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The Commission shares the view on the importance of uniform classification of goods in the Common Customs Tariff (CCT), the cornerstone of the Customs Union, which applies to the import and export of goods across the external borders of the EU and is common to all the Member States.

The Commission is in charge of the implementation of the CCT by ensuring and monitoring the correct and uniform classification of goods in the EU, particularly by solving cases of divergent classification among Member States.

As there were divergent views on the classification of the automotive gas installation kit for internal combustion engines, the Commission opened a case of divergent classification and suspended the issuing of Binding Tariff Information (BTI) by the Member States in accordance with the time-limits in the Union Customs Code¹.

The case was promptly examined at the 263rd meeting of the Customs Code Committee (which took place from 9 to 11 December 2024) and was successfully solved by concluding that the automotive gas installation kits at issue are to be classified under Combined Nomenclature code 9032 89 00 as other automatic regulating or controlling instruments and apparatus.

Following the publication of the summary record in the Comitology Register², the suspension of the taking of BTI decisions for the goods concerned was withdrawn (with effect from 30 January 2025). Member States were also requested to examine any valid BTI they have issued for that product or products of a similar nature to ensure that they conform to the agreed classification. The case of divergent classification of the automotive gas installation kit for internal combustion engines is thus currently closed after ensuring the uniform classification of the goods across the whole EU.

¹ In accordance with the provisions of the Union Customs Code and in particular Article 34(10)(a) thereof.

² <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/comitology-register/screen/documents/104720/1/consult?lang=en>