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IMPORT TARIFFS' SECTION

USER GUIDE

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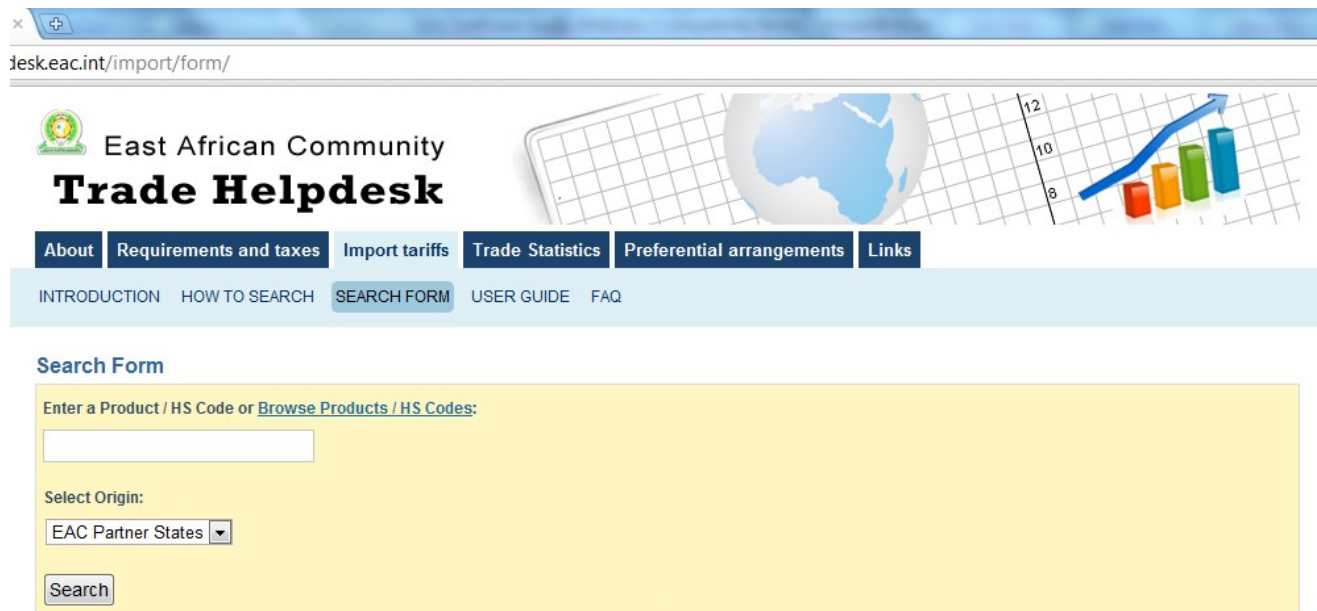
IMPORT TARIFFS

This section provides information on tariffs for a given product as published in the EAC HS 2007 Tariff Book including amendments effected annually through Gazette Notices.

HOW TO SEARCH

To use the *Import Tariffs* section, please follow the steps below:

Step 1 – Go to the Import Tariff Search Form



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL jeskeac.int/import/form/. The page header features the East African Community logo and the text "East African Community Trade Helpdesk". Below the header is a navigation menu with the following items: About, Requirements and taxes, Import tariffs, Trade Statistics, Preferential arrangements, and Links. A secondary navigation bar contains: INTRODUCTION, HOW TO SEARCH, SEARCH FORM (highlighted), USER GUIDE, and FAQ. The main content area is titled "Search Form" and contains the following fields:

Enter a Product / HS Code or [Browse Products / HS Codes](#):

Select Origin:

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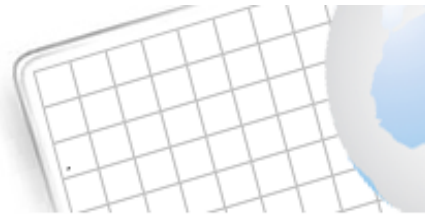
Step 2 – Enter a product code

IF YOU KNOW THE PRODUCT CODE:

- Enter the product code in the **product code** box (Note that an 8-digit code will be needed – e.g 10061000 – see the screen short below).



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Search Form

Enter a Product / HS Code or [Browse Products / HS Codes](#):

Select Origin:

If you do not know the product HS Code, then proceed to search for the product by exploring Option A below:

OPTION A

- Enter the product that you want search the **product code** box (e.g rise – see the screen short below).



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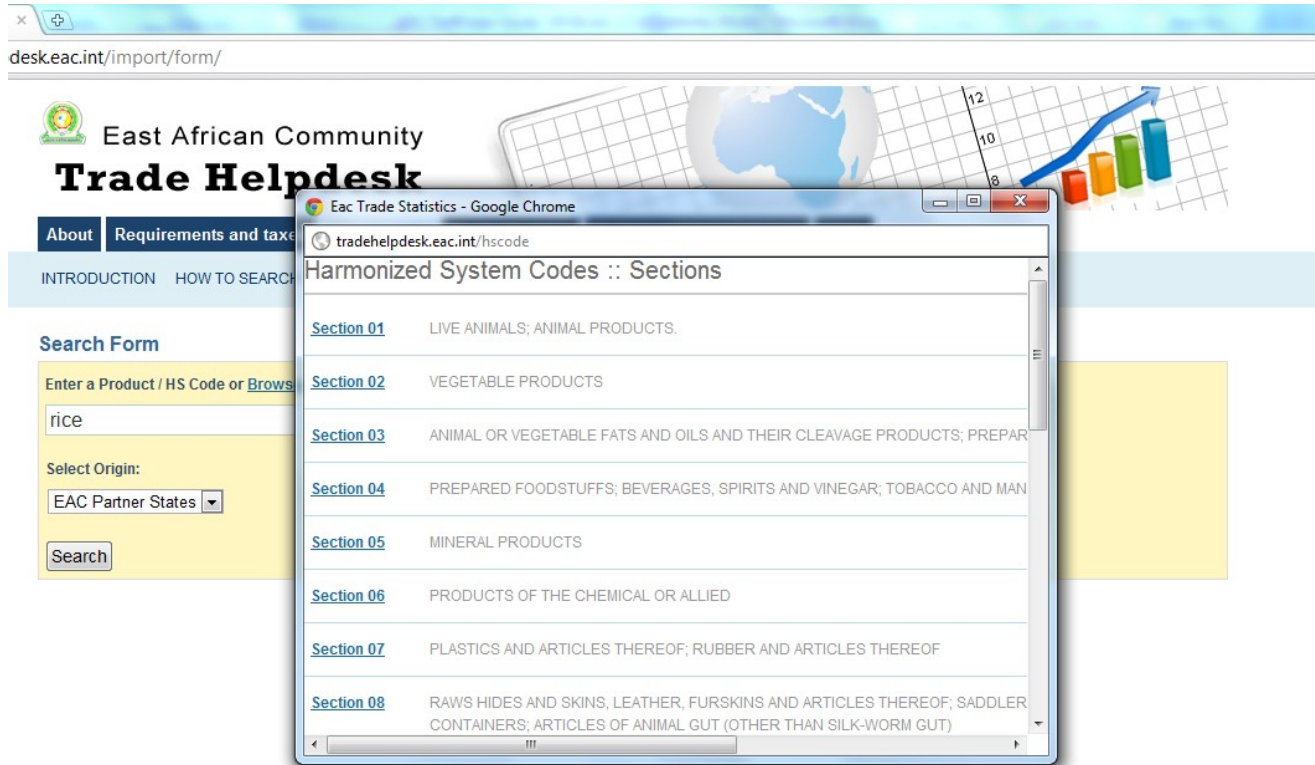
Enter a Product / HS Code or [Browse Products / HS Codes](#):

- 10061000 > Vegetable products > Cereals > Rice. > - Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)
- 10062000 > Vegetable products > Cereals > Rice. > - Husked (brown) rice
- 10063000 > Vegetable products > Cereals > Rice. > - Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed
- 10064000 > Vegetable products > Cereals > Rice. > - Broken rice
- 11041200 > Vegetable products > Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten > Cereal grains otherwise worked (for example, hulled, rolled, flaked, pearled, sliced or kibbled), except rice of heading 10.06; germ of cereals, whole, rolled, flaked or ground. > -- Of oats
- 11041900 > Vegetable products > Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat

If you do not find the product code using OPTION A, try OPTION B below

OPTION B:

- Click on the 'Browse' link on the **Import Tariffs Search Form** and the **Chapter List** page will open (see the screen shot below for an illustration of the chapter list)



If you find the description for your product listed in one of the 21 sections, click on the appropriate chapter heading in the **Section** column on the left.

- A **Product List** page will open with more detailed product descriptions and their respective codes (see the screen shot below).



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Search Form

Enter a Product / HS Code or [Browse](#)

rice

Select Origin:

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Search

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "Eac Trade Statistics - Google Chrome" with the URL "tradehelpdesk.eac.int/hocode/subproduct/id/1006". The page content is titled "Harmonized System Codes :: Products" and lists the following products under "Product 1006 :Rice.":

10061000	- Rice in the husk (paddy or rough)
10062000	- Husked (brown) rice
10063000	- Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed
10064000	- Broken rice

- Click on the code in the first column on the left for the appropriate product.
- Proceed to **Step 3**.

Step 3 Select a *region of origin*

The website provides for two regions: -

- EAC Region
- Rest of the World

1. Tariff on products originating from the EAC Region

Select EAC region to get the tariff applicable for products originating from the EAC region.

Step 4 – Click on “search”

Step 5 – Read the *Import Tariff Results* page

The ***Import Tariff Results*** page will be in tabular form as follows:

The result of the search will be as presented in the screen chat below in a format ready for importation into a word or excel file.

The screenshot shows the East African Community Trade Helpdesk website. The header includes the EAC logo and the text 'East African Community Trade Helpdesk'. Below the header are navigation tabs: 'About', 'Import tariffs', 'Trade Statistics', and 'Links'. A secondary navigation bar contains links for 'INTRODUCTION', 'HOW TO SEARCH', 'SEARCH FORM', 'DUTY REMISSION', 'USER GUIDE', and 'FAQ'. The main content area displays 'Tariff Rates for imports into Kenya' for '10064000 : Vegetable products >> Cereals >> Rice. >> - Broken rice'. A table lists tariff rates for various regions: SADC, COMESA (FTA), COMESA (NON FTA 1), COMESA (NON FTA 2), COMESA (NON FTA 3), and REST OF THE WORLD (CET). Below this is a section for 'EAC Gazetted Exemptions' with a table showing a specific exemption for 'Rice in the husk. Husked (Brown) rice' from Burundi, with a 0% tariff rate from June 2014 to May 2014.

HS CODE	DESCRIPTION	EAC	RULES OF ORIGIN	SADC	COMESA (FTA)	COMESA (NON FTA 1)	COMESA (NON FTA 2)	COMESA (NON FTA 3)	REST OF THE WORLD(CET)
10064000	- Broken rice	0.00%	RO/CH10	75% or \$200/MT whichever is higher	0.00%	7.5% or \$20/MT whichever is higher	15% or \$40/MT whichever is higher	67.5% or \$180/MT whichever is higher	75% or \$200/MT whichever is higher

HS CODE	DESCRIPTION	DECISION	LEGAL NOTICE	START DATE	END DATE
10061000	Rice in the husk. Husked (Brown) rice	Burundi to stay application of EAC CET and apply import duty rate of 0% up to 30th June 2014	EAC/38/2013.	2013-06-01	2014-05-30

2. Tariff applicable on products originating from the EAC Region

The tariff applicable for products originating from EAC is displayed in the EAC column of the above results table (refer the screen shot above).

Note:

In order for the product imported from within the EAC to be granted 0% tariff, the product must meet the EAC rules of origin. To get the Rules of Origin Applicable for the specific product click ROCHXX at the column on Rules of Origin in the results table (see the screen shot above). This is a *pdf* file that will be ready for printing. As an example of how the file will look like, see Annex 1 of this Guide. For all products that meet the rules of origin, a certificate of origin must be obtained by the exporter from the Authorities that issue the Certificates of Origin in EAC Partner States. For Uganda, the Certificate of origin is issued by Uganda Export Promotion Board. In Tanzania, the Certificate of Origin issued by Tanzania Chambers of Commerce and Industry. In Burundi, Kenya and Rwanda the certificates of origin are issued by Revenue Authorities.

3. Tariff applicable on products originating from SADC Region

The tariff applicable for products originating from SADC countries are displayed in the SADC column of the above results table (refer the screen shot above).

Note:

Tanzania is the only EAC Partner States that belongs to SADC and therefore implementing the SADC FTA, under which imports from SADC region attract 0% duty. For Tanzania to accord duty free treatment to goods imported from within SADC, the product must meet SADC rules of Origin. These rules have not been uploaded in this website. EAC will work towards making them readily available as is the case with EAC Rules of origin.

4. Tariff applicable on products originating from COMESA Region

The tariff applicable for products originating from COMESA countries are displayed in the COMESA columns of the above results table (refer the screen shot above). These countries are implementing COMESA FTA regime at different levels.

Note:

EAC Partner States which belong to COMESA include – Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. Tariff applicable depends on whether these countries are FTA countries or Non FTA. For any of these countries to accord the preferential tariff to goods imported from within COMESA, the product must meet COMESA rules of Origin. These rules have not been uploaded in this website. EAC will work towards making them readily available as is the case with EAC Rules of origin.

5. Tariff on products originating from the of the World

The tariff applicable for products originating from Rest of the World are displayed in the Rest of the World column of the above results table (refer the screen shot above).

6. Imports from the of the World which have been exempted from Common External Tariff

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Council of Ministers by Articles 12 (3) and 39(c) of the Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Community Customs Union, the Council of Ministers from time to time approves measures on customs duty rates on the items provided under The Harmonized Community Description and Coding System in Annex 1 to the Protocol. Where such approvals have been granted, once you search for the tariff applicable on products imported from the Rest of the World, the specific product and country that is meant to benefit from the Council's decision pops up as shown in the screen shot below: -



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Import Tariff Results

Product Code : 10061000

Product Description :

10061000 > Vegetable Products > Cereals > Rice. > - Rice In The Husk (paddy Or Rough)

ORIGIN	UNIT OF QUANTITY	TARIFF	
Rest of the World	kg	75% or \$200/MT whichever is higher	
TARIFF EXEMPTIONS		EXPIRY DATE (YYYY-MM-DD)	REGULATION/DECISION
Extended the stay application of import duty rate in the EAC CET and apply import duty rate of 35% on rice imported into Kenya for one year.		2011-11-01	EACGV1/005

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Annex 1
Example of Rules of Origin provided at chapter level

CHAPTER 10

Cereals

RULE 4
Origin criteria

1. Goods shall be accepted as originating in a Partner State where they are consigned directly from a Partner State to a consignee in another Partner State and where:
 - a) they have been wholly produced as provided for in rule 5 of these rules;

RULE 5

Goods Wholly Produced in a Partner State

1. For purposes of Rule 4(1) (a) of these Rules, the following are among the products, which shall be regarded as wholly produced in a Partner State:
 - a) Mineral products extracted from the ground or sea-bed of the Partner State;
 - b) Vegetable products harvested within the Partner State;
 - c) Live animals born and raised within the Partner State;
 - d) Products obtained from live animals within the Partner State;
 - e) Products obtained by hunting or fishing conducted within the Partner State;
 - f) Products obtained from the sea, rivers or lakes within the Partner State by a vessel of that Partner State;
 - g) Products manufactured in a factory of a Partner State exclusively from the products referred to sub-paragraph (f);
 - h) Used articles fit only for the recovery of materials, provided that such articles have been collected from users within the Partner State;
 - i) Scrap and waste resulting from manufacturing operations within the Partner State; and
 - j) Goods produced within the Partner State exclusively or mainly from the following:
 - (i) products referred to in sub- paragraphs (a) to (i); and
 - (ii) materials containing no elements imported from outside the Partner State or which are of in determined origin.
2. Electrical power, fuel, plant, machinery and tools used in the production of goods shall always be regarded as wholly produced within the Partner State when determining the origin of the goods.

SECOND SCHEDULE
CHAPTER 10

Cereals

<i>HS Code Number</i>	<i>Description of goods</i>	<i>Origin Criteria</i>	<i>Explanatory Notes</i>
Chapter 10	Cereals.	Manufacture in which all the products of this Chapter are wholly produced	The origin of products of this Chapter shall be the country in which the cereals grew. This excludes processing of non-originating products of this chapter