

ITA2

Abolition of customs duties on technology products



Do your imported goods belong under a reduced tariff?

The customs duties on several technology products have been (further) reduced as of 1 July 2016. The reduction is based on the renewed Information Technology Agreement (ITA), an agreement between the members of the World Trade Organization, 'WTO'.

The previous ITA dates from 1996 and it reduces the customs duties on IT-products such as personal computers, telecommunication devices, semiconductors, software and components of these devices. Due to the fast developments in the field of technology in the previous years, it was necessary to adjust the agreement.

The expansion of the new Information Technology Agreement (ITA2) relates to an expansion of 201 commodity codes/products. All expansions and adjustments could be found in the implementing decree of the European Union: (EU) 2016/1047.

What are the consequences for your business?

Does your company import goods as mentioned in the chapters 84 up to and including 93? Does your product assortment consist of electronic products? Does your company manufacture goods, in which electronics are processed? In such case, your company could save lots of money by vetting your product data base.

Perhaps your company is importing goods, which are eligible for a reduced rate or exemption and could fall under the scope of ITA2. The classification experts from Grant Thornton could assist you with identifying your product assortment and to check whether a reduction on customs duties could be applied for your products.

Please find below a summary of product groups, which are covered by the scope of ITA2:

- videos, cameras and components;
- modems and routers;
- MP3/MP4 players, radios and components;
- DVD, HD and Blu-ray players and components;
- headphones, speakers, amplifiers, earphones, microphones and components;
- medical devices and components;
- video games and game consoles;
- multi printers/scanners;
- remote controls;
- radar devices and components;
- storages;
- switches/electronic securities;
- smartcards/debit cards;
- microscopes, compasses and tools for aeronautics and aerospace;
- lasers and components;
- measure and analytical equipments.

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