



Customs Notice No. (10/2025)

Flexible Implementation of
the Integrated Customs Tariff
at the 12-Digit Level

As part of ongoing regional harmonization efforts and in alignment with the Gulf Cooperation Council's (GCC) unified customs framework, the UAE Federal Customs Authority has announced the flexible implementation of the Integrated Customs Tariff at the 12-Digit Level, in accordance with Customs Notice No. (10/2025).

This strategic move introduces a phased transition from the current 8-Digit classification system to a more detailed 12-Digit structure.

Policy Objectives:

The introduction of the 12-digit Integrated Customs Tariff serves multiple national and regional objectives:

- ▶ **GCC Harmonization:** Ensures consistency across all GCC member states while preserving national sub-classification needs.
- ▶ **Enhanced Trade Data:** A more detailed classification enhances the government's ability to track trade flows and inform economic policy.
- ▶ **International Compliance:** Follows global customs modernization trends where extended HS codes provide more precise tracking and control.
- ▶ **Facilitation of Trade:** More accurate classification improves transparency and reduces disputes in customs valuation and classification.



Implementation Framework:

To ensure minimal disruption, the UAE Customs will adopt a phased implementation approach as follows:

- ▶ Notice Period - 6 months for all customers to prepare and adapt.
- ▶ Phase 1 Focus - All customs declarations for goods whose final destination is within the GCC.

During the transition, both 8-Digit and 12-Digit classifications will operate in parallel. This dual approach provides businesses with time to update internal systems, revise documentation, and train relevant personnel.



Support Services Available

Dubai Customs and Dubai Trade provide a range of support tools and services to ease the transition:

Service	Description
Goods Classification Request	Submit requests for updated customs tariff items for new applications
Customs Opinion Request	Request official reclassification of goods from the 8-Digit to the 12-Digit Codes.
Self-Service Tools	Access digital services via the AI Munasiq App.
Correlation Table	Mapping existing 8-Digit Codes with the corresponding 12-Digit Codes.
Integrated Customs Tariff Table	View the full structure of the new 12-Digit Tariff.

Why This Matters to You

By transitioning to the 12-Digit Level, you can expect:

- ▶ Greater accuracy in goods classification
- ▶ Better alignment with international standards
- ▶ Reduced customs clearance delays
- ▶ More consistent trade practices across the GCC

Andersen's Advisory Support

Andersen is fully equipped to assist your organization throughout the transition. Our services include

- ▶ Tariff Code Review & Mapping
- ▶ Training Workshops for Classification Teams
- ▶ Customs Filing Risk Analysis During Transition Period
- ▶ On-Demand Advisory for Dispute Prevention and Clarification Requests

To ensure compliance and minimize disruption, Andersen recommend all importers, exporters, customs brokers, and trade compliance teams take the following actions:

- ▶ Review your current goods classification.
- ▶ Assess your internal systems and update as necessary.
- ▶ Attend upcoming workshops and training events
- ▶ Utilize the digital tools provide via Dubai Customs and Dubai Trade platforms

These steps will prepare your organization to confidently operate under the new 12-digit classification system.

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