

CHAPTER 30
PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

Notes

1. This chapter does not cover:
 - (a) foods or beverages (such as dietetic, diabetic or fortified foods, food supplements, tonic beverages and mineral waters), other than nutritional preparations for intravenous administration (Section IV);
 - (b) plasters specially calcined or finely ground for use in dentistry (heading 2520);
 - (c) aqueous distillates or aqueous solutions of essential oils, suitable for medicinal uses (heading 3301);
 - (d) preparations of headings 3303 to 3307, even if they have therapeutic or prophylactic properties;
 - (e) soap or other products of heading 3401 containing added medicaments;
 - (f) preparations with a basis of plaster for use in dentistry (heading 3407); or
 - (g) blood albumin not prepared for therapeutic or prophylactic uses (heading 3502).
2. For the purposes of heading 3002, the expression 'modified immunological products' applies only to monoclonal antibodies (MABs), antibody fragments, antibody conjugates and antibody fragment conjugates.
3. For the purposes of headings 3003 and 3004 and of note 4(d) to this chapter, the following are to be treated:
 - (a) as unmixed products:
 - (1) unmixed products dissolved in water;
 - (2) all goods of Chapter 28 or 29; and
 - (3) simple vegetable extracts of heading 1302, merely standardised or dissolved in any solvent;
 - (b) as products which have been mixed:
 - (1) colloidal solutions and suspensions (other than colloidal sulphur);
 - (2) vegetable extracts obtained by the treatment of mixtures of vegetable materials; and
 - (3) salts and concentrates obtained by evaporating natural mineral waters.
4. Heading 3006 applies only to the following, which are to be classified in that heading and in no other heading of the nomenclature:
 - (a) sterile surgical catgut, similar sterile suture materials and sterile tissue adhesives for surgical wound closure;
 - (b) sterile laminaria and sterile laminaria tents;
 - (c) sterile absorbable surgical or dental haemostatics;
 - (d) opacifying preparations for X-ray examinations and diagnostic reagents designed to be administered to the patient, being unmixed products put up in measured doses or products consisting of two or more ingredients which have been mixed together for such uses;
 - (e) blood-grouping reagents;
 - (f) dental cements and other dental fillings; bone reconstruction cements;
 - (g) first-aid boxes and kits;
 - (h) chemical contraceptive preparations based on hormones, on other products of heading 2937 or on spermicides;
 - (ij) gel preparations designed to be used in human or veterinary medicine as a lubricant for parts of the body for surgical operations or physical examinations or as a coupling agent between the body and medical instruments; and
 - (k) waste pharmaceuticals, that is, pharmaceutical products which are unfit for their original intended purpose due to, for example, expiry of shelf life.

Additional note:

1. Heading 3004 includes herbal medicinal preparations and preparations based on the following active substances: vitamins, minerals, essential amino-acids or fatty acids, in packings for retail sale. These preparations are classified in heading 3004 if they bear on the label, packaging or on the accompanying user directions the following statements of:

- (a) the specific diseases, ailments or their symptoms for which the product is to be used;
- (b) the concentration of active substance or substances contained therein;
- (c) dosage; and
- (d) mode of application.

This heading includes homeopathic medicinal preparations when they meet the above mentioned conditions of (a), (c) and (d).

In the case of preparations based on vitamins, minerals, essential amino-acids or fatty acids, the level of one of these substances per recommended daily dose indicated on the label must be significantly higher than the recommended daily allowance to maintain general health or well-being.

CN code	Description	Conventional rate of duty (%)	Supplementary unit
1	2	3	4
3001	Glands and other organs for organo-therapeutic uses, dried, whether or not powdered; extracts of glands or other organs or of their secretions for organo-therapeutic uses; heparin and its salts; other human or animal substances prepared for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not elsewhere specified or included:		
3001 10	– Glands and other organs, dried, whether or not powdered:		
3001 10 10	– – Powdered	Free	—
3001 10 90	– – Other	Free	—
3001 20	– Extracts of glands or other organs or of their secretions:		
3001 20 10	– – Of human origin	Free	—
3001 20 90	– – Other	Free	—
3001 90	– Other:		
3001 90 10	– – Of human origin	Free	—
	– – Other:		
3001 90 91	– – – Heparin and its salts	Free	—
3001 90 99	– – – Other	Free	—
3002	Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic uses; antisera and other blood fractions and modified immunological products, whether or not obtained by means of biotechnological processes; vaccines, toxins, cultures of micro-organisms (excluding yeasts) and similar products:		
3002 10	– Antisera and other blood fractions and modified immunological products, whether or not obtained by means of biotechnological processes:		
3002 10 10	– – Antisera	Free	—
	– – Other:		
3002 10 91	– – – Haemoglobin, blood globulins and serum globulins	Free	—
	– – – Other:		
3002 10 95	– – – – Of human origin	Free	—
3002 10 99	– – – – Other	Free	—
3002 20 00	– Vaccines for human medicine	Free	—
3002 30 00	– Vaccines for veterinary medicine	Free	—

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3002 90	– Other:		
3002 90 10	– – Human blood	Free	—
3002 90 30	– – Animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic uses	Free	—
3002 90 50	– – Cultures of micro-organisms	Free	—
3002 90 90	– – Other	Free	—
3003	Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 3002, 3005 or 3006) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail sale:		
3003 10 00	– Containing penicillins or derivatives thereof, with a penicillanic acid structure, or streptomycins or their derivatives	Free	—
3003 20 00	– Containing other antibiotics	Free	—
	– Containing hormones or other products of heading 2937 but not containing antibiotics:		
3003 31 00	– – Containing insulin	Free	—
3003 39 00	– – Other	Free	—
3003 40 00	– Containing alkaloids or derivatives thereof but not containing hormones or other products of heading 2937 or antibiotics	Free	—
3003 90	– Other:		
3003 90 10	– – Containing iodine or iodine compounds	Free	—
3003 90 90	– – Other	Free	—
3004	Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 3002, 3005 or 3006) consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses (including those in the form of transdermal administration systems) or in forms or packings for retail sale:		
3004 10	– Containing penicillins or derivatives thereof, with a penicillanic acid structure, or streptomycins or their derivatives:		
3004 10 10	– – Containing, as active substances, only penicillins or derivatives thereof with a penicillanic acid structure	Free	—
3004 10 90	– – Other	Free	—
3004 20	– Containing other antibiotics:		
3004 20 10	– – Put up in forms or in packings of a kind sold by retail	Free	—
3004 20 90	– – Other	Free	—
	– Containing hormones or other products of heading 2937 but not containing antibiotics:		
3004 31	– – Containing insulin:		
3004 31 10	– – – Put up in forms or in packings of a kind sold by retail	Free	—
3004 31 90	– – – Other	Free	—
3004 32	– – Containing corticosteroid hormones, their derivatives and structural analogues:		
3004 32 10	– – – Put up in forms or in packings of a kind sold by retail	Free	—
3004 32 90	– – – Other	Free	—
3004 39	– – Other:		
3004 39 10	– – – Put up in forms or in packings of a kind sold by retail	Free	—
3004 39 90	– – – Other	Free	—

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3004 40	– Containing alkaloids or derivatives thereof but not containing hormones, other products of heading 2937 or antibiotics:		
3004 40 10	– – Put up in forms or in packings of a kind sold by retail	Free	—
3004 40 90	– – Other	Free	—
3004 50	– Other medicaments containing vitamins or other products of heading 2936:		
3004 50 10	– – Put up in forms or in packings of a kind sold by retail	Free	—
3004 50 90	– – Other	Free	—
3004 90	– Other:		
	– – Put up in forms or in packings of a kind sold by retail:		
3004 90 11	– – – Containing iodine or iodine compounds	Free	—
3004 90 19	– – – Other	Free	—
	– – Other:		
3004 90 91	– – – Containing iodine or iodine compounds	Free	—
3004 90 99	– – – Other	Free	—
3005	Wadding, gauze, bandages and similar articles (for example, dressings, adhesive plasters, poultices), impregnated or coated with pharmaceutical substances or put up in forms or packings for retail sale for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes:		
3005 10 00	– Adhesive dressings and other articles having an adhesive layer	Free	—
3005 90	– Other:		
3005 90 10	– – Wadding and articles of wadding	Free	—
	– – Other:		
	– – – Of textile materials:		
3005 90 31	– – – – Gauze and articles of gauze	Free	—
	– – – – Other:		
3005 90 51	– – – – – Of nonwoven fabrics	Free	—
3005 90 55	– – – – – Other	Free	—
3005 90 99	– – – Other	Free	—
3006	Pharmaceutical goods specified in note 4 to this chapter:		
3006 10	– Sterile surgical catgut, similar sterile suture materials and sterile tissue adhesives for surgical wound closure; sterile laminaria and sterile laminaria tents; sterile absorbable surgical or dental haemostatics:		
3006 10 10	– – Sterile surgical catgut	Free	—
3006 10 90	– – Other	Free	—
3006 20 00	– Blood-grouping reagents	Free	—
3006 30 00	– Opacifying preparations for X-ray examinations; diagnostic reagents designed to be administered to the patient	Free	—
3006 40 00	– Dental cements and other dental fillings; bone reconstruction cements	Free	—
3006 50 00	– First-aid boxes and kits	Free	—

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3006 60	– Chemical contraceptive preparations based on hormones, on other products of heading 2937 or on spermicides:		
	– – Based on hormones or on other products of heading 2937:		
3006 60 11	– – – Put up in forms or in packings of a kind sold by retail	Free	—
3006 60 19	– – – Other	Free	—
3006 60 90	– – Based on spermicides	Free	—
3006 70 00	– Gel preparations designed to be used in human or veterinary medicine as a lubricant for parts of the body for surgical operations or physical examinations or as a coupling agent between the body and medical instruments	6,5 ⁽¹⁾	—
3006 80 00	– Waste pharmaceuticals	Free	—

⁽¹⁾ Customs duty autonomously suspended for an indefinite period.