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DUTY CALCULATOR

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About the Ghana Trading Hub Duty Calculator

The Ghana Trading Hub Duty Calculator ("GTH Duty Calculator") has been designed to assist the process of determining the complete and true landed cost of products imported into Ghana.

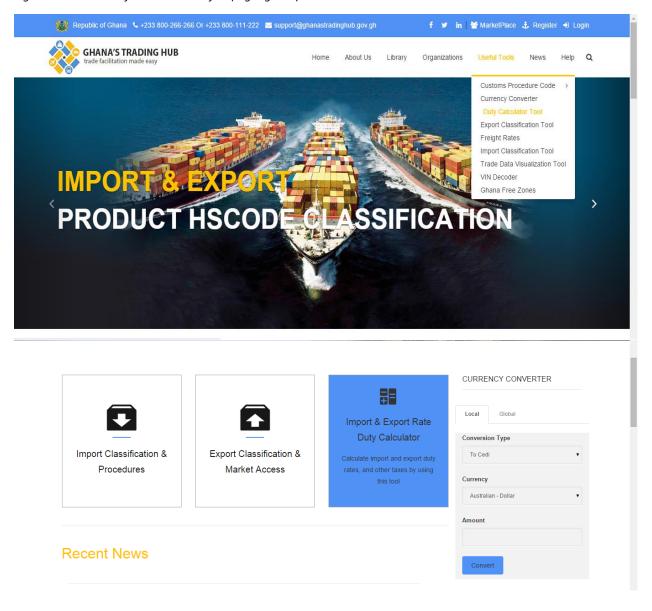
This document is designed to provide an overview of the GTH Duty Calculator's functionality and features.



The GTH Duty Calculator

The GTH Duty Calculator Classifier is accessible from two places on the Ghana Trading Hub home page - either from the lower right corner of the page or from the 'Useful Tools' drop down menu located in the header (see Figure 1).

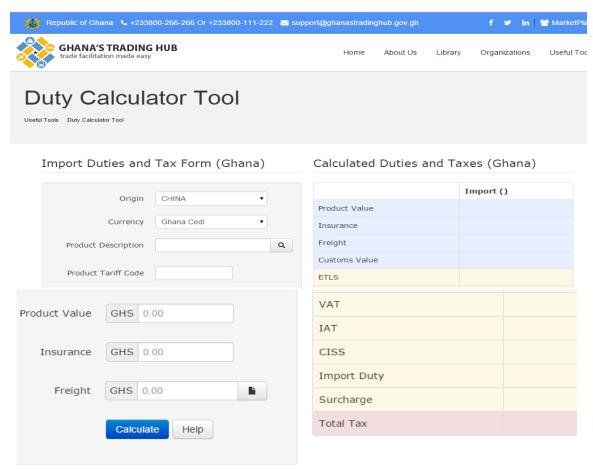
Figure 1- Locations of the GTH Classifier (highlighted)



Once launched, the GTH Duty Calculator opens in a new window (see Figure 2).

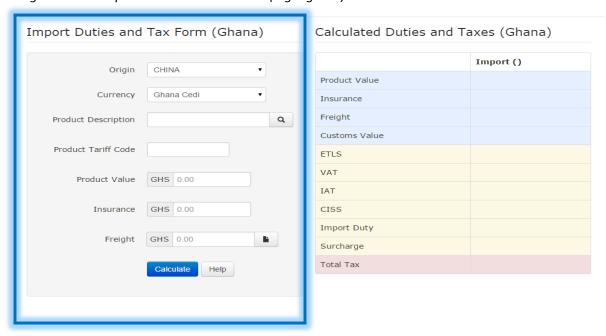


Figure 2: The GTH Duty Calculator is launched



The Duty Calculator is comprised of two elements. On the left, is the 'Import Duties and Tax Form', which the user must complete in order to obtain a landed cost for their goods (see Figure 3).

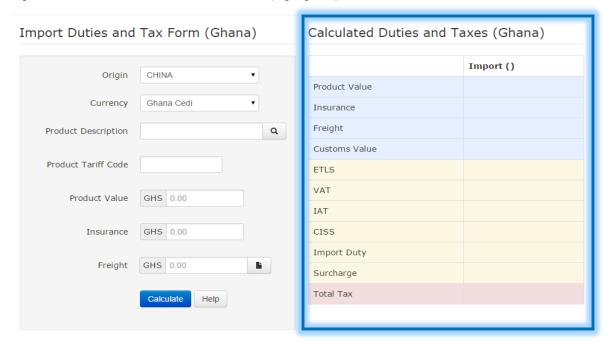
Figure 3: The Import Duties and Tax Form (highlighted)





On the right is the 'Calculated Duties and Taxes' table (see Figure 4). This is where the detailed landed cost information is presented.

Figure 4: The Calculated Duties and Taxes table (highlighted)

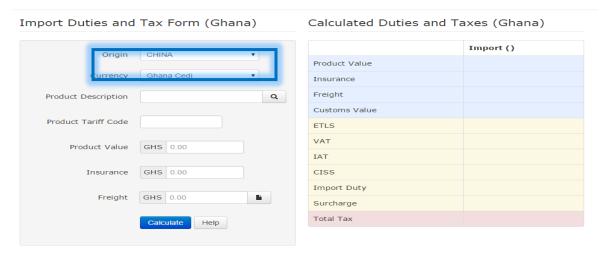


Entering product and shipping information is explained in the next section.

The Import Duties and Tax Form

In order to calculate the complete and true landed cost for import into Ghana, users must provide certain information about their products. First, users must specify the origin of their goods. The origin field provides a drop down menu that includes 249 countries of origin (see Figure 5). It should be noted that for the purposes of duty calculation, the country of origin may not be the same as the country of export. Please verify the rules of origin according to the appropriate bilateral or multilateral trade agreement.

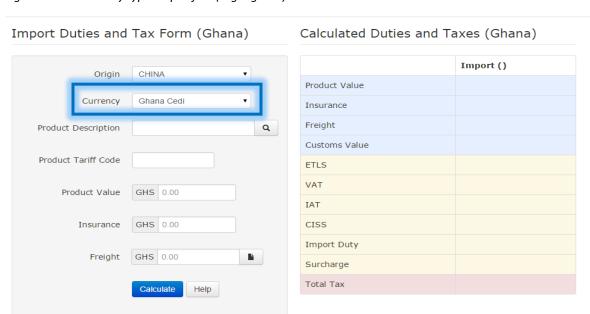
Figure 5- Specifying the Country of Origin (highlighted)





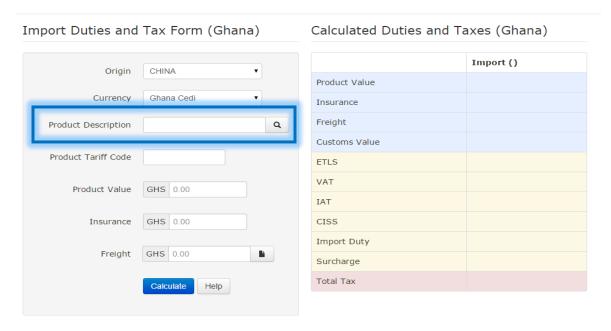
Next, the currency type should be specified (see Figure 6). The GTH Duty Calculator automatically calculates in Ghanaian Cedi when launched, however this can be changed from the drop-down menu. The GTH Duty Calculator supports 93 currencies.

Figure 6- The currency type is specified (Highlighted)



In order to determine the Customs duties and other import charges, the tariff code must be specified. If the Tariff Code is known, then it is not necessary to submit a good description. However, if the tariff code is not known, it can be obtained by entering a product description and pressing the Q button (see Figure 7).

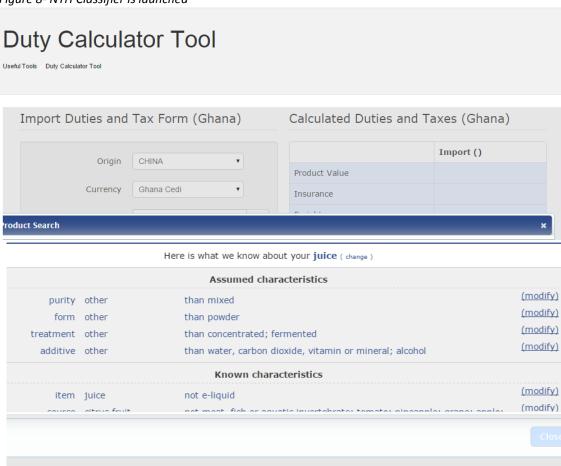
Figure 7- Submitting a product description. (Highlighted)





When the product description is submitted, the GTH Classifier is automatically launched with the product description field pre-populated (see Figure 8).

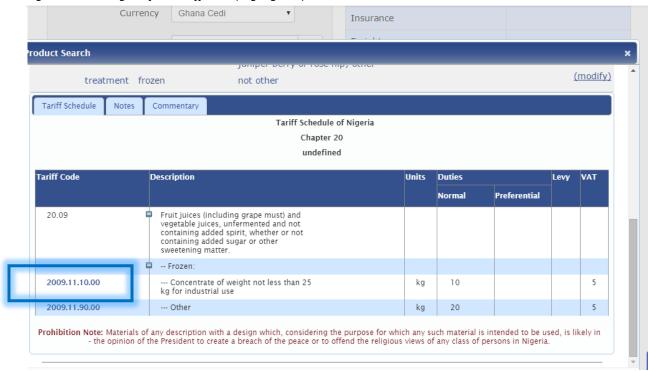
Figure 8- NTH Classifier is launched



The classification process is driven intuitively to a single tariff code by the GTH Classifier. When the final code is presented, the user should select this code in order to send it back to the Duty Calculator (see Figure 9).

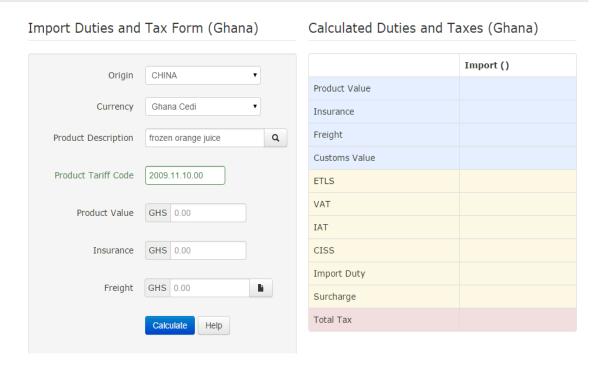


Figure 9- Selecting the final tariff code (Highlighted)



The selected code is automatically sent from the GTH Classifier to the Duty Calculator, and is deposited directly into the Product Tariff Code field (see Figure 10).

Figure 10- Product Tariff Code is deposited automatically (highlighted)





The next three fields, Product Value, Insurance and Freight need to be specified by the user (See Figure 11). These fields will be used to determine the specific values associated to the duty and tax calculations.

Figure 11- Additional Specifications (Highlighted)

Import Duties and Tax Form (Ghana) Calculated Duties and Taxes (Ghana) Import () CHINA Origin Product Value Currency Ghana Cedi Insurance Freight Product Description frozen orange juice Q Customs Value Product Tariff Code 2009.11.10.00 **ETLS** VAT GHS 20000000 Product Value IAT Insurance GHS 200000 CISS Import Duty Freight GHS 34898773 Surcharge Total Tax Calculate Help

Figure 12- Freight cost guidelines are selected (highlighted)

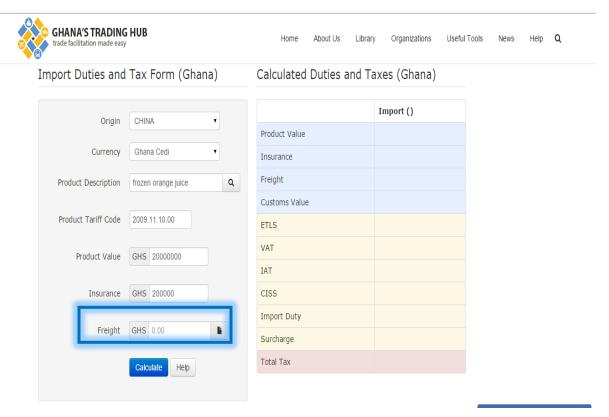
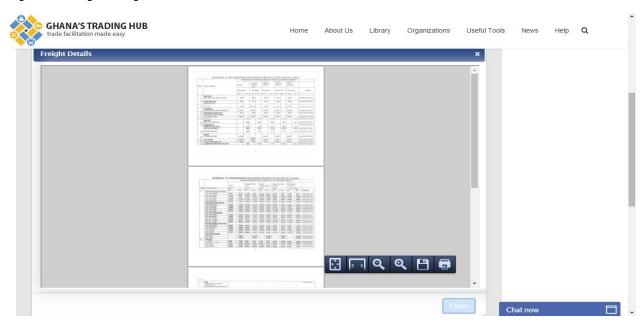




Figure 13- Freight cost guidelines are shown.



Finally, the duties and taxes are calculated by clicking the button labeled 'Calculate' (see Figure 14).

Figure 14- Calculating the duties and taxes (Highlighted)

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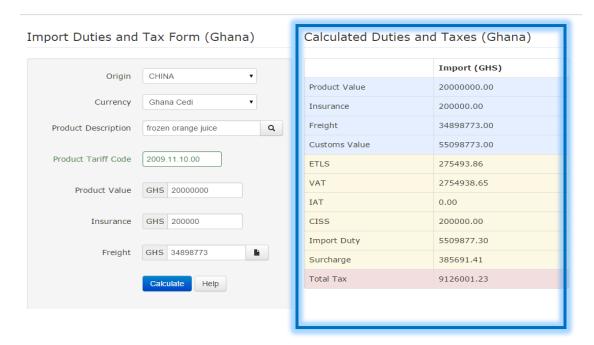
Results are explained in the next section.



The Results Table

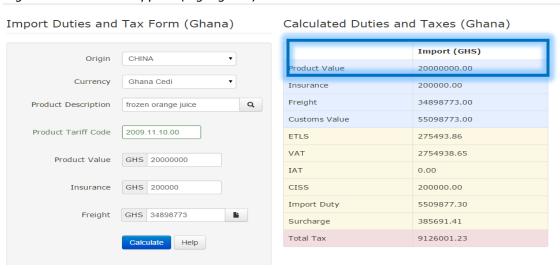
When all of the mandatory information has been entered into the Import Duties and Tax Form and submitted by clicking the 'Calculate' button, the results are automatically displayed on the right side of the page in the Calculated Duties and Taxes Table (see Figure 15).

Figure 15- Landed cost results are displayed (highlighted)



The table shows the column labeled 'Import' (see Figure 16). These represent the currencies the duties and taxes are expressed in. The currency applied to the data in the 'Import' column is always set to Ghanaian Cedi.

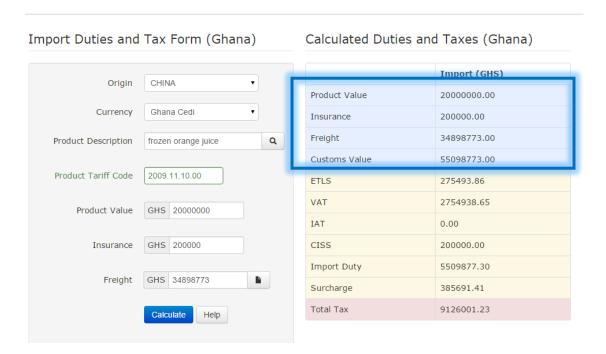
Figure 16- Currencies applied (highlighted)





The first set of rows, which are coloured green, represent the values specified by the user from the Import Duties and Tax Form (see Figure 17). It is worth noting that the 'Customs Value' is a calculated field comprised of the total of the Product Value + Insurance + Freight fields (i.e. the corresponding Incoterm is "CIF"). The Customs Value forms the basis for many of the fees applied for landed cost calculation in Nigeria.

Figure 17 – Customs Value and related fields (Highlighted)

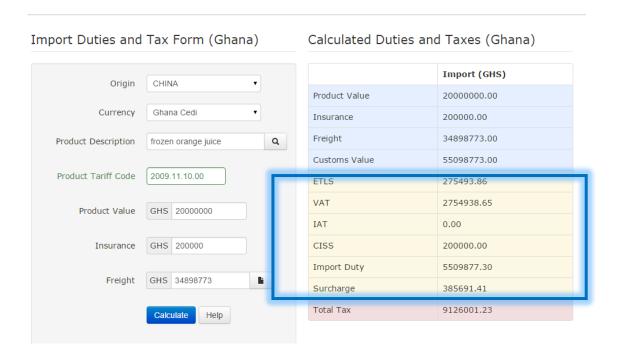


The next group of rows, coloured cream, is comprised of the duties, taxes and other charges applied to the product being imported. The following rates are applied:

- ETLS (ECOWAS Trade Liberalization Scheme) is applied at 0.5% of CIF value,
- VAT (Value Added Tax) is applied as a percentage of CIF value according to rates published in the Customs Tariff Schedule,
- Levy is applied as a percentage of CIF value according to rates published in the Customs Tariff Schedule,
- CISS is applied at 1% of the FOB value (i.e. Product Value),
- Import Duty is applied as a percentage of CIF value according to rates published in the Customs Tariff Schedule, and
- Surcharge is applied at 7% of the Import Duty.

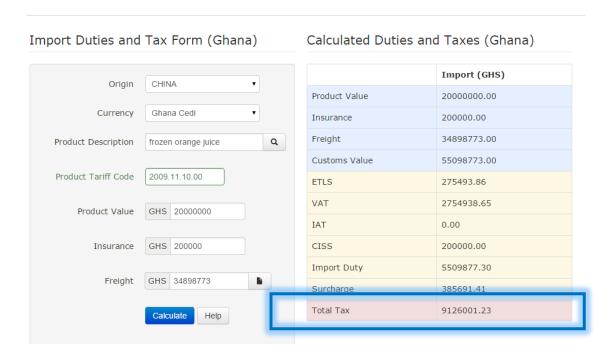


Figure 18 – Duties, taxes and other charges (Highlighted)



The last row, coloured in rose, provides the total landed cost of the specified product (see Figure 19).

Figure 19 – Total landed cost (Highlighted)





Contact Information

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Contact and support information can also be found at the bottom right of the screen (See Figure 20).

Figure 20-Technical and General Contact Information (Highlighted)

