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COURSE BROCHURE

Customs Tariff Classification of Commodities

Services / Transport, Operations and Logistics

Unit Standard 252434 · NQF Level 3 · 8 Credits · 5 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips learners with the practical skills to correctly classify commodities according to the Harmonized System (HS) of customs tariff. Participants will gain the expertise to determine applicable duty rates, interpret tariff headings and subheadings, and ensure compliance with South African customs regulations. The course is essential for reducing import/export costs and avoiding penalties through accurate classification.

Category	Services
Subfield	Transport, Operations and Logistics
Unit Standard	252434
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 3 · 8 Credits
Duration	5 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature to classify commodities correctly.
- Analyze commodity characteristics to determine appropriate tariff headings and subheadings.
- Evaluate classification rulings and explanatory notes to resolve classification issues.
- Implement customs tariff classification procedures in line with South African Revenue Service (SARS) requirements.
- Demonstrate the ability to use the Customs Tariff Schedule and related resources effectively.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- This course is designed for customs brokers, freight forwarders, import/export clerks, supply chain professionals, and trade compliance officers who are involved in the classification of goods for customs purposes.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Introduction to Customs Tariff Classification

- Overview of customs tariff classification and its importance.
- The Harmonized System (HS) and its global adoption.
- Structure of the SACU tariff book (sections, chapters, headings, subheadings).
- Introduction to the General Rules of Interpretation (GIRs).
- GIR 1: Classification according to the terms of headings and section/chapter notes.
- GIR 2: Classification of incomplete, unfinished, or mixed goods.
- GIR 3: Classification of goods classifiable under multiple headings.
- Practical examples of simple classifications.

Day 2: Advanced General Rules of Interpretation and Legal Notes

- GIR 4: Classification by analogy.
- GIR 5: Classification of containers and packing materials.
- GIR 6: Classification at the subheading level.
- Role of section and chapter notes.
- Using the alphabetical index and explanatory notes.
- Determining essential character (GIR 3(b)).
- Case studies on ambiguous classification.
- Common pitfalls in applying GIRs.

Day 3: Classification of Specific Commodity Groups

- Section I: Live animals and animal products.
- Section II: Vegetable products.
- Section VI: Chemical products.
- Section VII: Plastics and rubber.
- Section XI: Textiles and textile articles.
- Section XVI: Machinery and mechanical appliances.
- Section XVII: Vehicles, aircraft, and vessels.
- Using binding tariff information (BTI).

Day 4: Tariff Classification and Trade Agreements

- Overview of South Africa's trade agreements.
- Preferential tariff treatment and certificate of origin.
- Rules of origin and their relationship to tariff classification.
- Duty calculation based on correct HS code.
- Tariff quotas and their classification implications.
- Anti-dumping and countervailing duties.
- Classification for trade statistics (SARS data).
- Case studies on preferential vs. MFN rates.

Day 5: Practical Integration and Compliance

- Conducting a tariff classification audit.
- Requesting and interpreting tariff rulings.
- Using SARS online tools (e.g., Tariff Enquiry System).
- Managing classification disputes with customs.
- Compliance requirements and record-keeping.

- Penalties for misclassification.
- Best practices for maintaining classification accuracy.
- Final assessment and review.

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **8 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 3**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 23,000.00	R 23,000.00
1	In-House	R 29,900.00	R 29,900.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 34,500.00	R 34,500.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Cape Town, South Africa
10 Aug 2026	14 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Mauritius
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 252434) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call **+27 12 004 8389** or WhatsApp **+27 65 077 6310** and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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