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## **HTSUS Unit of Quantity Change** **484(f) Committee**

### **Introduction:**

This fact sheet provides information on how government agencies and members of the trade community can request that the 484(f) committee change a unit of quantity (UOQ) for a 10-digit statistical suffix in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) to another type of measurement (such as No., kgs, etc.).

### **UOQ Change Request Process:**

Proposals for changing an HTSUS statistical suffix UOQ must be submitted to [484f@usitc.gov](mailto:484f@usitc.gov) by the deadlines below:

*March 15* for 484(f) Committee Spring Meeting Consideration

*July 15* for 484(f) Committee Fall Meeting Consideration

**Note:** All HTSUS changes will take effect on *January 1* of the following year. This is regardless of whether the committee approves them during the spring or fall meeting.

Please note that the deadlines for submitting UOQ change proposals are identical to the deadlines that are in place for submitting other types of 484(f) proposals.

### **Change Request Requirements:**

For the 484(f) Committee to consider a UOQ change request, the group or individual submitting the proposal is required to demonstrate that the replacement UOQ being proposed is better aligned with the entire industry's measurement standards than the one that is currently listed in the HTSUS. To meet this requirement, the proposal should include the following evidence:

- *Industry-wide support for the change*
  - This can be demonstrated by having the proposal submitted or signed off on by a well-known association within in the industry or by a group of organizations that play a major role in the industry.
- *Explanation of why the change is necessary*
  - The proposal should include an explanation of why the current UOQ in the HTSUS is not ideal for the entire industry. The explanation should also provide facts that support why the UOQ that is being proposed is better for all members of the impact industry than the current one. The explanation should be supported by import statistics and other relevant documentation.

### **Contact Information:**

Questions about the UOQ change request process and UOQ interpretations should be emailed to [484f@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:484f@cbp.dhs.gov).