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HS classification reference **for vaccines and related supplies** **and equipment**

The Secretariat has been instructed by the Council to develop guidance materials to facilitate the cross-border movement of situationally critical medicines and vaccines, highlighting their existing HS classifications.

Note:

This list is provided as an indicative list only and only includes a limited number of items. It does not have legal status. Please consult with the relevant Customs administration in relation to classification at domestic levels (7 or more digits) or in the event of any discrepancy between their practice and this list.

All classifications are done under the current international HS – HS 2017.

COVID-19 Vaccines, test kits/ Instruments and apparatus used in Diagnostic Testing		
Product	Additional information	HS 2017 Classification
COVID-19 Vaccines ^{1,2}	All vaccines for human medicine, including COVID-19 vaccines, are classified in the same 6-digit subheading	3002.20
COVID-19 Test kits	Diagnostic reagents based on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) nucleic acid test.	3822.00
COVID-19 Test kits	Diagnostic reagents based on immunological reactions	3002.15
Swab and Viral transport medium set	A vial containing a culture media for the maintenance of a viral sample and a cotton tipped swab to collect the sample put up together	3821.00
Glass containers for vaccines	Ampoules	7010.10
	Vials or phials	7010.90

1. The COVID-19 candidate vaccine landscape database compiles information on COVID-19 vaccine candidates in development. The landscape is updated regularly by the WHO

The list of possible vaccines can be found in the WHO website:

<https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/draft-landscape-of-covid-19-candidate-vaccines>

2. The WHO has also released INN List 124 COVID-19 (Special Edition) containing some substances pertinent to the COVID-19 pandemic. These substances have been classified by the WCO Scientific Sub-Committee at its 36th Session.

The list can be found in:

<http://www.wcoomd.org/-/media/wco/public/global/pdf/topics/nomenclature/covid-19/inn-list-124-covid-19-special-edition-english.pdf?la=en>

Disinfectants, medical consumables and equipment related to vaccines		
Product	Additional information	HS 2017 Classification
Alcohol solution	Undenatured, containing by volume 80% or more ethyl alcohol	2207.10
Alcohol solution	Denatured ethyl alcohol, of any strength	2207.20
Alcohol solution	Undenatured, 70% ethyl alcohol	2208.90
Alcohol-based hand sanitiser	This refers to liquid or gel alcohol-based sanitisers put up <i>solely or principally</i> for disinfecting skin to decrease infectious agents on the hands.	3808.94
Other disinfectant preparations	Put up in forms or packings for retail sale such as rubs and wipes impregnated with alcohol or other disinfectants. This refer to such products put up <i>solely or principally</i> for disinfecting.	3808.94
Wadding, gauze, bandages, cotton sticks and similar articles	This only covers such goods either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impregnated or coated with pharmaceutical substances; or • put up in forms or packings for retail sale for medical surgical, dental or veterinary use. 	3005.90
Syringes, with or without needles		9018.31
Tubular metal needles and needles for sutures		9018.32
Clinical waste	This includes contaminated waste arising from the vaccination procedure, such as used syringes, with or without needles, used wadding or swabs, etc.	3825.30
Medical, surgical or laboratory sterilisers, including autoclaves	This covers <i>such devices when they function using a change of temperature</i> : usually through heating the devices to be sterilised with steam, boiling water or hot air. Other sterilisers, for example, sterilisers using ionizing radiation, are classified elsewhere. Classification of sterilisers that are not temperature based will depend on the type of steriliser. Please consult your local customs administration if Customs advice is needed.	8419.20
Ultra-violet irradiation equipment for disinfection purpose		8543.70

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Product	Additional information	HS 2017 Classification
Dry ice (solid carbon dioxide)		2811.21
Freezing equipment	Freezers of the chest type, not exceeding 800 l capacity	8418.30
	Freezers of the upright type, not exceeding 900 l capacity	8418.40
	Other freezing equipment	8418.69