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CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONS

- ? You are handling an importation of business records packed into a 20-foot container. The importer had closed a factory in France and arranged to have all of the relevant tax and inventory records returned for storage at his headquarters. For customs purposes, the shipment is valued at \$19,000. How would you handle this shipment?
- ? A Customer calls you from his hotel room in Puerto Rico to ask for some advice. He intends to buy a rare oil based painting in an expensive gilded frame. The owners had the painting appraised and determined that the painting is an original, painted by the great Puerto Rican national Bizzaro sometime around 1880. The painting came from an old Puerto Rican plantation, the contents of which were being sold by the owners. The price that the owners are asking is \$83,500. He is wondering what advice you can give him.
- ? In what chapter would you put a Base metal (the base metal is stainless steel) electroplated with gold?
- ? You are asked to handle a shipment of Transmissions. You review the documents and find the following:
- 5 clutch assemblies
 - 5 flywheels
 - 5 Transmission casings
 - 5 sets of speed changing gears
 - 6 main bearings
 - 5 sets of gaskets
- How would you approach the classification of this shipment?

- ? You have a leather handbag that had metal fittings and a textile lining inside of the bag. What would you classify the article as? In other words, what is its essential character?
- ? You have Shavers and Hair Clippers. The Importer suggests that heading 8508 or 8509 is best for classification purposes. What is your advice?
- ? An importer says he bought 10,000 items that he described as a hunting knife with a quartz clock in the handle. Would you classify the article as some sort of knife or as a type of clock? Why? Would your answer change if the knife were made of rubber? What would your answer be if the article were designed to be hung on the wall by means of a small picture hanger on the hilt of the blade?
- ? An importer believes he found a new market in the dental care industry. He is arranging to import a sponge that consumers can use to clean their teeth with. The sponge is a low density plastic and is small enough to be held between two fingers. It is designed for repetitive use and can simply be rinsed after use. Where might this 'Tooth sponge' be classified?
- ? The invoice you are looking at described an article: 'Solid Silver Case pre-packaged with 25 Q-Tips. Discuss how you would classify this.
- ? How would you classify the importation of 500 cash registers?
- ? How would you classify hair from a cow's tail?
- ? On a hot June day, an importer brings to you an item upon which he would like you to render a classification decision. Of course, you sell him on a Binding ruling, but he wants our *opinion*. He leaves the item in your office for you to consider while he goes to Summerfest to enjoy the weather. He will call you from his boat later this afternoon. The article is a Frisbee, though it is somewhat unusual. While it is

approximately the same size as the common Frisbee, it is made of bovine leather. The leather is in several pieces with stitching around the edge, and in the middle on the top and bottom surface. Could you classify this article as a sporting good?

- ? You have been asked to advise a customer on the classification of the following articles: Couplings, elbows and sleeves for pipe fittings. These parts are specifically designed for gas stoves for the domestic market. What heading would you put these under?
- ? A replacement vulcanized conveyor belt has been imported from Germany. What heading would use to classify this article?
- ? A customer is importing fans that are specifically designed for a Marine propulsion, compression ignition, internal combustion piston engine. What heading would you use to classify this article?
- ? At the four-digit level, where and why would you classify a Thermometer Blank? It is a glass tube cut to the length of a Thermometer (6 inches with the temperature graduation inscribed on the glass. The blank is open on both ends. The ends will be sealed after the insertion of the mercury in the US.
- ? A shipment of gherkins in brine is packed in 55-gallon plastic drums with plastic tops and bottoms. Because the odor remains in the drums, they can't be used again to ship goods. However, the importer sells the drums to others that cut them in half and use each half as planters for large gardens, sidewalks, parks etc. Would these drums be classified with the gherkins when imported together?
- ? Ordinary table salt and black pepper are imported in lead crystal shakers. They are not put up in sets for retail sale. Would the shakers be classified with their contents or separately?

- ? Classify a chain fitted with cutting teeth to be used as a blade for a chain saw.

- ? Heading 8304 covers filing cabinets, card-index cabinets, paper trays, paper rests, pen trays, office stamp stands, and similar furniture or desk equipment of base metal, other than office furniture of heading 9403. Would you be able to classify a metal waster paper basket in heading 8304?

- ? Where would you classify a hand-held electric belt sander used for sanding wood and imported in a plastic carrying case?

- ? Could you classify a shipment of 20,000 electrical insulators made of fused silica in heading 8546? If so, in which subheading, and why?