

CODICI 

Corporate presentation

Import Control System 2 (ICS2)

European customs has introduced a new import control system (ICS2). ICS2 is the automated customs entry process that applies to the whole EU. This process monitors the safety of the external border. The European Commission aims to increase the data quality, in order to make a better risk analysis in advance. Automation of the process must also ensure better exchange of data between the EU Member States. As of the 1st of October 2023 the implementation period for general cargo has ended and you can no longer use ICS1.

Apart from major changes around processes involving the sending of cargo to or from the EU (pre-loading, pre-arrival et cetera), there is also a major change which will affect any business sending cargo to or from the EU.

HS-codes

As of ICS2, HS-codes are required on customs forms for all cargo sent to or from the EU. If businesses do not provide HS-codes with their cargo, the carrier or logistics provider will have to assign them. Without in-depth knowledge of your product, the carrier may unintentionally use incorrect HS-codes.

To avoid this, businesses should assign the correct descriptions and HS-codes on their packages themselves, so they can avoid delivery delays and errors. This is especially critical if the business pre-collects duty and tax from its customers. If customs receive the wrong HS-code, the business's customer can be wrongly asked to pay additional taxes. In addition, businesses need to provide accurate item descriptions. Vague item descriptions on customs forms such as “gifts,” “clothing,” and “electronics,” are no longer considered acceptable descriptions.






What is the HS-code?

The Harmonized System code (HS-code) was designed to make the Customs' life easier, enabling easier imposition of tariffs and facilitating simpler inspections. However, it does not make the process any easier for parties importing goods into the EU or exporting goods from the EU. The complete list of HS-codes contains over 50,000 lines, and if that's not intimidating enough, the codes receive minor updates monthly, major updates every six months and are completely revised every five years. It's simply impossible for a human to keep up with such frequent changes. However, for a computer...

With our combined experience, we thought there must be a better way. We have built a system that alleviates the burden for parties involved in this process.

HS-code advisor

Our HS-code advisor:

-  is easy to integrate in your existing applications
-  will keep an up-to-date dictionary of HS-codes
-  has low transaction fees
-  learns from experience of experts
-  gives the best advice

Our offering:

We are confident that you will love our product so:

- € we do not charge you anything if you don't use it in a month
- 📅 you can end your contract without a termination period

We will also:

- 📖 provide you with extensive online documentation
- ❓ help you with the integration by providing examples

Usage

You can utilize our HS-code advisor by integrating your systems through an API. You will be provided with an API key to authenticate yourself. Alternatively, you can look up a single HS-code through our website. Each time you perform a search via the website or the API, it counts as an API call, and you will receive an invoice for the accumulated calls at the beginning of the following month. In the near future, in your portal you will be able to create additional API keys, and the invoice will display the costs associated with each API key.

Rates

If you have an employee determine an HS-code, an experienced employee typically takes approximately one and a half to two minutes from start to finish, assuming the code does not need to be searched. When you calculate the standard scenario, this can quickly amount to more than 1.50 Euros per HS-code.

At CODICI, we have a tiered pricing structure. You pay a fixed monthly fee for the subscription, regardless of the number of keys you use or the consumption. This fee is only charged if you have actual usage in that calendar month. In addition, we charge a fee per API call.

- € 10.00 fixed monthly fee (applied in months with usage)
- € 0.25 per call for the first 10,000 calls in a calendar month
- € 0.05 per call for the next 90,000 calls in a month
- € 0.02 per call for every call after the initial 100,000 calls in a month

Benefits businesses

The benefit for businesses is two-fold;

- the CODICI HS-code advisor is a cheaper and more accurate alternative to manual coding
- more accurate HS-codes will lead to less fines imposed by customs and lower likelihood of checks and slower process times at customs

Benefits Customs

CODICI offers the possibility to process large batches of data all at once and rather than giving an HS-code for each entry, the given HS-code is assessed and a scoring on its accuracy is given. This will allow for a quick scan of large quantities of shipments to determine which shipments are more likely to need a manual inspection.

About us

Our team, consisting of 5 veterans from various industries, has a combined experience of over 150 years in transportation, logistics, and IT. We understand the amount of time involved in Customs forms and how error-prone manual processing can be. Considering the Customs requirement that an HS-code is needed for each item being imported or exported, with corresponding fines and duties for any mistakes made, we felt it was time for an improvement.

