



**SEVENTIETH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

Abidjan, 20 - 21 June 2013

**REGULATION C/REG.1./06/13 DEFINING THE LIST
COMPRISING THE CATEGORIES OF PRODUCTS CONTAINED
IN THE ECOWAS TARIFF AND STATISTICAL
NOMENCLATURE**

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of articles 10, 11, and 12 of the ECOWAS revised Treaty creating the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.17/01/06 adopting the ECOWAS Common External Tariff,

MINDFUL of Decision A/DEC.14/01/06 on the creation, organization, and functioning of the joint ECOWAS-UEMOA Committee for the management of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET);

MINDFUL of the Supplementary Act A/SA.1/06/09 on the amendment to the Decision A/DEC.17/01/06 of adopting the ECOWAS Common External Tariff (CET);

MINDFUL of Regulation C/REG.1/5/09 on the adoption of the 2007 version of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS);

DESIROUS to implement the provisions of articles 35, 36, and 37, of the ECOWAS Treaty relating to the establishment of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff and concerning all products imported from third countries into member states, and in this regard define the list comprising the categories of products contained in the ECOWAS Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature;

UPON THE PROPOSAL of the 12th meeting of the joint ECOWAS-UEMOA committee for the management of the ECOWAS Common External Tariff held in Abidjan from 11 to 14 December 2012;

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION of the fifty-first session of the Technical Committee on Trade, Customs, and Free Movement held in Praia on 18 to 19 March 2013.

ENACTS

Article 1: Classification of Categories of Goods

The products contained in the Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature of the Common External Tariff (CET) of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) are classified in different categories as listed in the Annex to this Regulation. The annex is an integral part of the Regulation.

Article 2: Adoption of Harmonized System

The 2012 amendments of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) are hereby adopted

Article 3: Extension of the Statistical Nomenclature of the Common External Tariff

For the implementation of the provisions of the article 1, the Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature of the Common External Tariff (CET) of the Economic Community of West African States, based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) of the World Customs Organization (WCO), is extended from 06 digits to 10 digits. *He*

Article 4: Declaration of Products

Imported products in the Member States are to be declared in accordance with the ECOWAS Tariff and Statistical Nomenclature (TSN)

Article 5: Entry Into Force and Publication

This present Regulation shall enter into force upon signature by the President of the Council of Ministers. This Regulation shall be published by the Commission in the official journal of the community within thirty (30) days of its signature by the President of the Council of Ministers. It shall equally be published by each member state in her official journal thirty (30) days after notification by the Commission.

DONE AT ABIDJAN THIS 21ST DAY OF JUNE 2013



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H.E. CHARLES KOFFI DIBY

CHAIRMAN

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