



Republic of the Philippines

Philippine Statistics Authority

PSA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. ____

TO: All Agencies of the National and Local Government, Government-Owned and/or Controlled Corporations Involved in the Statistical Activities of the Government

SUBJECT: Guidelines for the Adoption and Use of the 2015 Philippine Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC)

Pursuant to PSA Resolution No. 5, Series of 2015 approved on the 28th day of December 2015 entitled, "Approving and Adopting the 2015 Philippine Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC)," the following guidelines are hereby issued:

1. Purpose and Uses of the 2015 PSCC

The *Philippine Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC)* is a detailed classification of all imported and exported commodities being used for tariff and statistical purposes. The 2015 PSCC is an integration of the ASEAN Harmonized Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN) based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) issued by the World Customs Organizations (WCO), and the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) by the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD).

The 2015 PSCC serves as a standard statistical nomenclature for economic analysis as well as for planning and policy formulation; as a standard scheme on commodity groupings or classes necessary for maintaining continuity of existing series on trade statistics and for international comparability of the country's trade statistics; and as an aid in the implementation of tariff and trade regulations.

2. Scope of the 2015 PSCC

The 2015 PSCC contains the detailed classification of all commodities that are traded in the Philippines, grouped into the following broad categories called Sections:

Section

- I Live animals, animal products
- II Vegetable products
- III Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes
- IV Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar, tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes
- V Mineral products
- VI Products of the chemical or allied industries
- VII Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof
- VIII Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm gut)

IX	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork
X	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof
XI	Textile and textile articles
XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware
XIV	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metal clad with precious metals and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coins
XV	Base metals and articles of base metals
XVI	Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment
XVIII	Optical photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof
XIX	Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles
XXI	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques

3. Criteria used in classifying commodities under the 2015 PSCC

The following criteria were used in classifying commodities under the 2015 PSCC:

- a. Trade value of the commodity;
- b. Potential of the commodity to be a major export and import product;
- c. Intended policy use of the detailed commodity data, e.g. monitoring and preservation of endangered species; and
- d. Regulated or prohibited commodities per existing laws, trade agreements and directives shall be provided separate code for monitoring purposes

4. Coding System

For convenience in obtaining aggregates at each level, the code number of each commodity in the 2015 PSCC is so designated that:

First level (Chapter) – Chapters are represented by the first two digits

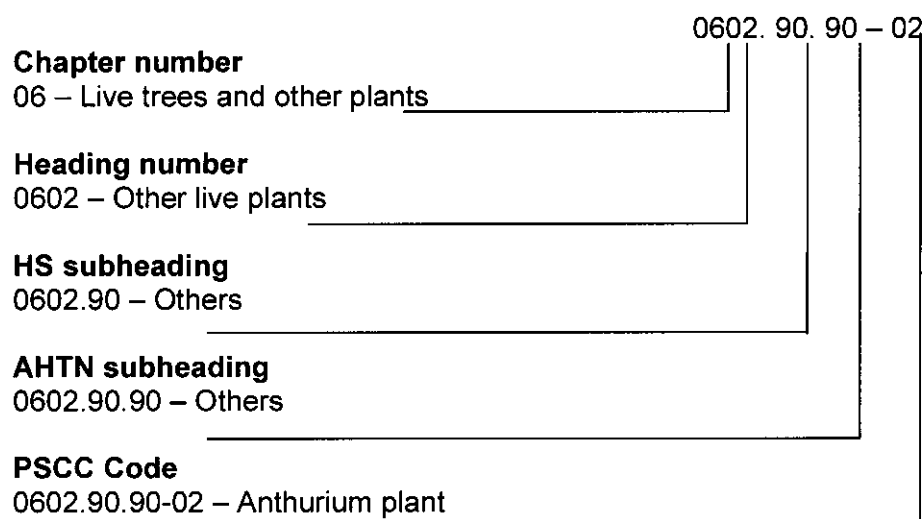
Second level (Heading) – Headings are represented by the first four digits

Third Level (HS Subheading) – HS Subheadings are represented by the first six digits

Fourth Level (AHTN subheading) – AHTN subheading are represented by the first eight digits

Fifth Level (PSCC) – PSCC codes are represented by ten digits. The 9th and 10th digit codes refer to the PSCC commodities that are not in one-to-one correspondence with the AHTN

For example: Section II - Vegetable products
PSCC Code **0602.90.90-02 Anthurium plant**



5. Changes adopted in the 2015 PSCC

The following changes were adopted and incorporated in the 2015 PSCC:

a. On Section I – Live animals, animal products

Separate 10-digit codes were provided for prohibited/regulated products for exports. For example: Mud crab (*Scylla serrata*) 0306.14.10-01; Coconut crab (*Birgus latro*) 0306.14.10-02 and Sea horse (*Hippocampus*) 0301.99.39-02.

b. On Section II – Vegetable products

Separate 10-digit codes were provided for prohibited/regulated products for exports. For example: "Bakawan" big leaf mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) 0602.20.00-03; Agar wood (*Aquilaria malaccensis*) 0602.90.90-12 and Mangrove (*Rhizophoraceae*) 0602.20.00-02.

Reclassified Virgin Coconut Oil (1515.90.92-01) under Section II.

c. On Section IV – Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar, tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes

The following coconut products were highlighted in the 2015 PSCC: Coconut syrup/coco honey/nectar (1702.90.91-04), Fresh coconut water from mature coconut (2202.90.90-03), Coconut jam (2007.99.90-07), Fresh coconut milk (2007.99.90-08), Coco sap sugar (2209.00.00-05), Coconut concentrates (2009.89.99-14), Coco vinegar (2209.00.00-01), and Coco sap vinegar (2209.00.00-05).

d. On **Section VI – Products of the chemical or allied industries**

Separate 10-digit codes were provided for other significant commodities (from residual “other”). For example: Carbon monoxide (2811.29.90-02); Acetaminophen (2922.49.90-02); Paracetamol (2922.49.90-03); Salbutamol (2922.50.90-02); Contraceptive pills (3004.90.99-14); Gluthathione (3504.00.00-04); Henna (3203.00.90-01); Metroprolol tartrate (2922.50.90-03) and Squalene (3001.90.00-03).

e. On **Section VIII – Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silkworm gut)**

Separate 10-digit code was provided for Stingray (4103.90.00-03)

f. On **Section IX – Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork**

Separate 10-digit-code was provided for Coconut handicrafts from coconut shells/husks (4602.90.00-03).

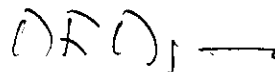
g. On **Section XI – Textile and textile articles**

Separate 10-digit codes were provided for the following new commodities: Barong tagalog, of cotton (6205.20.00-03), Barong tagalog, of man-made fibres (6205.30.00-03) and Barong tagalog, of other textile materials (6205.90.90-05).

h. On **Section XVI – Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles**

Separate 10-digit codes were provided for the following new commodities: Air cooled chillers (8418.69.90-03), Short-wave broadcast (8529.10.99-02), Bluetooth device (8517.62.59-01), USB flash drive (8523.51.11-01), Memory card, including SD card and memory stick (8523.51.11-02), Song chips for magic sing (8523.51.90-01), Contactor (8536.41.90-01), Housing (connector) for automotive wiring harness (8536.90.94-01) and LED orbit lamp (8539.29.90-04).

Concerned agencies are enjoined to adopt the 2015 PSCC. This memorandum circular shall take effect immediately.



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