

# HTS Codes vs HS Codes: What's the difference and how-to find yours

As of February 2025, all shipments with a Country of Origin of China or Hong Kong that are destined for the U.S. must include an HTS code for border clearance.

HS Codes are different from HTS Codes. The **Harmonized System** (HS) is an internationally recognized system for categorizing goods.

The **Harmonized Tariff Schedule** (HTS) is specific to goods being **imported into the U.S.** and it extends the HS Code to a more detailed 10-digit level.

The first 6 digits of an HTS code are identical to the corresponding HS code.

HS Codes	HTS Codes
<p>Mandatory for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overseas military addresses (APO/DPO/FPO)</li> <li>U.S. territories (e.g. Guam, Puerto Rico, etc.) and</li> <li>USPS International postage</li> </ul>	<p>Mandatory for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U.S. bound shipments with a Country of Origin of China or Hong Kong.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6+ digits for each item in your shipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 digits for each item in your shipment.</li> </ul>

## Tools to find HS and HTS Codes

- [Harmonized Tariff Schedule](#) (HTS) Code (U.S. International Trade Commission)
- [CROSS](https://rulings.cbp.gov/) (Customs Rulings Online Search System (https://rulings.cbp.gov/))
- [Tariff Finder](#) (Canadian resource for HTS and HS codes)
  - You may need to expand the subheader in order to see the 10 digit HTS code.
- [Canada Post - Find a Harmonized System Code](#) (HS and HTS codes)
  - You will have to add the country of origin in order to find the HTS code after obtaining the HS code.
- For more information: [Chit Chats live updates on tariffs](#), [Chit Chats article on HTS codes](#)



**Note:** During the webinar, it was stated that shipments originating from Canada would be subject to the HTS General Rate of Duty; this is only applicable to items that do not have 'S' in the Special Rate of Duty Column.