

## FOODSTUFF: STRUCTURE, QUALITY AND CLASSIFICATION IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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### Abstract

The problems of the domestic market provision with the qualitative foodstuff are the problems of the foreign economic activity state regulation of any country. However in cases of ambiguous classification of goods by the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) it is very difficult to define the instruments of regulation which should be applied to concrete goods. In this article the examples of problems arising while classifying the foodstuff illustrate the interrelations of the goods' structure, quality and place in the product ranges constructed on the basis of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System. The analysis of the most problematic classification cases of the goods that have steady nature of doubtful declaring of the foreign trade code in the HS Nomenclature. These are the following goods: grape wine and goods containing milk fat in the structure.

The analysis of the terminology accepted in the HS Nomenclature of the Euro Asian Economic Union (EAEU) and national standards is provided. Main distinctions and reasons of an ambiguous understanding of separate concepts originated from Russia, Germany, Spain, France, Switzerland etc. are analyzed.

The issue of legitimacy of classification in one commodity position of the HS Nomenclature of the goods made on the basis of milk fat (ice cream) and on the basis of vegetable fats (the frozen desserts) is considered. The lack of uniform approach to such goods classification by the countries- participants of the Harmonized System Convention is revealed. It is proved the necessity of giving extra explanations to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System Addendums to which different measures of state regulations are applied.

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