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**Harmonized System as a
multipurpose instrument**

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- 172 Members
- Harmonized System of tariff nomenclature
- 133 Contracting Parties
- > 200 countries / economic and Customs unions
using the HS

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Use of Harmonized System (1)

HS basis for :

- Customs tariffs
- Trade statistics
- Rules of origin
- Internal taxes

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Use of Harmonized System (2)

- Trade negotiations
- Transport tariffs
- Monitoring of controlled goods
- Customs process areas of Customs controls

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- **General Interpretative Rules**
- **Each product a single classification**
- **Preliminary provisions**
- **Hierarchical fashion**
- **Applicable throughout nomenclature**

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Identification

- **First step : ---->identification and description in HS terms**
- **Classification as presented**
- **Objective criteria**

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- **Collection of trade data**
- **Monitoring of controlled goods**

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- **Amending the HS**
- **Recommendation to introduce additional subdivisions in national statistical nomenclature**

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Amending the HS

- Long procedure
- All Contracting Parties should accept
- Obligation to introduce amendments

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Council Recommendation (1)

- **Description of products**
- **HS codes**
- **National legislation**

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Council Recommendation (2)

- **Relatively short procedure**
- **No obligation to implement**
- **No uniformity worldwide**

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Conclusions

- **HS is most appropriate instrument**
- **World-wide uniform application**
- **Identification**
- **HS amendment**
- **WCO Recommendation**

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**Thank you for
your attention**