

# Indian Trade Classification based on Harmonized System of Coding (ITCHS)

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## About Indian Trade Classification based on Harmonized System of Coding (ITCHS)

- ITC-HS Codes or better known as Indian Trade Classification based on Harmonized System of Coding was adopted in India for import-export operations.
- Indian custom uses an eight digit ITC-HS Codes to suit the national trade requirements.

## ITC-HS Codes Schedules

- ITC-HS codes are divided into two schedules.
- **ITC(HS) Import Schedule I**
  - Describe the rules and guidelines related to import policies.
  - Schedule I of the ITC-HS code is divided into 21 sections and each section is further divided into chapters.
  - The total number of chapters in the schedule I is 98.
- **ITC(HS) Export Schedule II**
  - Describes the rules and regulation related to export policies.
  - Export Policy Schedule II of the ITC-HS code contains 97 chapters giving all the details about the guidelines related to the export policies.

## Governing Body of ITC (HS) Code:

- Any changes or formulation or addition of new codes in ITC-HS Codes are carried out by DGFT (Directorate

General of Foreign Trade).

- Commodity description, weeding out of defunct codes, addition of new codes, change of product description etc., are taken up periodically as a part of the ongoing process towards perfection.

## **ITC Hs Code Major 21 Sections**

1. Animals & Animal Products
2. Vegetable Products
3. Animal Or Vegetable Fats
4. Prepared Foodstuffs
5. Mineral Products
6. Chemical Products
7. Plastics & Rubber
8. Hides & Skins
9. Wood & Wood Products
10. Wood Pulp Products
11. Textiles & Textile Articles
12. Footwear, Headgear
13. Articles Of Stone, Plaster, Cement, Asbestos
14. Pearls, Precious Or Semi-Precious Stones, Metals
15. Base Metals & Articles Thereof
16. Machinery & Mechanical Appliances
17. Transportation Equipment
18. Instruments – Measuring, Musical
19. Arms & Ammunition
20. Miscellaneous
21. Works Of Art