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Alphabetical index to the Australian Harmonised Export Commodity Classification – 1 July 2003

The Australian Harmonized Export Commodity Classification (AHECC) is compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and is based on the six-digit international harmonised system developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO) for describing internationally traded goods.

The AHECC is designed for use by exporters, customs brokers and freight forwarders for the classification of goods when providing export declarations to the Australian Customs Service, and to assist users in the interpretation of export statistics published by the ABS. The classification is normally updated on 1 January and 1 July each year.

On 1 July 2003, there are no changes to the classification, but an alphabetic index for the AHECC will be made available. The updated index is in the same format as that available in the AHECC before the January 2002 issue. That is, index entries are provided at the four-, five- or six-digit levels as an aid to finding the correct classification code.

Copies of the updated index will be available electronically from the ABS web site, free of charge, from 17 June 2003. Copies of the entire AHECC and previous AHECC updates will also be available from the web site at the same time, free of charge.

To access these documents, go to the ABS web site [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au/) then select Themes, International Trade. To download the AHECC index, select AHECC. This page will provide links to the manual as at 1 January 2002 (pdf file), the 1 July 2002, 1 January 2003 and 1 July 2003 (AHECC index) sets of replacement pages and the updated 1 July 2003 manual (pdf file and website version).

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