric, clothing, headgear, footwear, gaskets), whether or not reinforced, other than goods of heading 68.11 or 68.13. 6812.91 – Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear 6812.92 – Paper, millboard and felt 6812.93 – Compressed asbestos fibre jointing in sheets or rolls 6812.99 - Other Friction material and articles thereof (for example, sheets, rolls, strips, segments, discs, washers, pads), not mounted, for brakes, for clutches or the like, with a basis of asbestos, of other mineral substances or of cellulose, whether or not combined with textile or other materials. 6813.20 – Containing asbestos.
Crocidolite asbestos	12001-28-4	2524.10	6812.80

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Actinolite asbestos	77536-66-4	2524.90	Fabricated asbestos fibres; mixtures with a basis of asbestos or with a basis of asbestos and magnesium carbonate; articles of such mixtures or of asbestos (for example, thread, woven fabric, clothing, headgear, footwear, gaskets), whether or not reinforced, other than goods of heading 68.11 or 68.13. 6812.91 – Clothing, clothing accessories, footwear and headgear 6812.92 – Paper, millboard and felt 6892.93 – Compressed asbestos fibre jointing in sheets or rolls 6892.99 - Other
Anthophyllite asbestos	77536-67-5	2524.90	
Amosite asbestos	12172-73-5	2524.90	
Tremolite asbestos	77536-68-6	2524.90	
Polybrominated biphenyls (PBB)			
(hexa-)	36355-01-8	–	
(octa-)	27858-07-7		
(deca-)	13654-09-6		
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)	1336-36-3 See also: http://www.pic.int/en/CasNumbers/PCB%20CAS%20number.pdf	–	3824.82
Polychlorinated terphenyls (PCT)	61788-33-8	–	
Tetraethyl lead	78-00-2	2931.00	e.g., 3811.11 – Anti-knock preparations based on lead compounds
Tetramethyl lead	75-74-1	2931.00	e.g., 3811.11 – Anti-knock preparations based on lead compounds
Tris (2,3-dibromopropyl) phosphate	126-72-7	2919.10	3824.83

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