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Regulatory Alert Update: In the EU Hand Spinners are Toys

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There is an update regarding Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) code usage with references to hand spinners (fidgets) in Europe.

The harmonized code to use 'temporarily' should be Harmonized System (HS) 9503009590 (4.7% import duties) versus the originally advised harmonized code 9503009990 (0% duty).

There is a difference in interpretation among the customs authorities and hence one customs authority has launched a tariff confirmation request at the Nomenclature Committee of the EU (Europe).

To limit financial penalties, it is advised to use the harmonized code with the highest duty rate as of now – certainly for indirect representation mode. For direct representation the instructions of the customer regarding harmonized code to use should be allowed.

Once the decision on which harmonized code to use is published, another update may be necessary.

Timeline for Implementation: Immediate