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## Commodity Codes / Tariff Classification No / Harmonised Tariff System

Following a BTI (Binding Tariff Information) ruling from the HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), Ion Science have had to look at the Commodity Codes we use to describe our goods.

The "Commodity Code" goes by a number of different names (as above) but is generally a 6 or 8 or 10 digit number which is used to classify the goods being shipped for export / import and it is the Commodity Code that determines the amount of duty and tax payable against an item of import. In theory, the first 6 or 8 digits should be recognised the world over as part of the Harmonised System Nomenclature (if interested, see link [http://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/customs/customs\\_duties/tariff\\_aspects/harmonised\\_system/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/customs/customs_duties/tariff_aspects/harmonised_system/index_en.htm) )

Historically, all Ion Science Products, have used the following Commodity Codes:-

902680 20 90 For Instruments

902690 00 90 for Spares & Accessories.

This was based on:-

9026 = Instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking the flow, level, pressure or other variables of liquids or gases (for example, flow meters, level gauges, manometers, heat meters), excluding instruments and apparatus of heading 9014, 9015, 9028 or 9032:

902680 = Other instruments or apparatus.

902680 20 = Electronic

902680 20 90 = Other (not for use in civil aircraft)

And 902690 00 = Parts and accessories and 902690 00 90 = Other.

The above Commodity Codes have served Ion Science well but did not describe our goods or differentiate between the different sensing technologies adequately enough.

Going forward, in accordance with the BTI ruling and HMRC, the Commodity Codes used by Ion Science for our Exports will be changed as detailed below. In short, Ion Science will be using a number of new Codes and the first four digits of the Commodity Code will change from 9026 (as defined above) to 9027.

9027 = Instruments and apparatus for physical or chemical analysis (for example, polarimeters, refractometers, spectrometers, gas or smoke analysis apparatus); instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking viscosity, porosity, expansion, surface tension or the like; instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking quantities of heat, sound or light (including exposure meters); microtomes:

For Products that exclusively use PID or UV Light, the Commodity Code will be 902750 00 00. This will apply to **Tiger / Select / Cub / MiniPID / TVOC / MVI**.

902750 00 00 = Other instruments and apparatus using optical radiations (UV, visible, IR)

**Spares and Accessories for Tiger / Select / Cub / MiniPID / TVOC / MVI** will be 902790 50 00 where:-

902790 = Parts & Accessories

902790 50 00 – Of apparatus of subheading 902720 to 902780.



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For Products that rely on other sensing technologies (such as electro-chemical sensors or negative ion capture or combinations of technologies) such as **GasCheck / GasClam / FirstCheck / Hydrosteel / SF6 etc.** the Commodity Code will be 902710 10 00, where:-

902710 = Gas or smoke analysis apparatus

902710 10 00 = Electronic.

**Spares and Accessories for GasCheck / GasClam / FirstCheck / Hydrosteel / SF6 etc** will be 902790 80 00 where:-

902790 = Parts & Accessories (as above), and

902790 80 00 = Of microtomes or of gas or smoke analysis apparatus.

In summary the four (4) Main Commodity Codes that Ion Science will use, are:-

**902750 00 00. For Tiger / Select / Cub / MiniPID / TVOC / MVI**

**902790 50 00. Spares & Accessories for Tiger / Select / Cub / MiniPID / TVOC / MVI**

**902710 10 00. For GasCheck / GasClam / FirstCheck / Hydrosteel / SF6 etc**

**902790 80 00. Spares & Accessories for GasCheck / GasClam / FirstCheck / Hydrosteel / SF6 etc**

## Who does this effect?

Whilst this clearly effects Ion Science in terms of classification of all of our Exports and our re-imports (for IPR), it may also affect you, as our Customer.

1. Customers in the UK. If a Customer in the UK re-exports our Products (either as "Free Circulation" or outside of the EU), you will need to know this.
2. Customers in the EU. Whilst shipments from Ion Science to Customers in the EU are "free circulation" and do not attract import duties and taxes, if your inter-EU imports exceed a certain financial level, you will possibly need to do Intrastat's on Imports; for further information, please see <https://www.gov.uk/introduction-to-intrastat>. Likewise, if you re-export either within the EU or outside of the EU, you will need to declare these codes.
3. International Customers outside of the EU. Where our Customers are outside of the EU, you will need to import our Products and these Codes will determine the amount of duty and tax you will have to pay (or not!) on import.

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