

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

MOST-FAVORED-NATION

Overview

This provision covers the requirements for the application of Most-Favored Nation (MFN) rates on certain goods under USMCA. Rules of origin in USMCA and its predecessor, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), help ensure that the benefits of the agreements are granted only to goods produced by the United States (U.S.), Mexico (MX), and Canada (CA), rather than to goods made wholly or in large part in other countries. If a good imported from CA or MX does not meet USMCA rules-of-origin requirements but is listed in this provision, it will receive MFN treatment.

References

- USMCA
 - o Final Text: Chapter 2, Article 2.10

- NAFTA
 - Final Text: Chapter 3, Section B Tariffs, Article 308; Annex 308.1-3

Significant Changes in USMCA

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| Duty-Free | • No change in overall guidance – Select goods from MX, CA, or U.S. will receive most-favored- | | |
| Conditions | nation duty-free treatment when imported into MX, CA, or U.S. | | |
| Applicable Goods | • No change in general categories of goods – Applies to certain automatic data processing | | |
| | goods and their parts, color television tubes, a | nd any local area network apparatus. | |

Detailed USMCA/NAFTA Side-by-Side

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| Duty-Free Conditions | • Each Party shall accord most-favored-nation duty-free treatment to a good provided for under the tariff provisions set out in Tables 2.10.1, 2.10.2, and 2.10.3. | Annex 308.1 applies to certain automatic data processing goods and their parts. Annex 308.2 applies to certain color television tubes. |
| | • Notwithstanding Chapter 4 (Rules of Origin), each Party shall consider a good set out in Table 2.10.1, if imported into its territory from the territory of another Party, to be an originating good. | Each Party shall accord most-favored-nation duty-free treatment to any local area network apparatus imported into its territory, and shall consult in accordance with Annex 308.3. |

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| Goods | | | |
| | Table 2.10.1 | | |
| | A. / | | Processing Machines ADP) |
| | | 8471.30 | |
| | | 8471.41 | |
| | | 8471.49 | |
| | | B. Digital Pr | ocessing Units |
| | | 8471.50 | |
| | | | Output Units |
| | | pined Input/Outp | out Units |
| | CA | 8471.60.00 | |
| | MX | 8471.60.02 | |
| | US | 8471.60.10 | |
| | Displa | y Units | |
| | CA | 8528.42.00 | |
| | | 8528.52.00 | |
| | | 8528.62.00 | |
| | MX | 8528.41.99 | |
| | | 8528.51.01 | |
| | | 8528.51.99 | |
| | | 8528.61.01 | |
| | U.S. | 8528.42.00 | |
| | | 8528.52.00 | |
| | | 8528.62.00 | |
| | | Input or Output | t Units |
| | CA | 8471.60.00 | |
| | MX | 8471.60.03 | |
| | | 8471.60.99 | |
| | U.S. | 8471.60.20 | |
| | | 8471.60.70 | |
| | | 8471.60.80 | |
| | | 8471.60.90 | |
| | | | age Units |
| | | 8471.70 | of Automatic Data |
| | | | ng Machines |
| | | 8471.80 | |
| | | F. Parts o | f Computers |
| | | 8443.99 | Parts of machines of |
| | | | subheading 8443.31 |
| | | | and 8443.32, excluding |
| | | | facsimile machines and |
| | 1 | | teleprinters |

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Annex 308.1, Certain Automatic Data Processing Goods and Their Parts

- Each Party shall reduce its most-favorednation rate of duty applicable to a good provided for under the tariff provisions set out in Tables 308.1.1 and 308.1.2 in Section B to the rate set out therein, to the lowest rate agreed by any Party in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, or to such reduced rate as the Parties may agree, in accordance with the schedule set out in Section B, or with such accelerated schedule as the Parties may agree.
- Notwithstanding Chapter Four (Rules of Origin), when the most-favored-nation rate of duty applicable to a good provided for under the tariff provisions set out in Table 308.1.1 in Section B conforms with the rate established under paragraph 1, each Party shall consider the good, when imported into its territory from the territory of another Party, to be an originating good.
- A Party may reduce in advance of the schedule set out in Table 308.1.1 or Table 308.1.2 in Section B, or of such accelerated schedule as the Parties may agree, its most-favored-nation rate of duty applicable to any good provided for under the tariff provisions set out therein, to the lowest rate agreed by any Party in the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, or the rate set out in Table 308.1.1 or 308.1.2, or to such reduced rate as the Parties may agree.
- For greater certainty, most-favored-nation rate of duty does not include any other concessionary rate of duty.

Annex 308.2, Certain Color Cathode-Ray Television Picture Tubes

 Any Party considering the reduction of its most-favored-nation rate of customs duty for goods provided for in item 8540.11.aa (color cathode-ray television picture tubes, including video monitor cathode-ray tubes, with a diagonal exceeding 14 inches) or 8540.11.c (color cathode-ray television picture tubes for high definition television, with a diagonal exceeding 14 inches) during the first 10 years after the date of entry into force of this Agreement shall consult with the other Parties in advance of such reduction.

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| | 8473.30 | Parts of ADP machines | If any other Party objects in writing to such |
| | 0475.50 | and units thereof | reduction, other than a reduction in the |
| | 8443.99 | Parts of LAN | Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade |
| | 0443.99 | | Negotiations, and the Party proceeds with |
| | | equipment of | the reduction, any objecting Party may raise |
| | 0520.00.10 | subheading 8517.62 Parts of monitors and | its applicable rate of duty on originating |
| CA | 8529.90.19 8529.90.50 | | goods provided for in the corresponding |
| | 8529.90.50 | projectors of | tariff item set out in its Schedule to Annex |
| | 6529.90.90 | subheading 8528.42, 8528.52, and 8528.62 | 302.2, up to the applicable rate of duty as if |
| MX | 8529.90.01 | Parts of monitors or | such good had been placed in staging |
| | 8529.90.01 | | category C for purpose of tariff elimination. |
| | 6529.90.00 | projectors of subheadings 8528.41, | |
| | | 8528.51, and 8528.61 | Annex 308.3, Local Area Network Apparatus |
| U.S. | 8529.90.22 | Parts of monitors and | • To facilitate the operation of Article 308(3), |
| | 8529.90.75 | projectors of | the Parties shall consult regarding the tariff |
| | 8529.90.99 | subheading 8528.42, | classification of local area network apparatus |
| | | 8528.52, and 8528.62 | and shall endeavor to agree, no later than |
| | G. Compute | r Power Supplies | January 1, 1994, on the classification of such |
| CA | 8504.40.30 | | goods in each Party's tariff schedule. |
| | 8504.40.90 | | |
| | 8504.90.10 | | |
| | 8504.90.20 | | |
| | 8504.90.90 | | |
| MX | 8504.40.12 | Parts of goods | |
| | 8504.40.14 | classified in tariff item | |
| | 8504.90.02 | 8504.40.12 | |
| | 8504.90.07 | | |
| | 8504.90.08 | | |
| U.S. | 8504.40.60 | | |
| | 8504.40.70 | | |
| | 8504.90.20 | | |
| | 8504.90.41 | | |
| | Tab | le 2.10.2 | |
| | | Oxide Varistors | 1 |
| CA | 8533.40.00 | | |
| MX | 8533.40.05 | | <u> </u> |
| U.S. | 8533.40.40 | | 41 |
| | - | nsistors and Similar | |
| | | evices; Photosensitive | |
| | | Devices; Light Emitting Piezo-electric Crystals | |
| | 8541.10 | Plezo-electric Crystais | |
| | 8541.21 | | |
| | 8541.29 | | - |
| | 8541.30 | | - |
| | 8541.50 | | 11 |
| | 8541.60 | | 11 |
| | 8541.90 | | 11 |
| СА | 8541.40 | | 11 |
| MX | 8541.40.01 | | 11 |
| | 8541.40.02 | | |



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| | | 8541.40.03 | |
| | U.S. | 8541.40.20 | 1 |
| | | 8541.40.60 | |
| | | 8541.40.70 | |
| | C | . Electronic Integrated Circuits and | 71 |
| | - | Microassemblies | |
| | - | 8542 | |
| | CA | 8548.90.00 | |
| | MX | 8548.90.04 | |
| | U.S. | 8548.90.01 | |
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| | - | Table 2.10.3 | |
| | | cal Area Network (LAN) Apparatus | |
| | CA | 8517.62.00 | |
| | MX | 8517.62.01 | |
| | U.S. | 8517.62.00 | |
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